

# The Pit Stop

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## January REport from MacKenzi Payne-Crowe



Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. I believe we'll all be working on our New Year's resolutions by the time you review this issue of the Southern Indiana Region's Pit Stop. This is definitely a New Year for me as your new Regional Executive. Honestly it was a little surreal to see my name on the top of this report.

Hopefully, you were present at our awards banquet, but if not, I have to say that you missed a great event. The food and service were very good. As usual, Bob Sonntag made sure that the event was organized and run very well. Thank you, Bob.

A few highlights from the banquet:

- Paul Dornburg took 1st place in our 2018 Autocross competition. He is focused and smooth and Grace stayed true to her name. Richard Grav took 2<sup>nd</sup> and Don Kelly took the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy.
- Terry Davis and Bob Sonntag each finished with 27 points to tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place in our 2018 Rally competition. James Cannon finished with 26 points to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Finally, Ernie Roales takes 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 25 points. These four worked especially hard to support our 2018 Rally program.
- Berry points are a measure of both competition success and club participation. Berry points are awarded to club members for participation – either as entrants or event workers: Work events pay 5 points a day, being an event chair pays the same as a first-place finish – 5 points; 1 point for membership meetings; 2 points, at the least, for participation in an event. Paul Dornburg took first place with 89 points, Bob Sonntag took second place with 88 points, and David Lehrschall took third place with 84 points.
- We don't always present the Ken Andrew Memorial Indian Award. This is reserved for those individuals who have truly stood out as a selfless supporter of our Southern Indiana Region. This year we had a unanimous choice for this award. Mike Mounlio earned this award. Mike worked hard at each of our Patch Party activities. He handled a jack-hammer like Paul Bunyon handled an axe! He worked long and hard taking much more than his turn busting concrete with the big, bone-jarring, pneumatic hammer. Through the year Mike added an encouraging and informative voice to multimedia channels encouraging others to join in our club activities.

Congratulations to all the 2018 trophy winners and a special thanks to all of those who seriously worked to keep the competition close.

I am looking forward to a new year with new goals. I have plans to work with our 2018 BOD and SIR volunteers to select projects that will build on our SIR strengths. Some of my future thoughts and goals include:

- Repeating and building on successful events like the Autocross and Rally training,
- Growing our SIR membership,
- Preparing members to share activity leads. (You don't have to be an office-holder to lead a project.),
- Conduct a Tire Rack Street Survival event,
- Bring our club to a more social group as well with planned social activities.

I'm looking forward to the New Year and building upon the strengths of the Southern Indiana Region.

Our next Membership meeting will be held at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse in Evansville on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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).

MacKenzi Payne-Crowe  
Regional Executive - Southern Indiana Region

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## **SIR SCCA**

### **Membership Meeting and Annual Awards Banquet December 7, 2018, Rolling Hills Country Club**

Following a lovely social hour and delicious dinner, Regional Executive Dave Lehrsfall thanked everyone for coming and extended special appreciation to Treasurer Bob Sonntag for arranging the details of the night's banquet.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were dispensed with upon motion and second. Patches are still available for a mere \$5.00 each - get those Christmas gifts while they're hot! Activities Chair Paul Blaylock noted that there are no upcoming events but stay tuned for awards. Paul Dornburg reminded all the articles for *Pit Stop* are due on December 26. Assistant Regional Executive (and the other board members) are just damn glad to be in attendance.

Winners of the final competition event of the season, Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis' "The Rattler" rally were announced. Six competitors vied for driving perfection, with one team zeroing a checkpoint and two others passing checkpoints in the single-digit range. The two-team A class was led by team Stradtner/Woolsey with a total score of 572; however, the four-team B class won the day, with team Moore/Cannon taking home first place with only 297 points. Dave noted that 2018 was a good year for SIR rallies, with 6 to 8 teams - and sometimes more - participating at each event.

