



# The Pit Stop



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This month's Pit Stop article is late. Being late is not good, but because I'm late I can talk about the outstanding Rally school Bob Sonntag put together last week and our Patch Party Preparation Results from the prep work at the airport.

First things first. Bob did an outstanding job of explaining how a rally should be navigated. The examples he presented were clear and supported with photos of actual decision points. Some of these we ran into during our "graduation rally exercise." Suellyn and I did well and managed to get back on course after a short detour. We've attended at least three of Bob's rally classes and started each of the practice rallies from the same point. This year we made the same first route turn instruction mistake we've made every year. The difference though is that we figured it out and corrected it right away. At the end of the rally we all met at the Hacienda restaurant, had lunch, and talked about the rally. Everyone knows that I'm a gear head and I love autocross. What they may not know is that I really enjoy our rally program. All the rally masters put tremendous effort into making the rallies technical and fun. Bob serves as our SIR rally leader and keeps us up to date on SCCA rally rules. If you have not tried a rally you literally do not know what you are missing. They can be a ball of fun! Please make plans to try this. If you don't have a driver or navigator to team up with, send an e-mail to [re@sirscga.org](mailto:re@sirscga.org) and we'll do all we can to match you up with someone.

We've posted and reviewed information regarding our patch parties and the (autocross runs) bonus program online and reviewed it during our membership meetings. I encourage you to review this or contact me if you have questions. We completed our first "patch party", the prep planning survey, Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. During this trip Ernie Roales, Mike Mounlio, Richard Grav, Bob Sonntag, Paul Dornburg, and I identified the concrete areas we plan to cut, dig-out, refill, and finish during this year's patch parties. The course was in good shape, but we still have a lot of work to do. We came up with 34 holes to be cut, dug, and re-filled. That's down a lot from the more than 100 per year for the last several years. We also made plans for 145 quick-patch areas to work on. These will not require the physical effort the cut holes will, but this will be time consuming and we'll still need a good turn-out for the workdays. The planned work will give us added autocross course design options. We can continue to use the grid, paddock, and course areas we've used over the past few years. We'll be able to use a grid and paddock area on the opposite end and run courses through our most recent grid/paddock area after our concrete work. The "far-end cross-over" will be repaired and reopened. The course was in good shape, but we still have a lot of work to do.

Don't forget to sign-up for patch party/bonus program workdays: [re@sirscga.com](mailto:re@sirscga.com). Our remaining scheduled patch parties are the Cut Day requiring 10 to 12 workers on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central, the Dig Day requiring a minimum of 25 workers on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central (Bonus Program Day), and the Fill Day requiring a minimum 25 workers on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central (Bonus Program Day).

In just a few days on March 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our first autocross of the season. Paul Dornburg and Terry Davis are managing the Snow Buster Autocross. This will run from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm at Roberts Park in Evansville, IN. The weather forecast looks very good for the autocross, but we still encourage you to watch for updates in case the weather turns bad. SIR members should remember to bring their membership cards. The SCCA has noise restrictions. Remember, no un-muffled cars or loud cars will be allowed. (If you must ask, it's too loud). We are in a residential area and want to be good neighbors so we can use this site again.

Membership meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month and our Board of Directors meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. Our next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 SCCA

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**SIR/SCCA Board Minutes Feb. 5, 2020**  
**Aldersgate UMC, Lincoln Ave., Evansville, IN**

I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Dave Lehrsall, regional executive

- Others in attendance
  - Barry Beaman, Asst. Activities
  - Bob Sonntag, Treasurer
  - Carrie Moore, Activities
  - ERnie Roales, Secretary
  - On phone
    - MacKenzi Payne-Crowe, Women's Chair
    - Jonathan Crowe, Asst. Reg. Exec.

