

The Pit Stop

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April REport from Dave Lehrscha



It's official! Our Southern Indiana Region's Rally and Autocross seasons are up and running! Paul Dornburg's March 17th Brunch Rally was well attended with nine competing teams and Don Kelly assisting Paul with checkpoint and logistics support. The official results will be presented on our website, but I want to note that we had two new teams competing in the guest category. Be sure to greet these competitors, Misty and Jim Stradtner as well as his parents Patty and Ray. They and the Metz's, Stacey and Jeff, made this their first Rally and they all turned in very good times. The Rally season is getting off to a fast start. Ernie Roales will be our Rally Master for the SIR's second championship points Rally of the season on Sunday, April 8th.

Keep an eye on our Facebook postings and www.sir.org website for starting point and schedule details.

Our March 4th Robert's Park fun Autocross, the Snow Buster event, was just the beginning of our Autocross season. Last weekend a small group including Bob Sonntag, Jay Wolfe, Richard Grav, and I conducted a repair survey of the Lawrenceville / MAAC Autocross facility. The surface seems to have held up very well through the 2017 season and winter. I think this is a tribute to the effort of our past Patch Party teams to do the job right. We did find plenty of areas to be repaired within our regular course boundaries. We also selected some areas for repair that will open new course options for 2018. A crew will work to saw the concrete on April 14th. Dig Day is scheduled on April 21st (and April 22nd if needed). Fill Day is scheduled for April 28th. This is where your opportunity to get in on our Bonus (Autocross Runs) Program begins. Details are on our website, but the short version is you can get an extra run or runs all year long if you join us for Patch Party Dig and/or Fill days. This is a potential 33% more competitive time on the course at no extra charge to you! Watch our Facebook and website for details and contact information.

Our first Autocross event on May 19th will not be a points event, but a Test n' Tune event. The first Autocross points event will be the next day, May 20th. I get to be the Event Marshal for both and I'm ready! I'm so ready that I already have new course layouts for both days ready for review. What can I say? It was a long winter and I've been thinking about improving my last year's Test n' Tune plan for months. I encourage you to think of this as an opportunity to drive through specific course challenges to find that correct tire pressure setting, camber set-up, and best line attack strategies. As always, our courses will be reviewed by our Safety Stewards and potentially adjusted. At this time the Test n' Tune course will include a 70° turn to practice accelerating into and another 70° turn to practice braking into. There are two long slaloms with one having cones spaced at a tight 45' between cones and one spaced at 60' between cones. There is a 180° turn with a radius that can be as tight as 15'. These elements are laid out as a short, timed course and will be run in both directions. There is also a separate 150' diameter continuous circle. This un-timed element should be great for working on a set steering angle and controlling your radius with your accelerator. You may find that you've got or can tune in more lateral grip than you thought was possible. We'll run this in both directions, also. Bring your tools and be ready to make those winning adjustments. The official competition begins the next day!

We had a very nice turn out for our February Membership meeting. My thanks go out to those supporting these meetings at Smitty's. Their sponsorship is important to our club's conducting business. These meetings are 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, April 10, 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
March 6, 2018
Ciholas Inc.**

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

RE Dave called the meeting to order, welcoming all. Bob reported that the club has ample funds on hand and an inexplicably growing credit at SCCA. He will use the credit to pay for the sanction and insurance on this past weekend's event. Paul Dornburg reported that *Pit Stop* is on the way to mailboxes, and he will soon post Sunday's results to the website and to motorsports.com. He is also updating our events on Facebook. The 2017 Bylaws need to be updated on the website as well as the new 2018 board members. The Competition Regulations and Bump Order also need to be reviewed. Dave will send his printouts on "What to Expect at an Autocross" to Richard and Paul Dornburg for posting. The 2018 event cards are in and Richard will have them available at next week's Membership meeting. MacKenzi noted that a Facebook event needs to be created for the women's autocross. She also has shared all her SIR Women on Track contact information with Dawn Sturgeon. The Crowes are still researching kart information; it is unlikely we will begin a program this year. Dave reported that he will attend the Great Lakes Conference meeting via Skype on March 10. He will share call-in info with interested parties. The agenda will include Division officer election and future planning. He also noted that the annual Charter paperwork has been completed. While working on it, he saw a note about clubs completing a filing with the IRS. He will consult with Rick Myers at

SCCA about this item as well as share information with Terry Davis about filing a Business Entity Report with the State of Indiana. Finally, Dave reported that, after email consultation with the board, he purchased Matt Beasley's projection equipment for \$250.

In Old Business, it was noted that the 2018 autocross schedule is still tentative: the user agreement has been received from the MAAC Board, but no word has been heard from the FAA or the State of Illinois. Following confirming discussion, Paul Blaylock noted that all events have a Master/Marshall except for Rally #3.

The Board completed discussion on the idea of giving a 'household' discount for Autocross participants. It was moved, seconded, and agreed that if there are two or more entrants from within the same household, each entrant receives a \$5 discount on the entry fee.

The club needs to expand its presence on social media. Stacy Grav agreed to fill that role, and not only help with our Facebook account, but expand our presence on Twitter and Instagram.

Dave will gather more information about the new SCCA Time Trials program. It could draw more folks to the club.

The upcoming Rally School on March 10 is expected to be lightly attended. Bob plans for it to be a low-key, informal event. Rally #1 on March 18 is ready to go. Paul Dornburg encourages everyone to come early and have Brunch before heading out for the afternoon.

The ladies that MacKenzi contacted about being nominated for the Wendi Allen Scholarship declined nomination at this time, largely due to other commitments. MacKenzi and Dawn's nominations have been sent in, and national results are expected at the end of March.

The recent Autocross school was thinly attended but went well. The Fun "Snow Buster"

Autocross on March 4th was well attended and ran smoothly, despite the absence of some regular workers. Thanks to those who came early to set up the course - it makes for easier work later! In future events at Roberts Park, we need to remember to make regular safety announcements for non-participants. Also, we may consider advertising to guests that they bring numbers for their vehicle, and class designations will be added at the event. It was confirmed that Berry points only were awarded for this fun event.

In New Business, the regular crew (Dave, Bob, Richard, and Jay Wolf) is expected to make the trip to Lawrenceville to survey the tarmac for patch party planning. Richard will reserve the same tools as used last year. Dave will work on replacing the equipment previously borrowed from Memmer Tile. The slide on Patch Parties from the February membership meeting could be used to promote the patch parties on Facebook. A reminder email will be sent closer to the actual date. It was confirmed that no Berry or Competition points are earned for the Cut day. 5 Berry points per day are earned for working each Dig and/or Fill day and they also qualify one for the Bonus program.

There has been some concern about cameras and/or camera phones being hand-held by passengers in autocross vehicles. Paul Dornburg will look into the SCCA rules on this and advise.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**SIR SCCA
Membership Meeting
March 13, 2018**

Regional Executive Dave Lehrsfall welcomed all to the meeting, thanking tonight's server, Dawn. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with upon motion and second. Treasurer Bob Sonntag shared that the club's finances are in good shape, and SIR decals are available for a mere \$2 per. Activities Chair Paul

Blaylock reported that events are on the calendar, and competition events will soon begin - stay tuned! MacKenzi is looking forward to working with newly nominated SIR Women on Track Committee Chair Dawn Sturgeon on setting up social events. Dawn invited all to contact her about ordering custom numbers for your car - a wide variety of sizes and colors are available, with prices starting at \$40. *Pit Stop* editor Paul Dornburg reminded all that stories, information, and articles are due by the last Wednesday of the month. Also, the Green Porsche is up for sale. Assistant Regional Executive Richard Grav shared 2018 event cards, share them with anyone you think may be interested, and modeled a new t-shirt with the same information printed on it.

In Recent Events, the Snow Buster fun Autocross saw 52 entrants (including 20 weekend members) buzz cones around Roberts Park. It was good to see folks who hadn't attended an event in some time. Paul Dornburg asked members to consider helping visitors fill out forms at events like this, as it takes 2-3 minutes to process each weekend membership. B+C Street looks to be a hotly contested class this year. At the end of the day, Richard Grav was at the top of the results list with the quickest indexed time. Dave reminded all those who attended the Solo Safety Steward class to be sure to

work the events needed to complete their certifications.

In Upcoming Events, Paul Dornburg invites all to come out to the "Brunch Rally" on March 18. Come early and eat at the Windy Hollow Restaurant but leave room for ice cream at the end, winners get sprinkles! Ernie Roales will Master Rally #2 on April 8. Put it on your calendar today and watch for details! Looking ahead, the first Autocross weekend will be May 19 and 20.

The annual Patch Parties will soon be upon us. These work events are very important, not only for ensuring a smooth surface for us to drive on, but also for helping maintain the MAAC and earning Berry points, as well as providing an opportunity to join in the Bonus Program for Autocrosses. Mark your calendars now for the Cut Day on April 14, the Dig Day on April 21 (and April 22 if needed), and the Fill day on April 28 (and April 29 if needed). We may only need one day each to dig and fill, so do all you can to attend on the 21st and 28th if you want to join the Bonus Program. Your participation in the Dig and Fill events will earn you 5 Berry points for each day worked. The Bonus Program works as follows: 1 workday earns 1 bonus run in the first heat; 2 workdays will earn you 2 bonus runs, one in each heat; 3 workdays earns the 2 bonus runs plus a free Autocross entry.

Dave presented what's new on the SIR website, including what

to expect at an autocross, schedule, entry fees, classes, and bump order. New this year to Autocross is the Household Discount: if there is more than one entrant from the same household, each entrant receives a \$5 discount on the entry fee. The Rally Pay-to Play program is back again this year (it begins anew each calendar year), giving teams a \$5 discount when entering successive rallies.

Also reviewed was the rule on handheld cameras/camera phones at Autocrosses. The SCCA considers cameras and cell phones loose items (even when handheld), so they are disallowed unless affixed to the car itself.

Dave reported that he recently attended (via Skype) the Divisional SCCA meeting. The new area RE is Tony Brown from the Cincinnati Region. The group is working to schedule a monthly Skype meeting. Dave hopes to receive an answer about fees that all regions pay for Club racing, whether or not they participate in that event.

Dave shared information about the new SCCA event, *Time Trials*. It will be similar to Autocross/SOLO in concept but held on established road courses with multiple cars on track simultaneously. Updates and more information are available in *Sportscar*.

MacKenzi Crowe won the door prize, after which, the meeting adjourned.

April Member Club Anniversaries

Darlene Cannon	4/20/1995
Carolyn Dornburg	4/9/1996
Paul Dornburg	4/9/1996
Alice Goebel	4/20/2004
Julia Young	4/10/2006
Richard Hall	4/8/2008
Mike Buente	4/22/2008
James Nichols	4/25/2008
John Warren	4/11/2017
Mark Scott	4/27/2017

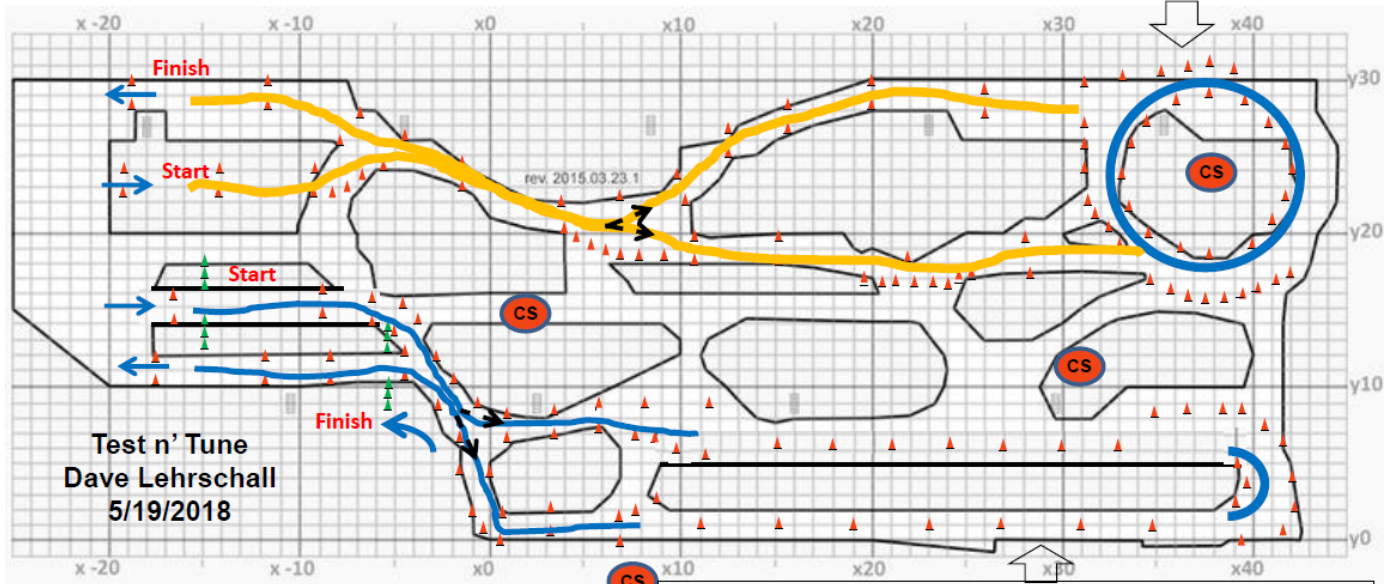
April Member Birthdays

Mark Scott	4/3
Clarence Pearsall	4/6
Mark Petry	4/9
Richard Grav	4/18
Bob Sonntag	4/22
Tim Green	4/30

5/19/18 Test and Tune course by Dave Lehrschall

150 ft diameter course element / skid pad:

Starter will manage 1 car at a time on the course.
 Activity is not timed.
 Route to the "skid pad" and back is at limited speed.
 Direction (Clockwise or Counter-clockwise) is the drivers' choice.



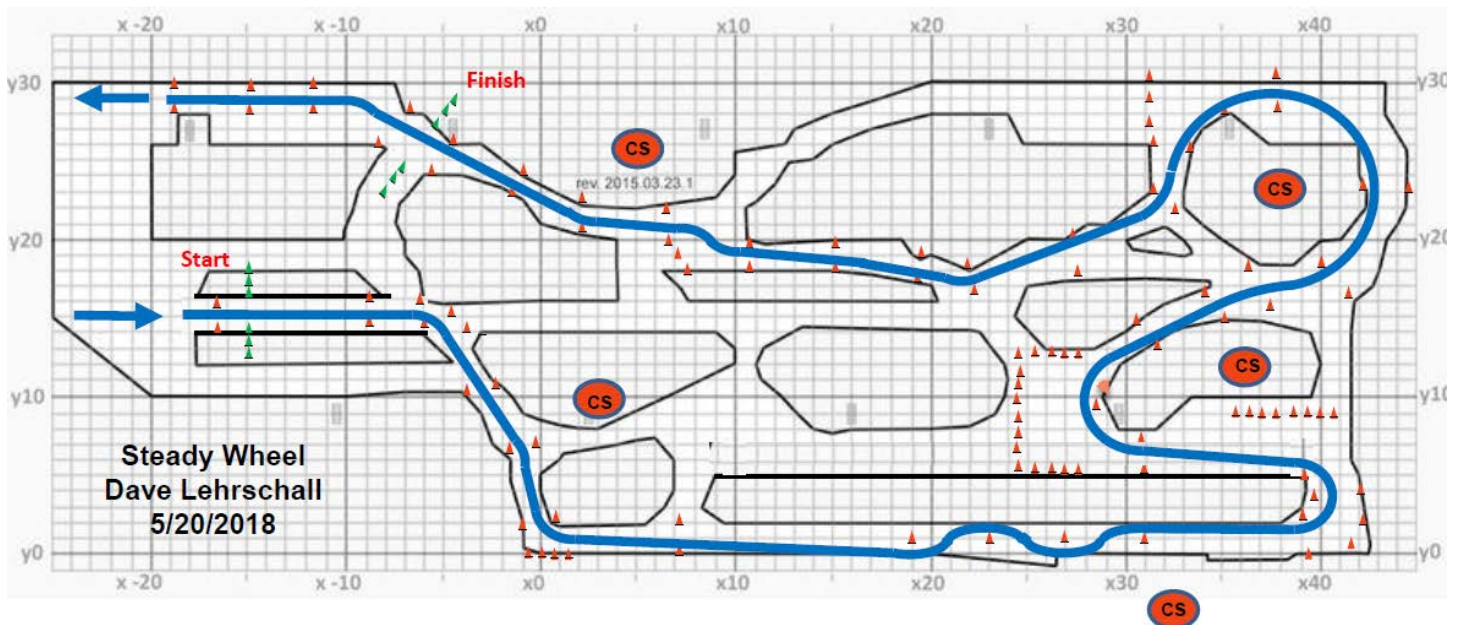
↔ Drivers choice: Left or Right

5 to 10 mph

Timed practice segments:

Starter will manage 1 car at a time on the course.
 Accelerate from 70° turn.
 Decelerate into 70° turn.
 Drivers' choice on course direction.
 Drivers' choice on slaloms' left or right entry.
 Two slaloms. (One with 45' spacing and one with 60" spacing).
 Tight 180° 15' radius turn.
 Will flip direction at event "half-way" point.

5/20/18 Autocross #1 Course – "Steady Wheel" by Dave Lehrschall



2018 SIR/SCCA Schedule				
4.00			April	
4.03	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
4.08	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7) - "Flatlander" - Ernie Roales	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
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	Patch Party -- Cutting Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.21	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.22	Sun	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It - IF NEEDED	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.28	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.29	Sun	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em - IF NEEDED	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.00			May	
5.01	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
5.06	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	TBD
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	Test and Tune Day - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.20	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) "Steady Wheel" - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.00			June	
6.03	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7) "Round & Around Rally 2" - Bob Rothermel	The Carousel Restaurant, 5115 Monroe Ave, Evansville, IN 47715
6.05	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
6.09	Sat	9:00 AM	Ladies Autocross	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.10	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.12	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
7.00			July	
7.01	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
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	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.00			August	
8.05	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7) Ice Cream Rally - Paul Dornburg	Dairy Queen, 3022 East 4th St., Owensboro KY
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	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.28	Tue	5:45 PM	September Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
9.00			September	
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	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.00			October	
10.02	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
10.07	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
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	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	TBD
11.00			November	
11.06	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
11.11	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)	TBD
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	Fun Autocross	Roberts Park location, EVV
12.00			December	
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

Brunch Rally 3/18/2018
Rally Master - Carolyn Dornburg
Ass't Rally Master - Paul Dornburg

Class	Car #	Driver / Navigator	CkPt1	CkPt2	CkPt3	CkPt4	Total
A	2	Terry Davis / Bob Sonntag	+11	+49	+4	-4	68 T
A	3	Sue Wolf / Jay Wolf	+40	(+35)	(+10)	+11	116
A	9	Stacey Metz / Jeff Metz	+41	+106	-142	-23	312

B	4	Carrie Moore / Jim Cannon	+5	-3	-34	-10	52 T
B	1	Richard Grav / Ernie Roales	(+21)	(+3)	-47	-18	113 T
B	7	Dawn Sturgeon / Tonya Eddmenson	-20	-39	-56	-51	166
B	5	Lora Blaylock / Paul Blaylock	+34	+115	-18	+67	234

G	6	Misty Stradtner / Jim Stradtner	+20	-74	-8	+68	170 T
G	8	Patty Stradtner / Ray Stradtner	(+23)	+107	(+72)	+205	407

- is early to checkpoint
+ is late to checkpoint
() means time was bought

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 – All Times Central

Club Competition Events:

4/8 Point Rally #2, Flatlander Rally, ERnie Roales event marshal. The rally starts at the Mid-American Airport terminal near Lawrenceville, IL. It's the same site as our autocrosses. Meet at 12:30 pm CST for tech and registration. The drivers meeting will be at 1:00 pm with the first car off after the meeting.

Club Social/Work Events:

4/3 April Board meeting at Ciholas in Newburgh. This is a monthly meeting of the Board where issues are discussed and resolved. The range of topics is broad and covers events, meeting, rules, by-laws and general club operation. The meetings are open to everyone in the club not just Board members.

4/10 April Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian restaurant on Franklin Street in Evansville. Arrive around 6:00 PM, eating commences about 6:30 and club business meeting is at 7:30. One Berry (participation) point for everyone who attends

4/14 Patch Party Cut Day, cut the concrete marked last month on Patch Party Prep Day. Please let Dave Lehrschall know if you are attending. re@sirscga.org This event does not award any Berry (participation) points and is not part of the bonus program.

4/21 Patch Party Dig Day I, jackhammer, sweep, blow, shovel old concrete. This event does award Berry (participation) points and is part of the bonus program. Please let Dave Lehrschall if you are going, re@sirscga.org

4/22 Patch Party Dig Day II, if work is not completed the previous day we'll finish it this day but don't plan on this day being held as we try to complete all the digging on the day before. If we work this day it will award Berry points and Be part of the Bonus program in the form of a free entry to an autocross.

4/28 Patch Party Fill Day I, fill the holes with concrete. Please let Dave Lehrschall if you are going, re@sirscga.org

4/29 Patch Party Fill Day II, if it rains on 4/28 we will attempt to fill the holes this day but only if the day before gets rained out. We can't pour concrete in the rain.