

# The Pit Stop

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February REport from Dave Lehrschaal

Happy New Year! I believe 2018 should be a very good year for the Southern Indiana Region. Our 2018 calendar of events is being finalized at this time. When published, you should expect to see the standard line-up of points Rally and Autocross events as well as several popular activities from 2017. We are working on reserving several two-day weekends at the MAAC in Lawrenceburg. This will give us more value for our weekend insurance fee, reduce course setup and tear down time per event, and present us opportunities to schedule Test n' Tune, SIR Ladies' Autocross, or other special events. The Test n' Tune event will provide an opportunity to fine tune suspension settings and to test different driving strategies on a timed course. The other events may provide first-time Autocross experiences to individuals and interest them in joining our organization.

Our calendar prep involves more than planning for Autocross. Interest in our Southern Indiana Region Rally program is often difficult to measure. Over the last two years we have seen events with as many as 12 Driver-Navigator teams and as few as 2 teams. The scheduling of these events may have been a factor in discouraging participation. Last year we learned that scheduling a Rally right after the SCCA Solo Nationals was a mistake. Several regular Rally participants were worn out by a week at the Nationals and the long drive back from Lincoln, Nebraska. As a result, they did not make it out to Bob Rothermel and Paul Blaylock's "Round and Around Rally." I must admit that my Nationals focus kept me from posting a Rally event reminder. Improving Rally attendance is a SIR Board of Director's priority. We will work to avoid putting too many events in a short period of time.

During our November membership meeting, we voted to create a new SIR Women's Chair BOD position. The position did not exist before this and so there were no candidates on the ballot for this position. It will become an elected position beginning with our November 2018 election of the 2019 SIR Board of Directors. This position and the open position of Advisor to the Board were filled for 2018 following our SIR By-laws during our December BOD meeting. MacKenzi Crowe, a regular Rally and Autocross participant, Patch Party worker, and last year's SIR Women's Committee Chairperson, will serve as the first Southern Indiana Region Women's Chairperson in 2018. Terry Davis, a member who has also been a regular Rally and Autocross participant, Patch Party worker, and unofficial BOD advisor, will serve as the 2018 Advisor to the SIR Board. Both members have been working hard, unofficially in these roles for some time. Please join the BOD in recognizing their past contributions and in supporting them in their new roles.

Our 2017 Awards Banquet was a very enjoyable event. Once again, Bob Sonntag managed the room and meal arrangements. The food and other arrangements were excellent. Thank you, Bob! Trophies were presented for the 2017 Rally, Autocross, Rookie, and Berry-points champions. (The finishing positions are posted on our SIR web-site). The 2017 SIR Champions were Ernie Roales for Rally, Barry Beaman for Autocross, Jeremy Crowe for Rookie, and Paul Dornburg for the Berry points. The Board presented the Ken Andrew Memorial Indian Award to MacKenzi Crowe for her extra work on a number of non-traditional SIR activities. This award is presented to the non-Board member who has done the most for the club in the past year. The Board has the flexibility to not present this award. We take this responsibility seriously. An award never given is not a suitable remembrance of Ken. However, giving the award when there is no worthy recipient only devalues the award when it is presented. MacKenzi's dedication to the SIR and to her role as the SIR Women's Committee earned her this recognition.

Please be on the lookout for our 2018 Southern Indiana Region's calendar. Rally and Autocross events are still months away, but we are planning training events to be held during our winter months. Membership meetings will still be held on the second Tuesday of each month and our Board of Directors meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. 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.

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## SIR SCCA Board of Directors Meeting January 2, 2018

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

RE Dave called the meeting to order, being damn glad to be there. Bob reported that the club has ample funds, including a credit at SCCA. AC Paul Blaylock noted that corrected year-end trophies are in progress, and a new supply of trophy glasses is on the way. Paul Dornburg reported that *Pit Stop* is heading out the door tomorrow.

In Old Business, the board shared new-year objectives. Paul Blaylock wants to look into updating the calculation method for rookie points; it is easy to "game" the current method. Ideas offered included increasing the minimum number of events and requiring a minimum participation number. Send Paul Blaylock your ideas. Paul Dornburg shared information via email on a Junior driver/Karting program. Also, on his 2018 list was to be sure a new by-laws committee is appointed (Dave and Paul Dornburg later volunteered to take on this task and review the Comp Regs), as well as continuing to keep up with folks' membership status. Dave is interested in the possibility of offering a Street Survival course. It was noted that, previously, the difficult issues have been location and a person to champion the cause. Dave noted that he may be able to take this on in 2019. He wants to see us continue to produce and hand out the schedule cards. ARE Richard intends to work with MacKenzi and Dawn Sturgeon on t-shirts that will have the 2018 schedule printed on them.

