



The Pit Stop



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January RE Report



Hey all you Kool Kats and Kittens (lol Tiger King never gets old). It seems like Dave Lehrschall and I seem to keep passing the baton back and forth. This year I am back in the position of Regional Executive. Honestly, I am super excited to be back in this role and to have my awesome husband, Jonathan Crowe (JR), as my second in command as the Assistant Regional Executive. While 2021 is very unknown at this point, I am praying, like I know you all are, that it is better than 2020.

2020 was not a good year for anyone much less with Covid-19 going on.

Obviously, this still creates a problem with participation in our club this year, but my hope is with the new vaccines and the precautions being taken that maybe we can finally get back to some sort of normal. I miss seeing everyone's faces, giving high fives, giving hugs, and just hanging out together.

Even with all the crazy going on the Southern Indiana Region has an exciting new year ahead of it! Your Southern Indiana Region Board of Directors have been hard at work planning our 2021 calendar of events and scheduling supporting activities. There are always a lot of things going on between our meetings and competitive events. The Board takes the winter months to try and square away all the upcoming events, gets proper paperwork completed, and get the proper approvals from everyone. Honestly, it can get overwhelming at times, but we would not have it any other way. We love Racing and we love our Region.

As we start off a new year, I want to share one of my 2021 goals for the Southern Indiana Region. This isn't just my goal, but I know a goal for our membership as a whole. I hope to increase participation in Southern Indiana Region activities by our membership. I believe this increased participation maintains the survival of our Region. Even, though we cannot do as many social activities we can still spread the word about events by social media, Zoom, FaceTime, and so much more. I am encouraging each our members to try to introduce someone new to what we do. We will all work together to grow participation, stay safe, and have fun. This should be a great year for the Southern Indiana Region!

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SIR SCCA BOD Meeting, December 1st, 2020

- **Call to Order** by Regional Executive Dave Lehrschaft at 7:00 pm
- **Visitor Introductions & Welcome** – no visitors
- **Officer Reports**
 - ⊖ **Secretary** – Ernie is absent, Paul will take the minutes Ernie Roales
 - ⊖ **Treasurer** – We have \$11,012.53 on hand, all bills are current Bob Sonntag
 - ⊖ **Activities Chair** – Carrie has resigned, Dave is acting in her place. Dave is up to speed on points spreadsheet for 2021. All “old” service plaques and trophies have been sent to owners/winners.
 - ⊖ **Assistant Activities Chair** – nothing to report Barry Beaman
 - ⊖ **Pit Stop / Website** – Stories/materials submission deadline is December 30th. I’m working to get previous newsletters sent to the International Motor Racing Research Center for archiving. I’ve signed us up for the Speed Waiver program. There will be more information about it soon. I sent an email to the club list looking for old hard copies. Paul Dornburg
 - ⊖ **Women’s Chair** – nothing to report MacKenzi Payne-Crowe
 - ⊖ **Advisor to the Board** – A new SCCA sanctioning process is being developed and Terry is testing it and making recommendations. Bob and Paul have discussed a road rally that starts and ends in Evansville & Owensboro. It would have a starting point in each place and would end up back at the starting point. Insurance has been an issue since there would be 2 starting points. They will work on a solution so entrants can start and end in their hometown. Terry Davis
 - ⊖ **Assistant Regional Executive** – “It’s really good to be here” Jonathan “Jr.” Crowe
 - ⊖ **Regional Executive** – Ernie Roales and Dave have discussed getting the trailer repaired, specifically the back door. It will be towed to Ernie’s garage to be repaired. Dave Lehrschaft
- **Old Business**
 - ⊖ Tri-State Championship (Invite Western KY, Central IL, Southern IL, and others) – Paul Dornburg – Other regions expressed reluctance in attending an event like this in 2021 so it will be shelved for this year.
 - ⊖ Nov 29 Fun Autocross (Roberts Park) – This event was cancelled because of COVID concerns.
 - ⊖ Other
- **New Business**
 - ⊖ **Bowler Midwest Muscular Challenge*** event Terre Haute support (May 14-15, 2021) – Paul Dornburg explained that our part in the event would be setting up a course and running the event. We would set up the course Friday afternoon and run the event all day Saturday. There is a question about an email the SCCA national office sent out about SCCA members supporting non-SCCA events. Paul will find out if that affects us supporting this event. This event would pay Berry points for working it. Paul will find out if there is a reduced rate hotel for the event. We’d need about 10 club members to commit to support this event and we will talk about it at the next few club meetings.
 - ⊖ **Coming Events’ Prep:**
 - February Rally and Autocross online classes (scheduling, focus?) – As we go forward, we will decide how to get these events done. We don’t see a change in our COVID policy for 2021. We will check into Solo Safety Steward online training and see if the SCCA will be offering any classes. The rally school presents a different issue as we won’t be doing any indoor sessions face to face.
 - “Snow-buster” Fun Autocross (Options?) – We will discuss this more in the future. The concerns for an Evansville event at Roberts Park have not changed. How will we keep the event headcount to the required size? There have been too many spectators at previous events which doesn’t bode well for us staying under any government guidelines.
 - Dec 8 Membership Meeting (Agenda Topics?)
 - ⊖ **Activities Chair**
 - Carrie resigned; Dave Lehrschaft has taken over duties
 - Paul and Dave reviewed spreadsheet and file access
 - Bob received trophies and plaques
 - ⊖ Zoom account – The Board voted to create a club account for meetings. Login data will be provided to meeting organizer. Dave will create the account and send the bill to Bob to be reimbursed.
 - ⊖ 2021 Notes: MacKenzi Crowe to take over RE duties next month.
 - ⊖ Other:
 - VET Motorsports puts Vets in cars at SCCA type events. Dave will be the contact person to this organization and will see what he can do to arrange event attendance for Vets.
 - Indian award nominees: The Board will send their nominee(s) to Dave by next Tuesday of next week.
 - Charity choice: Because we are a 501(c)3 foundation we must donate to a charity every year. After a little discussion regarding what foundations are appropriate a motion was made to donate \$100 to the MAAC (Mid-American Air Center) Foundation. The motion was seconded and approved.
- **Next Meetings**
 - ⊖ Membership Meeting – Dec 8, 2020 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm via ZOOM® and at Smitty’s Italian Steakhouse, 2109 W Franklin St, Evansville, IN 47712, USA
 - ⊖ Board Meeting – January 5th, 2021 from 7:00 to 8:00 via ZOOM®
- **Adjournment at 8:25 pm.**