II. Officer Reports

- Secretary- no report
- Treasurer
  - Balance on-hand \$7985.88
  - Minor expenses are paid
  - Conflict with National Office resolved
- Activities
  - Event Chairmen needed
  - Points to be updated
- Asst. Activities. No report
- Pit Stop Paul D absent (better health report)
- Women's Chair No report
- Asst. Reg. Exec. Watch dates on new cards from SCCA
- Reg. Exec. Attended Cars and Coffee and passed out our calendar and there is some new interest

III. Old Business

- Old Stop Watches
  - Working but wonky
  - Motion by ERnie to sell to Bob for \$5 each, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry, (Passed)
- 2020 Autocross dates
  - Airport approved
  - SCCA sanctions good
  - Awaiting FAA approval
- Paul Dornburg updates
  - Storage container approx. \$2700
  - Annual tech- Asst. Activities Chair sign back of registration card

- On-line registration still under investigation
- Work Days on track
- Street Survival School
  - Need dates
  - Need member commitment
- Trailer Workday. Dave and ERnie to work out
- Lightning Policy (handouts attached to hard copy)
  - No national Policy
  - Dave suggestion was an addition to Competition Regs
    - Designated Watcher (SSS)
    - My lightning tracker app

- Richta GPS Rally app
  - Standard most for event is \$3/car
  - Our low Rally turnouts may offer an alternative
  - The Treasurer will manage the issue with Richta
  - Consensus is \$3/car is a very fair price
- Fun Autocross Paul and Terry on track
- Web site / Flyers. Cards being updated
- 2020 SCCA Sanction Requirements Event URL
- [MotorsportReg.com](http://MotorsportReg.com) (Bob expressed concern over cut-off times and getting info while at Events)
- Indian Award Traveling Trophy
  - Lively discussion
  - Motion by Dave to not do at this time, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carrie (Passed)

IV. New Business

- Upcoming Event needs
  - Rally Class (Bob is ready)
  - Fun Rally (Bob is ready)
  - Patch party Prep 3/1
  - Fun Autocross (Terry and Paul D) 3/8
  - West Side Rally 3/15 in process
  - Patch parties Cut 3/21, Dig 3/28, Fill 4/4
  - Need to check saw blades
  - Decided not to fill the SIR Women on Track Committee Chair position

V. Adjourn 7:30 PM

Submitted ERnie Roales

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**SIR/SCCA MEMBER MEETING**

**Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, Franklin Street, Evansville IN**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

I. **Call to Order @ 7:25 PM**

- By Asst. RE. JR Crowe
- Guests: Ted, Shona and Nathan Borchelt, they expressed interest in learning about the SCCA
- We welcomed our newest member April Arnold

II. **Officer Reports**

- Secretary: ERnie Roales, minutes read and approved
- Treasurer: Bob Sonntag, Balance on-hand \$8010.88
- Activities: Carrie Moore, need event chairs, please talk to Carrie
- Asst. Activities: Barry Beaman, no report
- Pit Stop: Paul Dornburg,
  - Pit Stop deadline 2/26/2020

- Test emails for Board members to be sent, please respond.
- Women's Chair: MacKenzi Payne-Crowe, no report.
- Assistant Regional Executive: Jr. Crowe urged members to try a rally.
- Advisor Terry Davis and Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall not in attendance.

**III. Snow Buster Autocross**

- Paul Dornburg and Terry Davis are the event chairs
- March 8<sup>th</sup> at Roberts Park
- Set up 7 AM, Tech and Registration 8 to 9:30 AM first car off at 10:30 AM, weather permitting
- No trailers!!!
- Normally well attended, do not show up late

**IV. Storm Safety**

- An amendment to Competition Regulations is coming
- A phone app will be used to monitor weather and lightning

**V. Rally**

- Fun Rally by Bob Sonntag, Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon
- Rally Class
  - Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM at Central Library
  - There is a \$5 tuition charge to cover materials
- "West Side Something" Rally
  - Carrie Moore is the rallymaster
  - Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon at the Penny Lane Coffee House, 200 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Evansville, IN
- Bob Sonntag gave a short course on the Richta app and how it effects rallying and how to use it to improve scores

**VI. Patch Party/ Bonus Program**

- Details of the program were repeated

**VII. Drawing won by Dean Fehribach**

**VIII. Next Meetings:**

- A. Board – Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>
- B. Member – Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

**IX. Adjourned @ 7:57 PM, 21 members and 3 guests were present**

ERnie Roales, Secretary

**March SCCA Anniversaries**

Tom Bootz	03/01/1972
Harold Davis	03/17/1998
Ron Jochum	03/03/2008
Karen Davis	03/30/2009
Dennis Duke	03/08/2011
Drew Gerth	03/14/2012
Russell Lockett	03/11/2017
Darwin Graham	03/23/2017
Angela Reshad	03/29/2017
Jamsheed Reshad	03/29/2017
Nathan Reshad	03/29/2017
Samuel Reshad	03/29/2017
Danny Woodard	03/12/2018
Marcus Bittner	03/05/2019
Gregory Maikranz	03/09/2019
Shane Suits	03/12/2019
Kenneth Dilger	03/02/2020

