

The Pit Stop

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February Report



Happy New Year! I believe 2019 should be a very good year for the Southern Indiana Region. Our 2019 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 2018 and some new events. We are working on reserving several two-day weekends at the MAAC in Lawrenceville. 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 Autocross season is set to start earlier this year! The Southern Indiana Region's BoD has worked on a more aggressive calendar for 2019 including two potential Roberts Park Autocross events. Terry Davis has negotiated our use of Roberts Park again this year for a "Snow-Buster" Autocross on March 3, 2019. Weather permitting, we should have a great time. Our Solo Safety School and Autocross Class will take place the week before on February 23rd. The Snow-Buster event should provide an opportunity for the recent class attendees to see what Autocross is all about before we begin our 2019 championship points events. Our tentative date for our first points Autocross is Sunday, May 19th with a Test and Tune day the day before.

While we're talking about Autocross, I want to remind everyone that our Patch Parties are scheduled March 30th (and 31st if needed) for dig days and a fill day on April 6th. If you work a full Dig or Fill day you can qualify for our Bonus (Runs) Program and you would get an extra run during the first session, all year long. If you work two of the available Dig and Fill days you will get an extra run during the first and second sessions all year long. One run per session may not sound like much, but it gives you 33% more competitive time on the course. History shows that most of us turn our best times on the last run. Please watch our calendar, check our Facebook information, and mark your calendars to join the Patch Parties. It is possible that we could finish with one Dig day and one Fill day.

Our Rally program is also getting off to an earlier start this year. The first points Rally is scheduled for March 17th. We are still in need of a Rally master so if you are interested please contact Paul Blaylock.

We have lots going on. You'll want to check our website and follow us on Facebook to keep track of activities and dates. Please be on the lookout for our 2019 Southern Indiana Region's calendar. 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, February 12, 2019 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.

MacKenzi Payne-Crowe
Regional Executive - Southern Indiana Region

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SIR SCCA Board of Directors Meeting January 1, 2019 Ciholas, Inc.

Present: MacKenzi Crowe, Regional Executive; Mike Mounlio; Assistant Regional Executive; Bob Sonntag, Treasurer; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chair; Jr Crowe, Assistant Activities Chair; Lora Blaylock, Secretary; Paul Dornburg, *Pit Stop*; Dawn Sturgeon, Women's Chair; Dave Lehrschall, advisor; Terry Davis, guest.

RE MacKenzi called the meeting to order, welcoming all.

Treasurer Bob reported the club has ample funds on hand. He has ordered a supply of rocker pins, and shared information about obtaining a new supply of SIR-embossed padfolios for the officers who do not have one. After confirming the details, it was moved, seconded, and agreed to purchase 20 (the minimum order) of full-size, non-zippered padfolios.

AC Paul Blaylock presented MacKenzi her "missing" board plaque.

Assistant AC Jr noted that he plans to prepare updated tech sheets for autocross season.

Paul Dornburg reported *Pit Stop* is in the USPS and has been sent to Richard Grav to be posted on the website, as well as updated board pictures and information. All who have joined the Google SIR group have been removed from the Yahoo group; Paul will wait another month - 4 rounds of invitations to the new Google group have already been sent - to close the Yahoo group.

WC Dawn asked about event card availability. As we have not heard back from the MAAC board about date approval, they have not yet been ordered. Paul Dornburg will check with Richard Grav about re-ordering with 2019 material. If Richard is unable to order, MacKenzi and Dave volunteered to take care of it.

Advisor Dave is watching the price of cement cutting blades and confirmed that he will buy the necessary supply at the appropriate time. He also will work up a design for an a-frame display sign to use at autocross tech and order the sign.

ARE Mike, in his first official Board meeting, was damn glad to be in attendance.

Paul Blaylock revisited point data for all rookies going back to 2013, checking the differences between the old and new calculation methods. The only result that would change would be 2017.

However, he feels the new calculation method is clearer and defines the rookie season. Paul Blaylock moved to calculate the Rookie points at a fixed rate and define the Rookie season as June through November for those joining on or after September 1 of the prior calendar year. The motion was seconded; no further discussion followed. The motion was adopted. A separate question about rookie seasons for spouses/children was tabled to a future meeting.

While no new information has been received about the upcoming Tire Rack Street Survival Course, Dave discovered that online training is available for different aspects of the program. Paul Dornburg will investigate and report back to the board.

In New Business, Paul Dornburg reported that SIR now has its own EIN, and he is waiting on one more piece of information to file the appropriate tax forms.

The board revisited the discussion of babysitting issues and needs at events. Liability issues with SIR-provided childcare are many, and not desired. A motion was made to adopt a practice at autocrosses, that, if a parent brings a child/children, they are released from the work assignment to manage their children's supervision. Discussion followed, and the motion was amended to change "parent" to "parents/guardian". The amended motion was seconded and passed.