The board thanked Dave and Suellen for their hospitality in hosting the December board meeting. Dave thanked Bob for coordinating the Christmas party, which went very well. Bob noted that he expects to pre-order desserts for the 2018 event.

In New Business, Dave reported that he will soon complete the charter renewal. He does not plan to attend the national SCCA convention but is hoping to attend the divisional meeting later this year. The Board reviewed the club's Policies and Procedures document. Dues need to

be updated, and Paul Dornburg will coordinate this update with information from the national SCCA website. Under *Membership Things*, it was moved, seconded, and agreed to amend the free event entry door prize to be good for any of the next four regular competition events from the date of issue. All present are still eligible to win, and the prize is still not transferrable. Other updates include typographical corrections, as well as updating bump order information.

Considerable time was spent working on the 2018 calendar. Paul Blaylock noted that the calendar becomes rather full when considering all potential events aside from meetings and the expected 7 Rallies and Autocrosses. The board went through the year month by month, adjusting dates as necessary. It looks as though we may have events on both days of a weekend multiple times, with Saturdays being used for special events like the Ladies' and fundraiser autocrosses. When Terry applies for SCCA insurance, he will note that the Saturday events are "private", hopefully keeping them from being advertised through national channels. There is interest in an outing to go Karting at French Lick, but a date was not set. Paul Blaylock will work on the updated calendar for the website.

AAC Jr Crowe was able to join the meeting via phone and reported that he is reviewing the SCCA karting rules - they are more complex than he originally anticipated and will continue his research.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

## SIR SCCA Membership Meeting January 9, 2018

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall welcomed all to the first meeting of the year at Smitty's on Franklin Street. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with upon motion and second. Dave reported that, following the creation of a new board position at November's elections, the Board has moved to fill it as well as another open position. MacKenzi Crowe is the first person to fill the Women's Chair position and longtime member Terry Davis is serving as Advisor this year.

In addition to this action, the Board has been at work polishing the 2018 events calendar, and a tentative version will soon be available on the website. The board worked to not only

space events through the competition year but had an eye toward non-local events that may impact participation in SIR events. The Rally schedule is largely settled, but the Autocross schedule must be approved by both the MAAC board as well as the FAA, so the competition calendar will be labeled "tentative" until we receive that approval. If you have questions or ideas about events (including being a Rallymaster or Event Chair), be in touch with Paul Blaylock.

Activities Chair Paul Blaylock presented corrected and missing year-end awards from last month's Christmas party: Richard Grav received his service plaque and Ernie Roales received the 2017 Berry Points plaque. He also gave a preview of new trophy glasses for 2018 featuring a blue hue, hinting that the new glasses may be used to designate first place.

Dave highlighted upcoming events in the club's calendar:

- Saturday, February 24: Solo Safety Steward and Autocross 101 class at Central Library
- Sunday, March 4: Autocross (non-points) at Roberts' Park
- Saturday, March 10: Rally School at Central Library
- Sunday, March 18: Rally #1

Our autocross surface at the Mid-America Air Center dates from WWII (!!). It's good and sturdy but needs regular TLC to stay in the condition to which we've become accustomed. What this means is that annual Patch Parties to maintain the surface are necessary. Plan now to join in on the following workdays:

- Saturday, April 21: Dig Day 1
- Sunday, April 22: Dig Day 2
- Saturday, April 28: Fill Day (Sunday 4/29 alternate)

There are jobs available for all abilities, and there's tangible reward for your hard work:

The Bonus Run program. If you work 1 of the 3 possible days, you earn 1 bonus autocross run (following your first heat); 2 of the 3 days earns 2 runs; work all 3 days and earn 2 runs plus one free entry.

In closing, Dave noted that there is an effort to set up an outing in the next month at the French Lick Karting course. Watch your email for updates. The door prize was won by Bob Rothermel, after which the meeting adjourned.

## February Member Anniversaries

Michael Smith	2/1/1971	Jeff Jackson	2/1/1978	Greg Goebel	2/1/1980	David Crews	2/4/1999
Don Kelley	2/19/2004	Terry Keating	2/27/2008	Don Crowe	2/12/2015	Kathy Crowe	2/16/2015
Bob Rothermel	2/14/2017	Debbie Rothermel	2/14/2017				

## February Member Birthdays

Stacey Grav	2/4	James Lilly	2/4	Dr. James Butler	2/5	Don Crowe	2/6
Kevin Pendley	2/9	John Warren	2/11	Charles Bradley	2/12	Carolyn Dornburg	2/16
Sean Lips	2/17	Don Kelley	2/17	Ernie Roales	2/21	James Hayes	2/23
Carson Sandy	2/26	David Stephenson	2/28				

## 2018 SIR/SCCA Schedule

Date	Day		February	Location
2.06	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
2.13	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
2.24	Sat	9:00 AM	Solo School -- Safety Steward & Intro to Autocross	Paul/Dave-Evansville Central Library
3.00			<b>March</b>	
3.04	Sun	7:00 AM	<b>Fun Autocross - Snow Buster</b>	<b>Roberts Park location, EVV</b>
3.06	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
3.10	Sat	9:00 AM	Road Rally School	Bob-Evansville Central Library
3.13	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
3.17	Sat	10:00 AM	<b>Patch Party Preparatory Visit</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
3.18	Sun	12:30 PM	<b>Pt Rally (1 of 7)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
4.00			<b>April</b>	
4.03	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
4.08	Sun	12:30 PM	<b>Pt Rally (2 of 7)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
4.10	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
4.14	Sat	9:00 AM	<b>Patch Party -- Cutting Day</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
4.21	Sat	9:00 AM	<b>Patch Party -- Dig It</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
4.22	Sun	9:00 AM	<b>Patch Party -- Dig It - IF NEEDED</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
4.28	Sat	9:00 AM	<b>Patch Party -- Fill 'em</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
4.29	Sun	9:00 AM	<b>Patch Party -- Fill 'em - IF NEEDED</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
5.00			<b>May</b>	
5.01	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
5.06	Sun	12:30 PM	<b>Pt Rally (3 of 7)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
5.08	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
5.19	Sat	9:00 AM	<b>Test and Tune Day</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
5.20	Sun	9:00 AM	<b>Pt Autocross (1 of 7)</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
6.00			<b>June</b>	
6.03	Sun	12:30 PM	<b>Pt Rally (4 of 7)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
6.05	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
6.09	Sat	9:00 AM	<b>Ladies Autocross</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
6.10	Sun	9:00 AM	<b>Pt Autocross (2 of 7)</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
6.12	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
7.00			<b>July</b>	
7.01	Sun	9:30 AM	<b>Pt Autocross (3 of 7)</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
7.03	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
7.10	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
7.22	Sun	9:30 AM	<b>Pt Autocross (4 of 7)</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
8.00			<b>August</b>	
8.05	Sun	12:30 PM	<b>Pt Rally (5 of 7) Ice Cream Rally - Paul Dornburg</b>	<b>Dairy Queen, 3022 East 4th St., Owensboro KY</b>
8.07	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
8.14	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Log Inn, 12491 County Rd 200 E Haubstadt, IN 47639
8.19	Sun	9:30 AM	<b>Pt Autocross (5 of 7)</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
8.28	Tue	5:45 PM	September Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
9.00			<b>September</b>	
9.11	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
9.16	Sun	9:30 AM	<b>Pt Autocross (6 of 7)</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
10.00			<b>October</b>	
10.02	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
10.07	Sun	9:30 AM	<b>Pt Autocross (7 of 7)</b>	<b>Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</b>
10.09	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
10.28	Sun	12:30 PM	<b>Pt Rally (6 of 7)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
11.00			<b>November</b>	
11.06	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
11.11	Sun	12:30 PM	<b>Pt Rally (7 of 7)</b>	<b>TBD</b>
11.13	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
11.25	Sun	7:00 AM	<b>Fun Autocross</b>	<b>Roberts Park location, EVV</b>
12.00			<b>December</b>	
12.07	Fri	6:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Rolling Hills County Club, Newburgh, IN
12.11	Tue	TBD	Christmas Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD

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### Upcoming Events – All Times Central

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 5:45 PM, Ciholas, Newburgh, IN

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, Membership meeting, Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, Franklin Street, Evansville  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm dining and car chatter, 7:30 pm club business meeting

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Solo School, Solo Safety Steward training, Intro to Solo, **1:00 PM**  
Evansville Central Library, Large Meeting Room

Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>, Snow Buster, Fun Autocross, Roberts Park, Evansville  
7:00 AM Setup course begins  
8:00 AM Tech and Registration open  
9:30 AM Tech and Registration close  
9:30 AM Guided course walk  
10:00 AM Drivers meeting  
10:30 AM First car off

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, Rally School, Evansville Central Library, Large Meeting Room, 9:00 AM