**March Birthdays**

Xavier Seitz	03/02
David Link	03/03
Lauren Kincaid	03/08
Noah Fehribach	03/10
Ron Jochum	03/13
Barry Schonberger	03/14
Samuel Reshad	03/26
Paul Condi	03/28
Darlene Cannon	03/28
Evan Shade	03/28
Mike Freeman	03/30



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY!**

## SIR/SCCA's 2020 Calendar

March				
3.01	Sun	10:00 AM	Patch Party Preparatory Visit	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.04	Wed	6:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
3.08	Sun	7:00 AM	Fun Autocross - "Snow Buster" - Dornburg/Davis	Roberts Park, Evansville
3.10	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
3.15	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7) "Westside Something" - Carrie Moore	Penny Lane Coffee House, 600 SE 2nd St, Evansville
3.21	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Cutting Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.28	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.29	Sun	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It - if needed	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
April				
4.01	Wed	6:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
4.04	Sat	8:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.05	Sun		Palm Sunday	
4.10	Fri		Good Friday	
4.11	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.12	Sun		Easter Sunday	
4.14	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
4.19	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7)	TBD
May				
5.02	Sat	9:00 AM	Test and Tune Autocross - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.03	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.06	Wed	6:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
5.10	Sun		Mother's Day	
5.12	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
5.15	Fri	2:00 PM*	Midwest Musclicar Challenge (NOTE: 2:00 Eastern Time)	Terre Haute International Airport
5.16	Sat	8:00 AM*	Midwest Musclicar Challenge (NOTE: 8:00 Eastern Time)	Terre Haute International Airport
5.25	Mon		Memorial Day	
5.31	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	TBD
June				
6.03	Wed	6:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
6.09	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
6.13	Sat	9:00 AM	Ladies Autocross - M. Crowe/P. Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.14	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7) - M. Crowe/P. Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.21	Sun		Father's Day	
6.28	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
July				
7.04	Sat		Independence Day	
7.08	Wed	6:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
7.12	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.14	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
7.25	Sat	All Day	Owensboro-Daviess County Motorsports Festival	TBD
7.26	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7) Ice Cream / OWB-DC M Fest - P. Dornburg	TBD
August				
8.05	Wed	6:00 PM	August Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
8.09	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7)	TBD
8.11	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Log Inn, 12491 County Rd 200 E, Haubstadt, IN 47639
8.23	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7) - Tri-Something - Paul Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
September				
9.02	Wed	6:00 PM	September Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
9.07	Mon		Labor Day	
9.15	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
9.20	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
October				
10.04	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.07	Wed	6:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
10.13	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
10.25	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	TBD
November				
11.04	Wed	6:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Aldersgate UMC, southwest door, room 102
11.08	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)	TBD
11.10	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
11.26	Thu		Thanksgiving	
11.28	Sat	End of Day	Awards Banquet Reservations Are Due!	Respond to treasurer@sirscca.org
11.29	Sun	7:00 AM	Fun Autocross - Dornburg/Davis	Roberts Park location, EVV
December				
12.04	Fri	6:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Rolling Hills County Club, Newburgh, IN
12.08	Tue	TBD	Christmas Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
12.25	Fri		Christmas	
12.31	Thu		New Year's Eve	

Strive to Be Average  
(At Poorly Placed Controls)