The club saw 25 new members join or re-join this year, and service pins were given to the following:

5 years: MacKenzi Crowe, Richard Grav

10 years: Mike Buente, Ron Jochum, Terry Keating, Yancy Smith

20 years: Harold Davis

40 years: Jeff Jackson, Barry Schonberger

45 year: Jim Butler

16 members were eligible for the rookie trophy this year, and competition was close. Plaques were awarded to:

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jim Stradtner

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Danny Woodard

1<sup>st</sup> place and the traveling trophy: Scott Campbell

36 members vied for the rally trophy in 2018, with close competition between the top 8 places. Plaques were awarded to:

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Ernie Roales

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jim Cannon

1<sup>st</sup> place and the traveling trophy: Terry Davis and Bob Sonntag (a tie!)

71 members earned autocross points, but only 1 claimed a perfect season, earning 6,000 points. Plaques were awarded to:

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Don Kelley, with 5,807 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Richard Grav, with 5,829 points

1<sup>st</sup> place and the traveling trophy: Paul Dornburg, with the aforementioned 6,000 points

86 members earned Berry Points, a combination of competition and participation points. Plaques were awarded to:

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Dave Lehrsfall

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Bob Sonntag

1<sup>st</sup> place and the traveling trophy: Paul Dornburg

The final award to be given during the evening was the Ken Andrew Memorial Indian award. This recognition of outstanding effort by a non-board member is not necessarily given every year. However, this year, one candidate was a clear choice: Mike Mounlio, who not only is an enthusiastic autocrosser, but a legend with a jackhammer! Congratulations, Mike, and thanks!

The 2018 board received their service plaques, and incoming Regional Executive MacKenzi Crowe introduced the 2019 board: Assistant RE, Mike Mounlio; Activities Chair, Paul Blaylock; Assistant Activities Chair Jr Crowe; Women's Chair, Dawn Sturgeon; Treasurer, Bob Sonntag; Secretary, Lora Blaylock; *Pit Stop* editor, Paul Dornburg. MacKenzi also shared some 2019 goals for the club, including adding more activities outside regular meetings and competition events.

The board will meet one last time in 2018: next week at the Lehrsfall's (thanks, Dave and Suellyn!). The first chance to earn points in 2019 will be the membership meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at Smitty's. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn to "the game", to be led by Suellyn Lehrsfall and Terry Davis.

**SIR SCCA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 11, 2018  
Lehrschall Home**

Present: Dave Lehrschall, Regional Executive; Richard Grav, Assistant Regional Executive; Bob Sonntag, Treasurer; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chair; Jr Crowe, Assistant Activities Chair; Lora Blaylock, Secretary; Paul Dornburg, *Pit Stop*; MacKenzi Crowe, Women's Chair; Carolyn Dornburg, Stacy Grav, and Suellyn Lehrschall, guests.

RE Dave called the meeting to order and suggested a casual format for the evening, going around the room for items to review as well as goals for 2019.

Paul Dornburg noted that he has reviewed the forms to be filled out for 2019, including the charter, and offered to help MacKenzi complete that task. He has updated Board information on the website, and the list of "board to-dos" for 2019. He will check with Terry Davis about the status of the club's nonprofit filing with the state.

Paul Blaylock shared a proposal to change the calculation of the rookie points, so that it would be fairer to those who do not join before the competition season begins. First, create a defined "Rookie Season" - possibly June to November. This will allow the club time to inform and recruit rookies. Second, new members joining in September through the end of the year would wait until the following year for their rookie season. Third, use a fixed calculation (versus the current sliding scale) to achieve the final point number. A great deal of discussion ensued, including a request for PaulB to furnish comparative numbers in the new calculation scheme for the top three finishers in recent years. Dave moved the club employ Paul's proposal for the 2019 competition year, with a planned review of effectiveness at year's end. The motion was seconded, and passed with 2 abstentions and 1 no. Further discussion ensued, followed by Paul Dornburg moving that the board revisit the issue at the January meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dave reported that the club has received several different messages about a Tire Rack Street Survival School to be held in Jasper. There is confusion as to the exact request being made of the club. SIR is happy to have the school happen in our region, and equally happy to have the experienced crew of the Kentucky region run the event (as they have done previously in their region). SIR is interested in learning firsthand how the event works, and how to host one ourselves. Paul Dornburg will call the SCCA contact for the event as well as the listed KY contact to sort out the full story, so we can coordinate efforts.