The board turned its attention to improving autocross events. Having hot food available on site could speed the day along. The menu should be simple - perhaps we could pattern our effort after the offerings at the WKY region

events. Richard Grav previously offered to cook. Paul Dornburg suggests doing a trial run at the first May event weekend. He will speak with Richard to see if he is still interested in the project. A conversation about offering water, particularly on very hot days, ensued. In the end, the idea was dismissed as "one more thing to do". However, it was moved, seconded, and agreed to obtain a large quantity of sunscreen to keep in the autocross trailer. Bob will purchase it. Also discussed was whether or not to rent port-a-potties for autocross events. The board moved, seconded, and agreed to support having up to 2 port-a-potties at events held at Roberts Park if the event master requests them. Finally, the idea of running autocrosses straight-through (not take a lunch break) was visited. This would probably be more popular in the more temperate months, but not so much during July and August. No action will be taken at this time, but the board will watch the situation.

Suggestions for someone to fill the Women's Committee chair were discussed. MacKenzi will ask Stacy Metz if she is interested in filling the position. If she declines, perhaps Jennifer Mounlio would be interested.

MacKenzi would like to see the club have a social event every month - not limited to just women - in addition to meetings and competition events. Dawn will begin generating ideas and coordinate with the new committee chair.

An updated/corrected copy of the proposed schedule for 2019 was not available due to technology issues. Paul Dornburg will forward the missing copy asap. Paul Blaylock noted that patch party dates were missing from the copy he had previously seen.

It was confirmed that the Snow Buster and Ladies' autocrosses were Berry point-only events. Paul Blaylock confirmed the event dates and marshals that he had on record already for 2019. The schedule will be revisited and finalized at the February board meeting. Bob has sent a letter requesting MAAC and FAA approval for our 2019 autocross dates.

Finally, it was noted that insurance and approval from the city of Evansville needs to be obtained for the March Snowbuster autocross at Roberts Park.

MacKenzi shared that she has been promoting the club's events at her workplace, following a question about inviting Vincennes-area law enforcement to our autocrosses, as she works with that same audience.

Paul Dornburg and MacKenzi will appear on channel 7 and 25's program, *Lifestyles*, to promote the club on January 9.

Paul Blaylock noticed that the job of obtaining insurance and sanction for events is not clearly assigned in the club documents. An idea of giving a discount to a first-time participant was brought up. These issues were tabled to be discussed at the February meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion and second.

SIR SCCA Membership Meeting January 8, 2019

MacKenzi Payne-Crowe, leading her first meeting as Regional Executive, called the meeting to order, welcoming visitors and members alike to Smitty's. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with upon motion and second. Treasurer Bob Sonntag reported the club's treasury is in excellent position and that SIR patches and stickers are still available - give him your money!

Activities Chair Paul Blaylock reported that the first autocross event of the year will take place at Roberts Park on March 3 - the Snow Buster is a Berry points-only event. Other upcoming events include February's Board and Membership meetings and the Solo Safety Steward/Autocross School event on February 23. Dave shared a few details about the school and encouraged folks to attend:

having licensed Safety Stewards is important for the club, and there's always a new autocross preparation/execution tip to be learned.

The board is working on the 2019 competition schedule. We are awaiting approval from the Mid-American Autocross Center and the FAA for 2019 autocross dates. The rally season begins on March 17, and that event needs a master - see Paul Blaylock right away to lead this fun afternoon. The board also hopes to include new social events in the 2019 calendar, too - watch for details!

Finally, Paul Blaylock shared that the board has approved a Rookie Season: June - November for all who join the club on or after September 1 of the previous calendar year. The calculation for Rookie points has also been simplified, making comparing year-to-year results easier.

Assistant Activities Chair Jr Crowe shared that he plans to attend a Drag race event in Arkansas in April. He welcomes others to join him, and details are available at ectamile.com.

Newsletter Editor Paul Dornburg reminded all that articles for *Pit Stop* are welcome from all members and are due on the last Wednesday of the month. He shared details about the Owensboro Motorsports weekend being planned for August and is coordinating sending annual waiver forms to the national offices. Tomorrow, Paul Dornburg and MacKenzi will promote the club on *Lifestyles* on channels 7 and 25 - tune in!

Women's Chair Dawn Sturgeon reported attending the most recent Cars and Coffee event, sharing information about SIR SCCA with people she met.

Advisor to the Board Dave Lehrschall gave attendees a heads-up about the (expected) May "Test and Tune" event at the MAAC, followed by the first autocross of the season the next day.

Assistant Regional Executive Mike Mounlio is looking for pictures of cars and winter car activities - to be used with SIR promotional materials and social media accounts - send them to him via social media, text, or email.

MacKenzi shared that the board is looking at adding more non-driving social events to the club's calendar - if you have ideas or suggestions (bowling, dining out, etc.) share them with the board.