SIR SCCA Member Meeting 12/8/2020

Call to order by RE Dave Lehrschall at 7 PM with 10 present via Zoom

Officer Reports

- **Secretary** - ERnie Roales read minutes of the November club meeting, motion by Dave Lehrschall to accept the minutes as read, second by Bob Sonntag, motion carried
- **Treasurer** - Bob Sonntag reported that the club bank balance is \$10,912.53 after \$100 donation to the Lawrenceville/Vincennes Airport Foundation.
- **Pit Stop** - Paul Dornburg, the article submission deadline is December 30th. The Board Page/Contacts on website is being updated
- **Activities Chair** - Carrie Moore has resigned. Dave has taken over the position.
- **Assistant AC** - Barry Beaman, nothing to report
- **Advisor** - Terry Davis, insurance and sanctions on hold until 2021
- **Women's Chair** - MacKenzi Crowe, absent
- **Assistant RE** - Jr. Crowe, absent
- **Regional Executive** - Dave Lehrschall reviewed the history and past winners of the Traveling Gymkhana/Autocross trophy.
- A draft of the 2021 events calendar was reviewed

Recent Events

- Thanksgiving Leftover autocross canceled due to COVID

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, January 5th, Board meeting
- Tuesday, January 12th, Membership meeting
- Both will be held via Zoom

Door Prize, No one guessed the secret number so Paul Dornburg wins

Meeting ended at 7:37 with 12 present

2020 for Ernie Roales

The year, like everyone's, did not get off to a great start. With COVID-19 and all my plans to do an early spring autocross trip south were dropped as was my plan to do many Great Lake Division autocrosses. With our revised schedule they were all conflicting dates.

I was able to get around a little bit though with trips to the South Bend Region, Columbus Region and a 2-day event at Rantoul with the Champaign County Sports Car Club (not SCCA sanctions) all resulting in trophies. I also did my first Pro-Solo at Grissom Air Center. If you have never done a Pro Solo it is a quite different and fun format with drag strip starts, mirror image courses and 4 runs within minutes.

As for our events the Civic Type R did well for the 1st four events until the transmission dropped first gear at the fifth. A move to the Corvette for the last 2 events, dropped me 7 spots in the yearlong standings. Damn all weather tires.

Sue and I did very well in the Rally events winning B class in 6 of 7 events to tie for the year end traveling trophy. The Richta app brings a new confidence level to rallying. Rallying is something more of our members should do. Keep the shiny side up.