Bob asked Richard to add [webmaster@sirscqa.org](mailto:webmaster@sirscqa.org) to the list of club's emails. He reported that the Banquet had a net cost to the club of \$870, which is comparable to previous years. The room at the country club has been reserved for 2019, and all agreed that the menu was very good.

MacKenzi shared that in 2019, she wants to see the club host more social activities, particularly during the non-competition months. She would also like to look into lunches at autocrosses.

Paul Dornburg looks forward to SIR's participation in the Owensboro-Daviess County Motorsports festival the first weekend in August. SIR would have a display space on Saturday and help with a rally on Sunday from Windy Hollow Restaurant to the KY Motorsports park where SIR members would give rides on a Road Course.

Dave hopes to see more regional events to participate in versus the SOLO Nationals event growing. He would like to see more SIR members participate in SOLO Nationals. He and Suellyn are interested in preparing a fun/gimmick rally.

Bob would like the board to look into some refinements to the rally program, including possibly re-defining classes to make them closer to National classes as well as a discussion about buying time at rallies. In addition, a bit of work is needed on the trailer: removing the Wink Construction and Precision Stone stickers, fixing the lights and the table, and possibly obtaining some tire covers.

Jr thanked Dave and Suellyn for their lovely and tasty hospitality this evening - a sentiment echoed by all.

Dave, in closing the meeting, noted that he has very much enjoyed working with the board over the past few years, and thanked all for their hard work.

2019 board meetings are ok to continue at Ciholas - see you in January! The next membership meeting is Tuesday, January 8 at Smitty's on Franklin Street.

## 2019 Board of Directors



Regional Executive: MacKenzi Payne-Crowe is our RE for 2019. MacKenzi has been a club member since 2013 and has held the Women's Chair since it was created as a Board position in 2017. She's been an advocate for more female participation since 2016 when she was first affiliated with the Board. She has been to the last 3 Solo Nationals with a 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy her best finish so far. While at the Solo Nationals she has been to the annual Women's Luncheon meeting to discuss furthering the role of Women in the SCCA. This year she was 31<sup>st</sup> in Rally points, 11<sup>th</sup> in Autocross points and 15<sup>th</sup> in Berry points.



Advisor: Dave Lehrsfall has stepped down after 3 years as our Regional Executive and will now advise new RE MacKenzi Payne-Crowe. Dave's been an SCCA member for 14 years and joined our region in November of 2012. Dave likes to autocross his Mustang and has gone to the last 3 Solo Nationals. In 2018 he improved his club autocross points position to 6<sup>th</sup> after finishing 19<sup>th</sup> in 2017. He also rallies and had a pretty good record in 2018 winning 2 of the 5 rallies he entered and 6<sup>th</sup> in rally points. He also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Berry points.



Assistant Regional Executive: Mike Mounlio is a new SIR member joining the club mid-year in 2017. As he starts his 2<sup>nd</sup> year with the club he is beginning his 1<sup>st</sup> year as Assistant RE. If you've been to an SIR autocross in the last couple of years you've seen Mike's Festiva. Nicknamed the "Angry Festiva" it makes it way around our courses on 3 wheels most of the time. It's a car that is in a constant state of "improvement" as any modified car should be. In his first full year as a club member he finished 12<sup>th</sup> in Berry points and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Autocross points. Mike was also selected by the Board to receive the coveted "Indian Award".



Treasurer: Bob Sonntag is a long time SCCA member, 38 years, most of which are with SIR although he did spend a few years in the southwest when his job changed. He's been a board member for a long time holding most of the positions available over the years. He's won the club's Berry Trophy many, many time as well as the Autocross and Rally trophies many times. His favorite SCCA activity is rallying. He enjoys putting them on as well as competing. This year he finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the Rally points, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Berry points and 14<sup>th</sup> in Autocross points, up from 37<sup>th</sup> in 2017.



Secretary: Lora Blaylock has been an SCCA member since May of 2010 and a Board member since 2014. She diligently transcribes the often hard to follow discussions into a meaningful "minutes" documents you see in each Pit Stop. Although not competing in any events she was assistant rally master in the August Brew to Bru rally. She starts her 6<sup>th</sup> year on the Board. She was 14<sup>th</sup> in Rally points and 33<sup>rd</sup> in Berry points.



Activity Chairman: Paul Blaylock has been with the club almost 9 years after joining in May of 2010. Paul doesn't compete a lot with only occasional visits to an autocross and a rally here and there. In 2018 he put on the Brew to Bru rally. Paul's responsible for putting together the club's schedule of events and keeping track of all the points you earn. Paul also got his employer, Ciholas Inc., to provide us with a Board meeting place each month. Paul is starting his 6<sup>th</sup> year as activity chairman. He was 10<sup>th</sup> in Rally points and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Berry points.



Assistant Activity Chairman: Jonathan Crowe, also known as Jr., is starting his 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the Board. He joined the SCCA in July of 2010 and was persuaded to join the board in 2016. His primary interest is autocross and he's been to the last 3 Solo Nationals. Jr. finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the 2018 autocross points driving Richard Grav's FP Solstice. He was also 9<sup>th</sup> in Rally points and 8<sup>th</sup> in Berry points in 2018.



Women's Chair: Dawn Sturgeon takes over for MacKenzi as the Women's Chair. Dawn has been an SCCA member since mid-2016 and started working with the Board last year as the Women's Committee chair. She participated in her first Solo Nationals this year and finished a respectable 7<sup>th</sup>. She was 21<sup>st</sup> in Rally points, 15<sup>th</sup> in Autocross points and 14<sup>th</sup> in Berry points.



Newsletter editor: Paul Dornburg has been on the Board every year except 2014 since 2000. Paul joined the SCCA in 1996 and it took 4 years for Ken Andrew to talk him into joining the Board. Paul starts his 10<sup>th</sup> year as the newsletter editor. He also has a 5-year stint as Regional Executive 2006 to 2010. Paul's favorite club activity is autocrossing where he's been the autocross points champion 7 times since 2000. He also has a Rally championship somewhere in the 20+ years he's been with the club. His accomplishments this year include a 1<sup>st</sup> in Berry points, 1<sup>st</sup> in Autocross points and 4<sup>th</sup> in Rally points.



Sanction Requestor: Although not an official Board member now, Terry Davis has filled almost all the Board spots since joining the club back in 1972. (46 years) He attends almost all the Board meetings to offer advice, guidance and history. He also makes the requests for event sanctions for all our autocrosses and rallies. He's been going to the Solo Nationals for over 20 years and is a constant competitor in all our events. In 2018 he was 1<sup>st</sup> in Rally points, 9<sup>th</sup> in Autocross points and 6<sup>th</sup> in Barry points.

### January Member Birthdays

Kristine Ferguson	1/5
Tatsuo Noda	1/5
Wilson Welch	1/6
Gene Young	1/7
MacKenzi Crowe	1/15
Dave Lehrschall	1/16
Alice Goebel	1/17
Chris Hancock	1/18
Tom McBride	1/21
Mike Buente	1/25
Terry Davis	1/26
Kelly Esser	1/29
Scott Campbell	1/29
Dennis Elliot	1/30

### January Member Anniversaries

Dennis Elliot	1/1/1971
Jan Bootz	1/1/1974
Wilson Welch	1/12/2012
Leonard Goff	1/7/2015
Debbie Goff	1/7/2018
Stacey Grav	1/13/2015
Breeze Grav	1/13/2015
Josh Johnson	1/15/2016
Cameron Metz	1/9/2018
Kyle Knott	1/16/2018
Fred Cron	1/25/2018

## The 2019 SIR Board

L to R, Mike Mounlio, Paul Dornburg, Bob Sonntag, Paul Blaylock, Dave Lehrschall, MacKenzi Crowe, Lora Blaylock and Jr. Crowe. Missing, Dawn Sturgeon.



## **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

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Board Meeting, 5:45 PM, Ciholas, Newburgh, IN

Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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