

The Pit Stop

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2018

December REport from Dave Lehrschall

I want to begin by thanking the Southern Indiana Region's membership for the nice November voter turnout. I also want to thank you for overwhelmingly supporting the SIR By-laws Committee's recommended changes. We should all take pride in the direction our club continues to move. Since first transferring my membership to the Southern Indiana Region about four years ago I've been impressed with the membership's demonstrated concern for others. It's not accidental. It is intentional, and I believe it has been the driving force for the health of our organization. There is an interesting combination of intense competition and close friendships between the same members. The new change to our By-laws to include a Women's Chairperson as a voting SIR BOD member opens another path to fairness and demonstrated concern for SIR members. In this case, concern for the interests of the women in our Southern Indiana Region. The BOD will fill the vacant spot at our next BOD meeting following our By-laws instructions. Next fall and thereafter the position will be filled during our annual BOD elections.

Our most recent election results have extended your 2017 BOD team's service for another year. It is a good team, a hard-working team, and I'm excited to work with them for another year. I think that it will be a good year. We have traditions to build on and new paths to pursue. I'll review my goals for 2018 during our Awards Banquet. I will share one of these now. That goal is to attract more members to key SIR supporting positions. These positions include chairpersons of working committees, Rally Masters, Autocross Event Marshals, Stewards and other event workers as well as elected officers. This goal will be a high priority for me. I want to see more of these positions filled by our next generation of Southern Indiana Region leaders so that the best of our traditions will carry on.

One of our best events occurred this past weekend. The late November fun autocross is always a local favorite. This year was no exception. The weather was great as was the turnout with 48 drivers competing. Terry Davis, Paul Dornburg, and Bob Sonntag setup an interesting course the day before. This allowed us to complete the event while it was still daylight. We had a large turnout of weekend members.

We also had our end of the season points Rally. Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis managed the event. It was a good day to drive and the roads were a lot of fun for those of us who enjoy driving on twisty back roads. I teamed up with Paul Dornburg and we did very well in B class. Paul kept a constant check on our speed and I managed to fill his car's good-driver tracking map with stops that were too abrupt, jack rabbit starts, and many stretches where I appeared to be exceeding the speed limit. It was great!

I hope to see you at our annual awards banquet.

Our next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse in Evansville. We'll begin meeting informally around 6:00 PM, begin eating around 6:30, and then start the meeting at 7:30 PM (Central). We hope to see you there.

Dave Lehrschall

Regional Executive

Southern Indiana Region

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**SIR SCCA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 7, 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.

Regional Executive Dave called the meeting to order, noting that there were no visitors in attendance. Treasurer Bob Sonntag reported that the club's finances are in very good standing. Activities Chair Paul Blaylock reminded everyone to turn in their traveling trophies and board plaques by next week's Membership meeting. Assistant Activities Chair Jr. Crowe reported that he is trying to generate some media interest in the fun autocross scheduled for November 26. In addition, he met with representatives at Alcoa about SIR putting on an autocross for their employees. They had questions about legal issues, and Jr. provided them with our release documentation for review. Paul Dornburg reminded all that the *Pit Stop* deadline is the Wednesday after Thanksgiving. He will write a summary article on this year's autocrosses, and Bob will do the same for our Rallies. Dave noted that he will forward information about scholarships to the National Convention to folks before next month's meeting.

In Old Business, Bob reported that 25 ballots for Board Members and By-law changes have already arrived via USPS. Lora will have blank ballots available at the membership meeting for those who did not mail in their choices.

The parks department approval for the November 26 fun autocross has come through and Terry Davis will be the event marshal. Paul Dornburg is planning to go to Roberts Park on Saturday to pre-mark the course and do as much prep work as possible. Bob will bring the trailer down from the MAAC. More people than usual will be recruited to work on the "front end" of the event - preparing weekend membership forms, and helping class cars. It is planned to use grid to help facilitate tech and car number assignments. Paul Dornburg will send reminder emails and send/post any changes due to inclement weather.

Awards for the fun autocross will include pens for all those who stay the whole time, and regular award glasses with a paper note about the event (like for the TMMI autocross). It was agreed to designate this event as the charity autocross. After discussing possible charities, it was decided to donate to the Arrow Fund, which helps with injured animals.