Ernie Roales

January Anniversaries

Dennis Elliott	01/01/1971	50	Yrs
Janalee Bootz	01/01/1974	47	Yrs
Wilson Welch	01/12/2012	9	Yrs
Breeze Grav	01/13/2015	6	Yrs
Stacey Grav	01/13/2015	6	Yrs
Josh Johnson	01/15/2016	5	Yrs
Dawn Boerner	01/31/2019	2	Yrs
Marc Boerner	01/31/2019	2	Yrs
Robert Ehrhard	01/02/2020	1	Yrs

January Birthdays

Lee Lingo	1/3
Tatsuo Noda	1/5
Wilson Welch	1/6
Gene Young	1/7
Evan Russell	1/10
April Arnold	1/12
MacKenzi Crowe	1/15
David Lehrschall	1/16
Alice Goebel	1/17
Dave Hostetter	1/25
Cooper Lilly	1/26
Wayne Gowland	1/26
O D Davis	1/26
Scott Campbell	1/29
Dennis Elliott	1/30

Members who joined or rejoined in 2020

April Arnold
Matthew Beasley
Cathy Condi
Andrew Davis
Dr. Kenneth Dilger
Robert Ehrhard
Leonard Goff
Wayne Gowland
Philip Green
Kristoffer Griffin
Jared Hatcher
Kurt Krodel
Corey Marts
Eric Marts
John Mathias
Michael Mounlio
Jennifer Mounlio
Mark Otto
Randall Price
Wanda Schwartze
Emma Schwartze
Patrick Uebelhor

2020 for Dave Lehrschall

My Southern Indiana Region 2020 R.E. memories include frustration surrounding our changing events' plans, fear that we might not do enough to create the safe COVID-19 event environments, and then a real sense of pride in our organization after the membership successfully and safely completed full rally and autocross championship seasons.

The online meetings were not as "personable" as our regular get-togethers, but we used them to develop and inform our members of our COVID-19 event policy and schedule updates. I think we made the most of a bad situation.

I enjoyed both the rally and autocross seasons. I spend a lot of physical and mental prep time on autocross and thoroughly enjoy the competition. This past year brought a lot more excitement to rally events. We're using the Richta, GPS-based apps to setup and participate now. As a course designer, I found a lot more flexibility in my checkpoint plan options and greater accuracy in the event results. As a competitor, I enjoyed the immediate performance feedback as I passed each individual checkpoint. Because we did not have to limit the number of checkpoints based upon a small number of volunteer workers, we had more checkpoints and shorter timed rally legs. This gave us more feedback per event and allowed those would-be workers to participate in the rally.

We all strive to score a "zero" on a rally leg. This normally means that either we arrived right on time or we accurately calculated and "bought time" to make up for a late checkpoint arrival. I scored my first "zero" in 2020! It was great. I had been competing in SCCA rallies for 15 years and finally got it exactly right. I was doing fist pumps and screaming, "I got a zero", to the rally master and assistant as I passed them. They weren't so impressed. Afterwards, they explained that I had passed an on-course checkpoint which sends everyone a "zero" signal as they pass the checkpoint. I took a little ribbing for this. Suellyn and I did record a zero a couple of events later. It was nice. Added to several single-digit scores during the event gave us the win in A-class that day. I'm sure I (and the rally master) will remember my first "zero" a lot longer!

Next year, Suellyn and I are going to go after the A-class rally competition more seriously. I don't want to give everything away, but I'm designing a console-mounted holder for a combination of electronic devices and promising Suellyn "winner's sprinkles" for her navigating efforts!

My new year's autocross resolution is to get more seat time. The 2021 PAX for F-Street has taken an adjustment hit and I can't imagine any further mechanical improvements other than buying a BMW. Seriously, the SIR F-Street competition has gotten better as Jon and Brent are outdriving the rest of us. It's time for me to get it together and step it up to the level these guys are running,
Dave Lehrschall

The Dornburg 2020 Adventure

As the COVID-19 was unfolding in late February, Carolyn and I talked about minimizing our exposure to the virus. We are both of the age that has been identified as more susceptible. We had just finished a couple of weeks of some odd, miserable respiratory illnesses and didn't want to be exposed to any more germs. I contacted Terry and told him of our concerns and that I would not be sharing the car. He was understanding and promptly started looking for a new Porsche. (I'm guessing here, but he did get a new car soon after the season started)

Then I turned to Carolyn and said, "I need you to be my co-driver to warm up the car." She said "Okay." I was surprised at her answer but excited to have her driving. So, we started with a crash course in reading an autocross course. She really surprised me at the Snow Buster. She improved steadily and seemed eager to learn more. Suddenly there were all kinds of questions about autocross courses, how to drive them, and how the events were scored. When we finally got to autocross again, she was still eager to drive. She had concerns about things but pushed through those fears and drove well. Sunday evenings were spent discussing the course, driving habits, and handling the car. We made a trip out to a parking lot and she learned how to shuffle her hands on the steering wheel. That was a big help. Sometimes a little knowledge can be dangerous. There were times she questioned me about the tire pressures being correct because the car was sliding around on her. The 2-year-old tires didn't help but it made her aware of the tires sliding on the pavement.

In July we started going to the site on Saturday to help set up the courses and continued that practice all year. That helped her read the course and made a big difference in finding her way. We spent a lot of time talking and getting our lingo straight. I'd say this and she'd think that. I've been racing since 1974 and there's so many things I do without thinking. I really had to work hard to say the right word or phrase so she would understand what I was trying to say. Carolyn said she'd be an event marshal at our last event and helped get the layout right so everyone could follow it. You may have noticed a lot more pointer cones on the courses. You can thank Carolyn for those. She was relentless in making sure those pointers were in line of sight and to not be confusing. And while all this was going on, I was looking over my shoulder at Jr. Crowe, John Schwartze and Mike Mounlio. Could I stay ahead of all the kids? In the end, we survived the year, and I won my 9th autocross championship. We are looking forward to 2021 with new tires and masks.

SIR/SCCA 2021 Calendar - tentative

January				
1.05	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM
1.12	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM
1.18	Mon		M L King Day	
February				
2.02	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM
2.09	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM
2.15	Mon		President's Day	
2.20	Sat	10:00 AM	Rally School by Bob Sonntag	TBD
2.27	Sat	10:00 AM	Patch Party Preparatory Visit	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
March				
3.02	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
3.06	Sat	10:00 AM	Patch Party Preparatory Visit (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.07	Sun	7:00 AM	Fun Autocross - "Snow Buster" - Dornburg/Davis	Roberts Park, Evansville
3.09	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
3.13	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Cutting Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.14	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7)	TBD
3.20	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.21	Sun	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It - if needed	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.27	Sat	8:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
April				
4.02	Fri		Good Friday	
4.03	Sat	8:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.04	Sun		Easter Sunday	
4.06	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
4.13	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
4.18	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7)	TBD
May				
5.01	Sat	9:00 AM	Test and Tune Autocross - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.02	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) - Region Challenge - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.04	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
5.09	Sun		Mother's Day	
5.11	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
5.14	Fri	2:00 PM*	Midwest Musclecar Challenge (NOTE: 2:00 Eastern Time)	Terre Haute International Airport
5.15	Sat	8:00 AM*	Midwest Musclecar Challenge (NOTE: 8:00 Eastern Time)	Terre Haute International Airport
5.23	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	TBD
5.31	Mon		Memorial Day	
June				
6.01	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
6.08	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
6.12	Sat	9:00 AM	Ladies Autocross - M. Crowe	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.13	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7) - M. Crowe	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.20	Sun		Father's Day	
6.26	Sat	9:00 AM	PCA Autocross	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.27	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
July				
7.04	Sun		Independence Day	
7.06	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
7.11	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.13	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
7.25	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7) "Ice Cream Rally" - Paul Dornburg	Dairy Queen, 3022 E 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303
August				
8.03	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
8.08	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7)	TBD
8.10	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
8.22	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7) - Tri-Something Again - Paul Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.31	Tue	TBD	Sept. Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
September				
9.05	Sun	All Day	Solo Nationals Travel Day	
9.06	Mon		Labor Day	
9.07	Tue	All Day	Solo Nationals Begin	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
9.11	Fri	All Day	Solo Nationals End	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
9.11	Sat	All Day	Solo Nationals Travel Day	
9.14	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
9.19	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
October				
10.03	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.05	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
10.10	Sun		Spare AX date	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.12	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
10.24	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	TBD
November				
11.02	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
11.07	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)	TBD
11.09	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
11.25	Thu		Thanksgiving	
11.27	Sat	End of Day	Awards Banquet Reservations Are Due!	Respond to treasurer@sirscca.org
December				
12.03	Fri	6:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Rolling Hills County Club, Newburgh, IN
12.14	Tue	TBD	Christmas Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD

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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Myth 10: Driving In Deep is Faster

Late braking and “dive bombing” the corners feels faster and often gets you closer to the car in front, but it is usually not the quickest way around the track. Such heavy braking prematurely slows the car before mid-turn. Also, it almost always upsets the car. Many entry handling problems can be traced to late braking and solved by backing up the entry.

A quick change from acceleration to deceleration doesn't allow the natural motion of the suspension to assume the chassis new attitude as a result of the change in the longitudinal and lateral forces. Letting off the gas earlier, braking softer and later, and rolling the corner, allows the car to smoothly transition into the new forces creating more stability and more retained grip, that translates into faster turn segment speeds and a car that is ready to accelerate sooner.

Upcoming Events – All Times Central

5	JAN, TUE	● 7 – 9pm	SIR Board Meeting On-line
12	JAN, TUE	● 7 – 8pm	SIR Membership Meeting Online
2	FEB, TUE	● 7 – 9pm	SIR Board Meeting On-line
9	FEB, TUE	● 7 – 8pm	SIR Membership Meeting Online