The board has discussed the issue of babysitting at competition events and recommends an unwritten policy that allows the second of a pair of parents/guardians' work assignment to be watching their own children. The hope is that the policy will allow participation by parents/guardians who would otherwise need to stay at home with the kids.

A lunch (for a donation) will be offered on the first autocross weekend as a test project.

MacKenzi thanked Bob Sonntag for handling the details of the December banquet, and all for attending and making the event a fun evening.

Finally, she encouraged all to begin planning to attend SOLO Nationals in 2019.

Awards were presented for the final autocross of 2018, Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis' "The Rattler". Six teams vied for perfection on what could have been considered the "final exam" for the rally season. Team Stradtner/Woolsey won class A with 572 points, including two single-digit checkpoints. However, class B won the day, with multiple low-digit checkpoints, including a 0 for team Roales/Roales. But the Roales' score of 371 was only good for a 2nd place finish, as team Moore/Cannon won the day with a 297. Congratulations and thanks to all who took place in what was a very well attended rally season - let's make 2019 even better!

Terry Keating won the door prize, after which, the meeting adjourned.

2019 SIR/SCCA Schedule

Date	Day		February	Location
2.05	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
2.12	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
2.23	Sat	10:00 AM	Solo School -- Safety Steward Training & Intro to Autocross	Stringtown Public Library, 2100 Stringtown Rd., E'ville, IN
3.00			March	
3.03	Sun	7:00 AM	Fun Autocross - Snow Buster - Dornburg/Davis	Roberts Park location, EVV
3.05	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
3.09	Sat	9:00 AM	Road Rally School	Bob - Evansville Central Library
3.12	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
3.16	Sat	10:00 AM	Patch Party Preparatory Visit	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.17	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7)	TBD
3.23	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Cutting Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.30	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.31	Sun	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It (if needed)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.00			April	
4.02	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
4.06	Sat	8:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.07	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7)	TBD
4.09	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
4.13	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.00			May	
5.05	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7) - Ice Cream Rally - Paul Dornburg	DQ on East 4th street, Owensboro, KY
5.07	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
5.14	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
5.18	Sat	9:00 AM	Test and Tune Day - D. Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.19	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) - D. Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.00			June	
6.02	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7)	TBD
6.04	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
6.08	Sat	9:00 AM	Ladies Autocross - M. Crowe/P. Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.09	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7) - M. Crowe/P. Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.11	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
6.22	Sat	9:00 AM	"Partnering Autocross Event" - PCA?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.23	Sun	9:00 AM	"Partnering Autocross Event" - Corporate event?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.00			July	
7.02	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
7.07	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.09	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
7.21	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.00			August	
8.03	Sat	All Day	Owensboro-Daviess County Motorsports Festival	Owensboro Sportscenter
8.04	Sun	All Day	Owensboro-Daviess County Motorsports Festival	Windy Hollow Restaurant Rally, Kentucky Motor Speedway Autocross demo
8.06	Tue	5:45 PM	August Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
8.11	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7)	TBD
8.13	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Log Inn, 12491 County Rd 200 E, Haubstadt, IN 47639
8.18	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7) - J. Crowe	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.27	Tue	5:45 PM	September Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
9.00			September	
9.10	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
9.15	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7) - "Tri-Cones" - Paul Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.00			October	
10.01	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
10.06	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.08	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
10.27	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	TBD
11.00			November	
11.05	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
11.10	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)	TBD
11.12	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
11.30	Sat	End of Day	Awards Banquet Reservations Are Due!	Respond to treasurer@sirscca.org
12.00			December	
12.01	Sun	7:00 AM	Fun Autocross - Thanksgiving Leftovers - Dornburg/Davis	Roberts Park location, EVV
12.06	Fri	6:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Rolling Hills County Club, Newburgh, IN
12.10	Tue	TBD	Christmas Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD

February Member Birthdays

Alekza Roth	2/1
Stacey Grav	2/4
Cooper Lilly	2/4
Fred Cron	2/6
James Butler MD	2/8
Kevin Pendley	2/9
Carolyn Dornburg	2/16
Kurt Krodel	2/16
Sean Lips	2/17
Don Kelley	2/17
Ernest Roales	2/21
Carson Sandy	2/26
Morgan Metz	2/28

February Member Anniversaries

Michael Smith	2/1/1971
Jeffrey Jackson	2/1/1978
Greg Goebel	2/1/1980
David Crews	2/4/1999
Don Kelley	2/19/2004
Debra Rothermel	2/14/2007
Robert Rothermel	2/14/2007
Terrence Keating	2/27/2008
Scott Campbell	2/9/2018
Jacob Campbell	2/9/2018

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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, February 5th, Board Meeting, 5:45 PM, Ciholas, Newburgh, IN

Tuesday, February 12th, 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

Saturday, February 23rd, 10:00 AM, Solo Safety Steward school and Autocross school, Evansville Public Library's Stringtown branch, 2100 Stringtown Road, Evansville, IN.