Recent events have gone smoothly. Due to some changes at the MAAC, we need to station someone at the

gate. In addition, an incident form was submitted following the October 8 autocross for a tire issue which happened away from the action.

In new business, Bob reported that the Holiday Banquet prep is nearly complete. The board discussed dessert options, and decided that the offerings would be key lime pie, chocolate flourless cake, and double chocolate cake. MacKenzi offered to ask Mary Helen Harl if she would like to facilitate the holiday game. Bob will follow up with them later in the week. Dave will prepare a brief (but not rushed!) agenda ahead of the evening. Paul Dornburg wants to be sure to get good photographs of the Board for use in *Pit Stop* and on the website.

Planning for the 2018 calendar will soon be upon us. Dave is working to get a copy of the TMMI work and social calendars so we can propose an early in-the-year date for their event. He also reminds folks to send event ideas and dates to Paul Blaylock. Paul Dornburg will send a list of area SCCA events. Items to be included in the 2018 calendar will include the Solo Safety Steward class, as it is important to have a good supply of folks with this designation. Previous rally and autocross schools have been perennial favorites, and are likely to re-occur.

The membership will meet twice before the next scheduled board meeting: on November 14 and again at the Holiday Party/Awards Banquet on December 1. The December board meeting will be hosted by the Lehrschall's at their house on December 5th.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

**SIR SCCA
Membership Meeting
November 14, 2017**

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall welcomed all to the meeting. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with upon motion and second. Treasurer Bob Sonntag noted that the club's finances are in good order, and reminded all to get their reservations for the holiday party in by November 25. Activities Chair Paul Blaylock thanked everyone for a great year of competition - tonight's meeting is the last points event - and turning in plaques and traveling trophies in a timely manner! Assistant Activities Chair Jr Crowe dittoed Paul Blaylock's report. Paul Dornburg noted the deadline for *Pit Stop* items and articles is November 29. Assistant Regional Executive Richard Grav was damn glad to be in attendance. Women in SIR Chair MacKenzi Crowe reported that she has been invited to be a part of the Women's Initiative on the national level. They have organized a Facebook page to gather ideas and share information about increasing

involvement by women in the SCCA. MacKenzi is able to share invites to the page to interested parties. Dave noted that he has been in touch with the folks at the Divisional level, and will be sharing information on the club website about the Junior Racer concept. He is planning to attend the regional meeting in March. The Divisional Solo Safety Steward recently resigned, so if you need to get in touch with that position, check with Dave first and he will get you connected to the right person.

Ernie Roales' Quick and Dirty 3.3 autocross provided a good time for contestants. 31 entrants competed in 13 classes on October 8. Tight competition was seen in D street with three drivers in two Blue Subaru's separated by less than 1/2 a second. Don Kelley and Barry Beaman battled it out in B street, with Barry coming out on top. Event Chair Ernie Roales and Terry Davis kept things interesting in Super Street Modified and F Prepared, but Paul Dornburg turned in the best time of the day with a 40.724.

Be sure to come out to Roberts' Park on Sunday, November 26 for a fun autocross marshalled by Terry Davis. The start will be a little earlier than usual, so we can be sure to finish before dark. Lots of guest entrants are anticipated, so be prepared to step up and help with tech and weekend membership processing so everyone can have fun! Keep your eye on email and the club's Facebook site for any changes due to inclement weather.

Bob Sonntag reminded everyone to RSVP to the annual Holiday Party. Reservations are due by November 25 for the December 1 event. Check your copy of *Pit Stop* for menu options and pricing. And don't forget - SIR patches are still available for the Black Friday pricing of a mere \$5 each!

Prior to the start of the meeting, ballots were made available for voting on changes to the SIR By-laws as well as 2018 Board members. Secretary Lora Blaylock tallied 48 ballots, 38 of which were cast via USPS. There was one contested office, Activities Chair, and one write-in-vote. The 2017 officers were re-elected to their positions for 2018. All proposed changes to the By-laws were approved, including the creation of the new Women of SIR board position. The Board will appoint someone to that position at their next meeting.

In other business, Terry Davis shared the answer to his trivia question from the October *Pit Stop*. Our members crossed the Missouri river four times on the way home! In addition, Paul and Lora Blaylock invite all to "come and be nosy" this Saturday, November 18 at the open house for their new garage.

Tom Betz won the door prize, after which, the meeting adjourned.

2017 Points - Final

Berry Points - Final

| | | |
|----|----------------------|----|
| 1 | Paul Dornburg | 79 |
| 2 | Ernie Roales | 78 |
| 3 | Bob Sonntag | 73 |
| 4 | Terry Davis | 69 |
| 5 | Richard Grav | 63 |
| 6 | Jr. Crowe | 58 |
| 7 | Dawn Sturgeon | 56 |
| 8 | David Lehrschall | 52 |
| 9 | Barry Beaman | 48 |
| 10 | Don Kelley | 45 |
| 11 | Stacey Grav | 44 |
| 12 | MacKenzi Payne-Crowe | 41 |
| 13 | Jeff Jackson | 35 |
| 14 | Jeff Metz | 34 |
| 15 | Bob Rothermel | 31 |
| 16 | Paul Blaylock | 30 |
| 17 | Shawn Lansdale | 30 |
| 18 | John McCarthy | 29 |
| 19 | Jeremy Duke | 27 |
| 20 | Jay Wolf | 26 |
| 21 | Mike Blankenberger | 24 |
| 22 | Steve Backer | 23 |
| 23 | Steven Yockey | 23 |
| 24 | Ron Jochum | 22 |
| 25 | Lora Blaylock | 21 |
| 26 | Mike Mounlio | 21 |
| 27 | Susan Roales | 16 |
| 28 | Deb Rothermel | 15 |
| 29 | Mark Petry | 15 |
| 30 | Carolyn Dornburg | 14 |
| 31 | Jeff Peachey Jr. | 13 |
| 32 | Jeremy Crowe | 13 |
| 33 | Brent Sturgeon | 12 |
| 34 | Corey Haury | 12 |
| 35 | Duane Duke | 12 |
| 36 | Suellyn Lehrschall | 12 |
| 37 | James Shade | 11 |
| 38 | Terry Keating | 11 |
| 39 | Brad Schroeder | 10 |
| 40 | Breeze Grav | 10 |
| 41 | Gene Young | 10 |
| 42 | Scott Milam | 9 |
| 43 | Darlene Cannon | 8 |
| 44 | Julia Yockey | 8 |
| 45 | Michael Buente | 8 |
| 46 | Yancy Smith | 8 |
| 47 | Don Crowe | 6 |
| 48 | James Cannon | 6 |
| 49 | Julia Young | 6 |
| 50 | Kathy Crowe | 6 |
| 51 | Kristin Parker | 6 |
| 52 | Aaron Miller | 5 |
| 53 | Barry Schonberger | 5 |
| 54 | Jason May | 5 |
| 55 | Leonard Goff | 5 |
| 56 | Michelle Deutsch | 5 |
| 57 | Russ Lockett | 5 |

Rookie Points - Final

| | | |
|----|------------------|-------|
| 1 | Jeremy Crowe | 0.765 |
| 2 | Mark Petry | 0.306 |
| 3 | Jeff Metz | 0.293 |
| 4 | Bob Rothermel | 0.272 |
| 5 | Mike Mounlio | 0.256 |
| 6 | Brad Schroeder | 0.164 |
| 7 | Stacey Metz | 0.138 |
| 8 | Deb Rothermel | 0.132 |
| 9 | Scott Milam | 0.117 |
| 10 | Kristin Parker | 0.109 |
| 11 | James Shade | 0.095 |
| 12 | Russ Lockett | 0.044 |
| 13 | Jason May | 0.043 |
| 14 | Darwin Graham | 0.035 |
| 15 | Jamsheed Reshad | 0.035 |
| 16 | Tony Hawkins | 0.033 |
| 17 | William Erlinger | 0.033 |
| 18 | Samuel Reshad | 0.018 |
| 19 | Eric Shade | 0.017 |
| 20 | Evan Shade | 0.017 |
| 21 | John Whitaker | 0.009 |
| 22 | Michele Whitaker | 0.009 |

Berry Points (cont.)

| | | |
|----|------------------|---|
| 58 | Ryan Bootz | 5 |
| 59 | Sue Wolf | 5 |
| 60 | Darwin Graham | 4 |
| 61 | Drew Gerth | 4 |
| 62 | James Hayes | 4 |
| 63 | Jamsheed Reshad | 4 |
| 64 | Larry Pearsol | 4 |
| 65 | Eric Shade | 2 |
| 66 | Evan Shade | 2 |
| 67 | Josh Johnson | 2 |
| 68 | Samuel Reshad | 2 |
| 69 | Tony Hawkins | 2 |
| 70 | William Erlinger | 2 |
| 71 | Cooper Lilly | 1 |
| 72 | Jeff Schindler | 1 |
| 73 | John Whitaker | 1 |
| 74 | Michele Whitaker | 1 |
| 75 | Paul Condi | 1 |
| 76 | Thomas Betz | 1 |

Autocross Points - Final

| | AX1 | AX2 | AX3 | AX4 | AX5 | AX6 | AX7 | Drop | Total | |
|----|----------------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| 1 | Barry Beaman | 998 | 983 | 1000 | 951 | 975 | 990 | 995 | 951 | 5941 |
| 2 | Don Kelley | 993 | 991 | 998 | 910 | 971 | 989 | 972 | 910 | 5914 |
| 3 | Shawn Lansdale | 976 | 941 | 979 | 0 | 975 | 987 | 983 | 0 | 5841 |
| 4 | Paul Dornburg | 984 | 750 | 974 | 939 | 986 | 1000 | 950 | 750 | 5833 |
| 5 | Jr. Crowe | 963 | 943 | 961 | 0 | 949 | 987 | 1000 | 0 | 5803 |
| 6 | Richard Grav | 960 | 959 | 975 | 931 | 914 | 987 | 991 | 914 | 5803 |
| 7 | Jeff Metz | 919 | 957 | 972 | 917 | 964 | 972 | 962 | 917 | 5746 |
| 8 | Jeff Jackson | 948 | 970 | 0 | 938 | 986 | 973 | 918 | 0 | 5733 |
| 9 | Mike Blankenberger | 942 | 912 | 948 | 890 | 921 | 951 | 920 | 890 | 5594 |
| 10 | MacKenzi Payne-Crowe | 929 | 905 | 925 | 0 | 924 | 949 | 928 | 0 | 5560 |
| 11 | Dawn Sturgeon | 938 | 922 | 944 | 881 | 909 | 0 | 926 | 0 | 5520 |
| 12 | Terry Davis | 921 | 953 | 0 | 848 | 900 | 907 | 855 | 0 | 5384 |
| 13 | Jeremy Duke | 912 | 884 | 895 | 845 | 890 | 896 | 0 | 0 | 5322 |
| 14 | Ernie Roales | 892 | 894 | 893 | 843 | 858 | 900 | 869 | 843 | 5306 |
| 15 | Stacey Grav | 0 | 827 | 857 | 780 | 750 | 897 | 892 | 0 | 5003 |
| 16 | Duane Duke | 812 | 790 | 825 | 782 | 789 | 803 | 0 | 0 | 4801 |
| 17 | David Lehrschall | 969 | 0 | 0 | 897 | 911 | 999 | 970 | 0 | 4746 |
| 18 | Mike Mounlio | 0 | 750 | 758 | 750 | 750 | 850 | 780 | 0 | 4638 |
| 19 | Steve Backer | 847 | 0 | 0 | 874 | 938 | 931 | 937 | 0 | 4527 |
| 20 | John McCarthy | 890 | 846 | 0 | 0 | 896 | 946 | 933 | 0 | 4511 |
| 21 | Jeff Peachey Jr. | 767 | 0 | 840 | 750 | 750 | 830 | 0 | 0 | 3937 |
| 22 | Brad Schroeder | 0 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 3750 |
| 23 | Breeze Grav | 0 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 3750 |
| 24 | James Shade | 0 | 0 | 858 | 0 | 829 | 901 | 889 | 0 | 3477 |
| 25 | Yancy Smith | 887 | 0 | 838 | 0 | 858 | 869 | 0 | 0 | 3452 |
| 26 | Mark Petry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 815 | 794 | 841 | 764 | 0 | 3214 |
| 27 | Bob Rothermel | 0 | 775 | 804 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 819 | 0 | 3148 |
| 28 | Ron Jochum | 0 | 750 | 915 | 0 | 880 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2545 |
| 29 | Kristin Parker | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 869 | 0 | 895 | 0 | 2514 |
| 30 | Jamsheed Reshad | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 876 | 868 | 0 | 1744 |
| 31 | Michael Buente | 896 | 826 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1722 |
| 32 | Brent Sturgeon | 0 | 0 | 838 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 865 | 0 | 1703 |
| 33 | Bob Sonntag | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 946 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1696 |
| 34 | Jeremy Crowe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 853 | 829 | 0 | 1682 |
| 35 | Darwin Graham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 849 | 810 | 0 | 1659 |
| 36 | Jay Wolf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 860 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1610 |
| 37 | Russ Lockett | 773 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 758 | 0 | 0 | 1531 |
| 38 | Drew Gerth | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1500 |
| 39 | James Hayes | 0 | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1500 |
| 40 | Larry Pearsol | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 1500 |
| 41 | Aaron Miller | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 |
| 42 | Corey Haury | 930 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 930 |
| 43 | Josh Johnson | 904 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 904 |
| 44 | Ryan Bootz | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 904 | 0 | 0 | 904 |
| 45 | Terry Keating | 0 | 0 | 885 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 885 |
| 46 | Julia Young | 0 | 876 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 876 |
| 47 | Gene Young | 0 | 860 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 860 |
| 48 | Jason May | 839 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 839 |
| 49 | Leonard Goff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 778 | 0 | 778 |
| 50 | Reginald Sandy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 773 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 773 |
| 51 | Eric Shade | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| 52 | Evan Shade | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| 53 | Julia Yockey | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| 54 | Samuel Reshad | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| 55 | Steven Yockey | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| 56 | Tony Hawkins | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| 57 | William Erlinger | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 |

| Rally Points - Final | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | Drop | Total |
|----------------------|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1 | Ernie Roales | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 28 |
| 2 | Bob Sonntag | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 24 |
| 3 | Terry Davis | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 22 |
| 4 | Paul Dornburg | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 17 |
| 5 | Jr. Crowe | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 6 | Susan Roales | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 |
| 7 | Ben Davis | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 8 | Bob Rothermel | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 9 | Dawn Sturgeon | 4 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 10 | David Lehrschall | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 12 |
| 11 | Carolyn Dornburg | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 12 | Paul Blaylock | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 13 | Deb Rothermel | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 14 | Steven Yockey | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 15 | Darlene Cannon | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 16 | Jeremy Crowe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 7 |
| 17 | MacKenzi Payne-Crowe | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 18 | Don Crowe | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 19 | Kathy Crowe | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 20 | Lora Blaylock | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 21 | Mike Hutchens | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 22 | Suelyn Lehrschall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 23 | Don Kelley | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 24 | Matthew Beasley | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 25 | Gene Young | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 25 | James Cannon | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 25 | Julia Yockey | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

2017 Rally Season

Paul "Mr. Pit Stop" Dornburg asked me to write something up on our rally season as I ran all of the events. I'm thinking it is going to be a long, long, cold winter waiting for the 2018 rally season.

In 5 of our 7 rallies, the best total scores were produced by the limited equipment and "just wingin' it" Class B cars. I'm reminded of the adage "to mess something up you really need a computer." In the "Ice Cream Rally" EVERYBODY in Class B beat both of the Class A teams. (BLAST!) That seems to be a common happening with SIR/SCCA rallies. It leads me to believe it's going to be a long, cold winter waiting for the 2018 season.

In reviewing event results for this article, I noticed that in 5 of our 7 rallies it was a Class A team with the lowest score at any checkpoint. (Yes!!) A one was a close as anyone got to zero this year. I also noticed quite a few checkpoint scores in the single digits. They are happening in both classes too. After many, many, MANY hours of work on my rally program too few of those lowest checkpoint scores were mine. Blast, it's going to be a long, cold winter.

The year had some firsts too. SIR members Don and Kathy Crowe drive up from Paducah to rally with us and they turned in the second lowest

checkpoint score of the year. A two. That shows a huge improvement in their rallying. A new Rallymaster team of Paul and Lora Blaylock presented their first event. Paul and Lora then stepped-up to help cover the Bob and Debra Rothermel rally when some issues sidelined Bob shortly before his rally was to take place. Stephen Yockey and Ernie Roales were a new Rallymaster team. Dave Lehrschall and Paul Dornburg teamed up to run the final rally of the year. Their performance in Class B was impressive with a low checkpoint score of an 8 and a high of 61 using pencil and paper. No doubt some the people mentioned in this paragraph are researching, planning, scheming, and stewing on their next rallies. I bet they are thinking it's going to be a long, cold winter waiting for the 2018 season.

Each of our rallies was fun. For years I've said that the best club stories involve our rallies. I'm not sure what stories from this season will be remembered for long. We didn't have anything like Jay Wolf's imaginary "Weed Smoke" sign this year. We had a little bit of smack talking from some quiet competitors. We all know that "sprinkles are for winners" – but bringing them to the only rally you run, well that's just tacky. THEN getting to use them, well, that just makes for a long, long, cold winter while we wait for our revenge...uh, the 2018 rally season.

Bob Sonntag

Class A rally nerd << *Oh, boy! I'm not sure that reads as I intended.*

"Apices and Apogees"

Bob Sonntag, Rallymaster

Terry Davis, Assistant Rallymaster

November 5, 2017

| | Team | Class | Scores | | | | | Total |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | | Ckpt 1 | Ckpt 2 | Ckpt 3 | Ckpt 4 | Ckpt 5 | |
| 1 | Jeremy Crowe / Valerie Wilkerson | A | +152 | +1670 | +1800 | +1800 | +258 | 5680 |
| 1 | Dave Lehrschall / Paul Dornburg | B | -13 | -16 | +8 | +23 | +61 | 121 |
| 2 | Ernie Roales / Sue Roales | B | +29 | +18 | +17 | +247 | +1800 | 2111 |
| 1 | Chris Hancock / Diane Hancock | Guest | -65 | -17 | +23 | +767 | +18 | 890 |

Early: - Late: +

2017 Autocross Season

The 2017 season had 7 points events starting in May and ending in early October. Seven different event marshals served up some courses that were very technical, some that shredded tires and some that were open and quick.

The first event on May 21st saw newcomer Woody Gallagher claim the top spot driving his DS Subaru. In his first heat he had a 42.5 as his best time but his second heat best time was over a second and a half faster at 40.9. It was a portend of things to come. Regulars Barry Beaman, Don Kelley, Paul Dornburg and Shawn Lansdale filled out the top 5 and all were within 5% of the winning time with Barry being just a tenth of a second behind at the end of the day. Round one to Gallagher.

On June 10th we held our first ever Ladies Only Autocross, a non-points event. The event was organized by MacKenzi Payne-Crowe and had a turnout of 14 competitors on what was a perfect Saturday for precision driving. At the end of the day Julia Young had the fastest run of 49.6 in her Mustang while Dawn Sturgeon and her Subaru took first place in the indexed results just edging out MacKenzi and her Barbi Miata by .4 second. The most improved driver was Breeze Grav, competing in her first autocross, who improved by over a minute in her runs.

Autocross #2, the June 11th "Crowe's Slice & Dice", was marshaled by MacKenzi Payne-Crowe and held a day after the first Ladies Autocross. First place went again to Woody Gallagher in his Subaru who put a whoopin on everyone. Don Kelley and his Honda S2000 was second .7 seconds in arrears while WKSCCA Subaru driver Robbie Graber picked up third. Barry Beaman picked up fourth in his Honda S2000 followed by Jeff Jackson in his Porsche GT3. Previous top 5 finisher Paul Dornburg suffered through car issues and a couple of DNFs and cones. Round 2 to Woody.

After a month of rest autocross #3 took place on Sunday, July 16th. Event marshal Richard Grav served up a fast course named the "Solo Tire Shredder". Someone was finally able to beat Mr. Gallagher's quick Subaru. Actually, 3 somebodies relegated Woody to 4th overall. Barry Beaman took the top spot followed by fellow S2000 driver Don Kelley. WKSCCA's Robbie Graber put in another good performance grabbing 3rd ahead of Woody. Shawn Lansdale re-emerged as a top 5 finisher after a 10th place finish in the June event. Just behind the top 5, Richard Grav and Paul Dornburg waged a battle for fastest time of the day (not counting Bob Sonntag's one run before his car broke) trading quick times on each run until Richard came out on top by a tenth of a second after 8 runs each. After 3 events, of the 7 that make up a season, Don Kelley held a 1-point lead over Barry and Woody who were tied for second.

The following week, July 23rd, another hot July Sunday, Terry Davis laid out his "Pure Chicanery" course for the 37 competitors. Aaron Miller, a 2-time National Champion (A Street Prepared 2013-2014) who was visiting relatives in Evansville, brought his Mitsubishi Evo out and promptly showed why he is a national champion. Not only did he have the fastest time of the day by 1.5 seconds, but he was fastest on indexed time by over 3.5 seconds. Barry Beaman was second fastest followed by Woody Gallagher, Paul Dornburg and Jeff Jackson. Barry took over the point lead (3932) as he and Woody (3920) jumped over Don Kelley 3892) who was now third.

After another month off, event #5, "X Marks the Spot-Again", on a course designed by event marshal Jr. Crowe, took place. This time Columbus region visitor Josh Pertzch showed up in his Black RX8 and took home the top prize in autocross points. Jeff Jackson and Paul Dornburg tied for second while a visiting Chris Shieldsmith took 4th followed by Barry Beaman. Barry extended his points lead by 4 over Don Kelley, 4907 to 4863, while Richard Grav jumped up to third (4739) when Woody Gallagher was a no show. Jeff Metz was now 4th in points with 4729 and Paul was 5th. It began to look like the dropped score was really going to make a difference in the final outcome.

Event #6 was the weekend after the Solo Nationals, September 17th and the day after the TMMI autocross event. Event marshal Paul Dornburg set up his "Pointer City" course with lots of pointer cones to direct drivers through the minimal number of course cones. It was good for Dornburg as he was at the top of the indexed results and also set fast time of the day. Closely behind Paul was Dave Lehrschall in his best performance to date just .1 seconds behind in the indexed results. Third and fourth were the consistent duo of Barry Beaman and Don Kelley respectively followed by a tie for 5th place between Shawn Lansdale and Richard Grav. For the second event in a row Gallagher was absent and plummeted in the points. The top 5 in points remained the same with Barry picking up 1 point on Don and 3 on Richard. 25 back was Jeff Metz followed by Dornburg some 68 points farther behind.

The course for Event #7 was designed by event marshal Ernie Roales and he laid out a doozy for the final points event of the season. Woody Gallagher returned and loaned his Subaru to Jr. Crowe who promptly went all uppity boy and bested the field on the wet "Quick and Dirty Vs3.3" course. Finishing second again was Barry Beaman followed by Richard Grav in his wife's brand-new Mazda Miata. Woody Gallagher was 4th followed by the consistent Shawn Lansdale.

The points were totaled, the lowest score dropped, and Barry Beaman was at the top of the standings with 5941 points. 27 points behind with 5914 was Don Kelley. Third was Shawn Lansdale, 5841 points, who only made 6 of the 7 events. Fourth was Paul Dornburg (5833 points) followed by Richard Grav and Jr. Crowe in a tie for 5th with 5803 points.

Some Year-end stats:

- Total number of points event SCCA member competitors who attended at least 1 event: 75
- Total number of competitors for all points events: 291
- Average number of SCCA Member competitors per points event: 34
- Average number of competitors per points event: 41
- Drivers competing in all 7 events: 8
- Drivers competing in 6 events: 10
- Barry Beaman's average points: 990
- Don Kelley's average points: 986
- Shawn Lansdale's average points: 974
- Paul Dornburg's average points: 972
- Jr. Crowe/Richard Grav's average points: 967

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Upcoming Events – All Times Central

Friday, December 1st, Awards Banquet, Rolling Hills Country Club, 1666 Old Plank Rd, Newburgh, IN 47630

Tuesday, December 5th, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Dave's house, Evansville, IN

Tuesday, January 2nd, Board Meeting, 5:45 PM, Ciholas, Newburgh, IN

Tuesday, January 9th, Membership meeting, Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, Franklin Street, Evansville, IN
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm dining and car chatter, 7:30 pm club business meeting