Finish	1	2
Class	B	B
Team Driver	Carrie Moore	Ernie Roales
Navigator	Amanda Hale	Sue Roales
Total	681	18,511
Zeros	9	8
Under 10	31	22
Ckpt #	Leg Time	Leg Scores
3	25:55	+8 +0
4	00:27	+4 +1
5	04:53	-14 +114
6	01:01	+6 +5
7	00:50	+7 +1000
8	01:22	+6 +1000
9	02:04	+4 +295
10	04:01	+13 +1000
11	02:46	-28 -10
12	02:26	+0 +0
13	02:59	+3 +0
14	03:51	+12 +1000
15	01:21	+324 +1000
16	00:45	+6 +1000
17	01:20	-10 +1000
18	02:35	-3 +1000
19	01:26	+2 +1000
20	01:26	+3 +1000
21	01:26	-11 +1000
22	00:31	+4 +1000
23	02:11	+0 +1000
24	00:27	+9 +1000
25	02:14	+7 +1000
26	00:26	+0 +1000
27	03:20	-5 +1000
28	15:21	+31 +1000
29	01:40	-3 +1
30	01:40	+0 -4
31	01:40	+5 +0
32	01:40	+0 -2
33	01:40	+17 +0
34	01:40	-4 +0
35	00:43	+16 +13
36	01:48	-7 +0
37	01:38	-8 +21
38	01:13	-14 -8
39	00:33	+0 -3
40	02:25	No Time +3
41	01:13	+5 -1
42	02:53	-19 -5
43	01:46	+0 +2
44	01:40	-26 -2
45	01:40	+1 -1
46	01:40	+0 +2
47	04:20	+0 +0
48	07:51	-36 -18

Total 2:08:47

Gabe Fehribach racing.

In November, the Fehribachs purchased a lightly used SCCA Formula Enterprise (FE) car that Gabe will drive in 2020. This purchase came with the expectation that the car would be upgraded from FE to the faster-spec FE2 class with a new higher-horsepower Mazda MZR racing motor and a newer, more durable SADEV six-speed sequential transaxle.

The FE class was introduced in the early 2000's but the SCCA announced in 2018 that beginning in 2020 the FE class would be discontinued above regional events in favor of the newer, faster FE2 class that utilizes the new MZR engine. In December, SIR-SCCA region's Customer Service Representative for FE(2), Alliance Autosport, began disassembling the car (see figure 1) in preparation for the new motor and transmission due to arrive in January. As of this writing the car is nearly finished (see figures 2 & 3). While not visible in these photos except for the engine cover in the back of one of the photos, the paint scheme is an homage to Williams 1992 F1 drivers' championship FW14B livery.

Anyone interested in club racing in FE2 or Spec Racer Ford (SRF3) cars can talk to the Fehribachs at a future SIR-SCCA membership meeting.

Gabe is confirmed to hit the track at VIRginia International Raceway for a test day on Friday, March 13th to shake down the car followed by two SCCA Divisional races that weekend. His next club race following VIR is likely an SCCA MAJORS event at Pittsburgh International Race Complex in early May.

Dean

2020 Berry Points

Barry Beaman	2
Bob Rothermel II	2
Bob Sonntag	2
Carrie Moore	2
Courtney Fehribach	2
Dean Fehribach	2
Don Kelley	2
ERnie Roales	2
Jeff Jackson	2
Jr. Crowe	2
April Arnold	1
Carolyn Dornburg	1
Dawn Boerner	1
Don Beaman	1
Gabe Fehribach	1
James Shade	1
John McCarthy	1
Larry Pearsall	1
MacKenzi Crowe	1
Marc Boerner	1
Paul Dornburg	1
Steven Backer	1
Terry Davis	1



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 1



## **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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1. If you want to stop getting this newsletter by snail mail, please tell me and I'll make sure you get it by email, or you can download off the [sirscca.org](http://sirscca.org) website.
2. If you want to get something in this newsletter you must tell me, pointedly, like, "I'd like you to put this in the newsletter." Or "I have something of interest for the newsletter." I'm all ears.

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### **Upcoming Events – All Times Central**

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Snow Buster Fun Autocross, Roberts Park, Evansville, 7:00 AM Setup course begins, 8:00am Tech and Registration open, 9:30am Tech and Registration close, 9:30am Guided course walk, 10:00am Drivers meeting, 10:30am 1<sup>st</sup> car off

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Club Membership Meeting, Smitty's Italian restaurant, Franklin Street, Evansville, IN  
Gather at 6:00 pm and eat dinner, 7:30 club business meeting, please attend.

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm, "Westside Something" road rally, Penny Lane Coffee House, 600 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> street, Evansville, IN

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am, Patch Party Cut Day, Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Patch Party Dig Day, Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 pm, April Board meeting, Aldersgate UMC, 5130 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Patch Party Fill Day, Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL