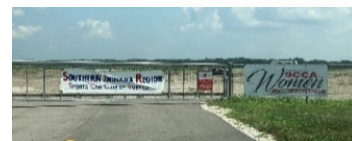




# The Pit Stop



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## February RE Report



Sometimes I talk about the months of December through April as our Southern Indiana Region's "downtime." I need to correct this. We have all kinds of stuff going on during this period. While we do not have championship rally or autocross points events during this time, it is certainly not a quiet time. Many of our members are working on adjustments to their cars hoping they can improve on last season's performance.

Aside from the individual wrench-turning there is a lot of work going on to prepare for our 2021 season. A draft calendar is our usual starting point. We work to avoid holidays and scheduling too many championship points events in a short period of time. Three or four weekends of competition in a row may suit some but we know that our members have other interests and responsibilities, so we try to include open weekends between our events. Working from the draft, we submit a proposal to the authorities at the

Mid-American Air Center (MAAC) in Lawrenceville, IL for our autocross schedule and usage plan. These dates must be set in place months in advance to arrange for events' insurance approvals. After we receive the MAAC's schedule approval the plan is submitted to the FAA. The FAA approval is not a sure thing. They take activities on secure sites very seriously. The MAAC and FAA expect users of the airport property to not only pay for the usage, but to also respect the property. Our annual concrete repair work is more than an autocross supporting activity. Bob Sonntag does a great job of explaining how along with our usage fees our investment in concrete and repair man-hours benefits the MAAC. We need the MAAC, and these Patch Party efforts are critical. Once these autocross dates are confirmed we go forward with requesting SCCA sanctions and insurance for these dates. Our calendar is tweaked as needed and then released for publication. SIR informational flyers and schedule cards are then printed.

We have early autocross-related activities beginning with our Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> Patch Party Preparatory Visit at the Lawrenceville-Vincennes Airport, Lawrenceville, IL. This is typically a board activity, but all are welcome to attend. Areas of the autocross site that are to be repaired or expanded will be marked this day. If you'd like to have input on the areas of the site that need to be repaired, please join us. Please check our calendar for all the Patch Party Cut, Dig, and Fill dates and e-mail me if you plan to attend or have questions. ([re@sirscca.org](mailto:re@sirscca.org)).

**Unfortunately, the Snow Buster Autocross, for Sunday, March 7th, 2021 at Roberts Park in Evansville is CANCELLED!!!**

Membership meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month and our Board of Directors meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM (Central). Our next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9th, at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse on Franklin Street in Evansville or ZOOM®. We'll begin meeting informally around 6:30 PM, and then start the meeting at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there or by ZOOM®!

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## SIRSCCA BOD Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2021

Call to Order RE: MacKenzi Crowe @6:32 pm

### Officer Reports

- **Secretary** – Ernie Roales, absent, Paul taking minutes.
- **Treasurer** – we have \$10,988.18 funds available not including the current newsletter payment. A \$100 donation has been made to the Mid-American Air Center Foundation. Bob Sonntag
- **Activities Chair** – We, Terry and Dave, are planning a very simple road rally for the Kiwanis and may include SIR entrants and may be a point event. Dave Lehrschall
- **Assistant Activities Chair** – Nothing to report. Barry Beaman
- **Pit Stop** – Deadline for article submissions is Wednesday, 1/27/2021. The website is updated with the December newsletter and board forwarding addresses have been updated. All board members now have access to region reports on SCCA website. Paul Dornburg
- **Women's Chair** – absent. Dawn Sturgeon
- **Advisor to the Board** – In a vote, Terry Davis was nominated and voted in as the 2021 board advisor.
- **Assistant Regional Executive** – "I'll take a hard pass." (nothing to report) Jonathan "Jr" Crowe
- **Regional Executive** – Dave and I seem to be passing the baton back and forth. MacKenzi Crowe

### Old Business

- 2021 Calendar – The calendar is good to go and is in the January Pit Stop. Dave will work on getting event marshals. Dave will contact Richard Grav about attending the February 27<sup>th</sup> Patch Party survey trip to the autocross site to map out repair work. Most of the board will be going on the trip. Dave will share our event dates with VET Motorsports so they can plan to attend our events.
- 2020 SIR Tax Filing / Accountant Bob and James Shade. Bob will contact James about helping with the tax process. The tax filing status is needed to renew our charter. The process is ongoing.
- Trailer Work-day Plan (Ernie's garage – Robison, IL) Dave is going to bring the trailer to his house for repairs. He has measured the size of the door and is sourcing parts.
- Other
  - Indian award for 2020 – The board members are to send the name(s) of those they feel are eligible for the award to Dave.
  - Dave is collecting annual trophies and service plaques.
  - The planning for the awards banquet will depend upon the status of the COVID-19.
  - Dave suggested using his ZOOM<sup>®</sup> account instead of establishing another one for the club. All agreed to do it for the foreseeable future. Dave will instruct MacKenzi how to host a meeting.
  - If a club member wants an annual waiver, contact Dave or Paul for instructions.
  - Bob has not done any planning for a rally school mostly because of lack of interest from the members.
  - Solo Safety Steward training will be done by the SCCA. Paul will find out when the training will be given and inform the members.
  - Bob has gotten approval from the glider club to position a storage locker next to a glider building. He will talk to Kurt, the airport manager, to make sure what we are considering is okay with the airport.

### New Business

- MAAC Patch Party Survey Team – The Patch Party survey team will consist of Dave, Ernie, Barry, Richard, Terry, Bob, and Paul. (the usual suspects) Club members can also participate.
- Patch Party Promotion / Leader – Paul and Dave will coordinate emails regarding the Patch Parties and they will be held as indicated on the schedule. The planned work can be done with less physical work and more areas can be repaired.
- Fun Autocross – Snow Buster 3/7/2021 – The situation with the COVID-19 virus is not better than it was when we cancelled the November autocross. A motion was made by Terry to cancel it. The motion was seconded by Paul and passed unanimously. We are not going to have the Snow Buster autocross.
- Website Calendar, Flyers, Cards – calendar should agree with spreadsheet schedule
- 2021 SIR Charter Renewal – SCCA website data up to date, deadline for submission is 2/15/2021
- Midwest Muscucar Challenge on 5/14 & 5/15 – Paul told Mark we will put on the autocross for the event. The course map is drawn for the event. Paul will follow up with Mark telling him of our intention to do it.
- Tire Rack Street Survival – Dave will talk with the SCCA organizer and see what the plans are for 2021.
- Other
  - Sanction applications have been processed for the 2021 autocross season at Mid-American Air Center. We are waiting for the certificates to be approved and issued.
  - Rally sanctions will be done as the dates and starting location for each rally is determined.
  - Dave will give Bob a letter to take to Smitty's restaurant regarding our use the large room on the second Tuesday of each month.

### Next Meetings

- Membership Meeting – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM<sup>®</sup> and at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, 2109 W Franklin St, Evansville, IN
- Board Meeting – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM<sup>®</sup>

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

# SIR/SCCA Member Meeting, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Opening by RE MacKenzi Crowe at 7:03 with 13 present via Zoom®

## Officer Reports

- **Secretary** ERnie Roales directed everyone to Pit Stop for last month's meeting minutes.
- **Treasurer** Bob Sonntag reported a balance on hand of \$10,900.81 and reviewed 2020 income/expense statement.
- **Pit Stop editor** Paul Dornburg announced the deadline for newsletter submissions is 1/23/21.
- **Activities Chair** Dave Lehrschaal will go over schedule in Upcoming events.
- **Assistant Activities Chair** Barry Beaman, nothing to report.
- **Women's Chair** Dawn Sturgeon, absent
- **Advisor** Terry Davis, nothing to report.
- **Asst. RE** Junior C. announced Annual Waiver arm bands are on order.
- **Regional Executive** MacKenzi Crowe, presenting PowerPoint slides.

## Upcoming Events

- The Snow Buster autocross scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> is canceled.
- The 2021 calendar was reviewed by Dave Lehrschaal.
- Any local Tire Rack Street Survival events are on hold per Dave Lehrschaal.
- The Patch Party survey and planning excursion will be on Saturday, 2/27/2021.
  - Saturday 3/13 Cut Day
  - Saturday 3/20 Dig Day
  - Saturday 3/27 Fill Day
- Quick Patch will be used to affect repairs which may minimize the amount of hard labor needed to complete repairs.
- SSS Training is to be held on-line during the SCCA National convention as per Paul Dornburg.

The door prize was won by Terry Davis.

Upcoming meetings:

- Board meeting, Tuesday, 2/2/2021
- Membership meeting, Tuesday, 2/9/2021

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Jackson, second by Terry Davis, passed by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 with 14 present via Zoom®

Welcome to 2 newest club members, Graham and Cooper Wink. The Wink's live in Evansville and joined us on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We hope to see them at one of our online member meetings or at an event.

Member	Total Berry	Meeting Berry	Fun Berry	Work Berry	AX Berry	Rally Berry	Points
Steve Backer	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barry Beaman	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jim Cannon	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jr. Crowe	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
MacKenzi Crowe	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Terry Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Dornburg	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dean Fehribach	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Jackson	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Don Kelley	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Lehrschaal	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
ERnie Roales	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bob Rothermel II	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bob Sonntag	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Danny Woodard	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

### February Anniversaries

Michael Smith	2/1/1971	50	Yrs
Jeffrey Jackson	2/1/1978	43	Yrs
Greg Goebel	2/1/1980	41	Yrs
Don Kelley	2/19/2004	17	Yrs
Terrence Keating	2/27/2008	13	Yrs
Robert Rothermel II	2/14/2017	4	Yrs
Debra Rothermel	2/14/2017	4	Yrs
Jacob Campbell	2/9/2018	3	Yrs
Scott Campbell	2/9/2018	3	Yrs
James Williams	2/1/2019	2	Yrs
John Warren	2/20/2019	2	Yrs
Mark Otto	2/2/2020	1	Yrs
April Arnold	2/5/2020	1	Yrs
Kristoffer Griffin	2/14/2020	1	Yrs

### February Birthdays

Eric Marts	2/3
Stacey Grav	2/4
Stuart Nathan	2/6
Shane Suits	2/7
Dr. James Butler MD MPH	2/8
Philip Green	2/8
John Warren	2/11
Carolyn Dornburg	2/16
Kurt Krodel	2/16
Jared Hatcher	2/17
Sean Lips	2/17
Don Kelley	2/17
Ernest Roales	2/21
Emma Schwartze	2/27

## SIR/SCCA 2021 Calendar

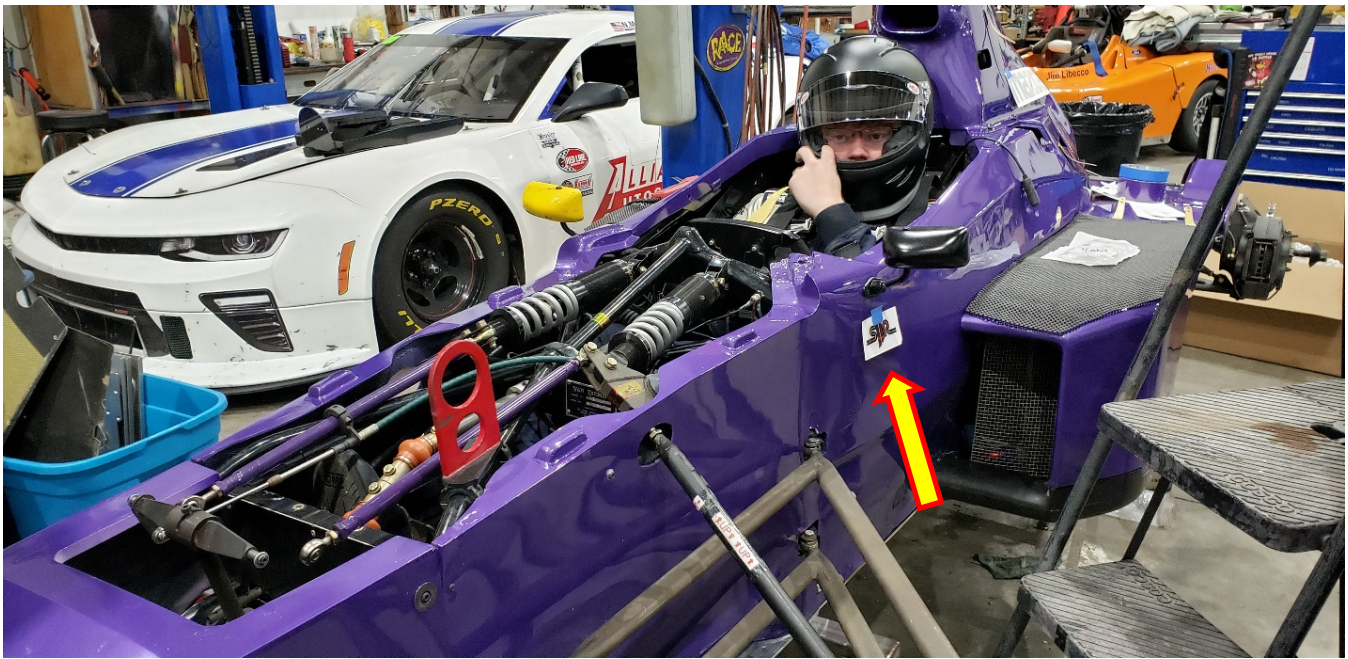
January				
1.05	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
1.12	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ®
February				
2.02	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
2.09	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ®
2.27	Sat	10:00 AM	Patch Party Preparatory Visit	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
March				
3.02	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
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" - CANCELLED	Roberts Park, Evansville
3.09	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ®
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				
4.03	Sat	8:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.06	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
4.13	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ®
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) - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.04	Tue	TBD	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
5.11	Tue	TBD	Membership Meeting	TBD
5.14	Fri	2:00 PM	Midwest Musclicar Challenge	TBD
5.15	Sat	8:00 AM	Midwest Musclicar Challenge	TBD
5.23	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	TBD
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
6.26	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				
7.06	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	
9.07	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
11.27	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

## Gabe Fehribach Racing

The new car is nearly complete, with only a new set of Hoosier tires and an Aim Technologies barrel camera yet to arrive. Gabe spent Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Alliance Autosport getting a weight check of himself as well as tweaking the fit of his safety equipment and pedals with his engineer Al Hostettler. While there Friday, the newly painted wing elements and shock cover arrived, so they aren't in the photo because they aren't mounted yet.

Gabe hits the track on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for testing and practice at the Circuit of the Americas racetrack outside Austin, Texas. The two Hoosier Tire Super Tour races that weekend promise to be hectic but exciting with 42 cars registered as of January 26<sup>th</sup> in the fast, big-bore open-wheel race group. In all, more than 200 cars will be run in seven different race groups.

As a bonus, the SIR decal can be seen in the photo where it will be affixed to the car. And, yes, that Camaro GT-2/TA-2 can be rented if anyone wants to have a go! Dean



The Patch Party Preparatory visit is coming up on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Prep visit is to map out the areas of the autocross course that need repairs. The group will meet at the site at 10 am, weather permitting, and walk all the areas of the site marking the concrete with spray paint and recording the marked spots on a course layout. If you'd like to see what goes on and why the decisions are made regarding what gets fixed, join us that morning. Send a note to MacKenzi at [re@sirscga.org](mailto:re@sirscga.org) stating your intentions. Although it's not a labor-intensive event it will give you the chance to be around your autocrossing friends and perhaps have some input as to what is repaired. The day usually goes like this; meet at 10:00 am, exchange greetings and discuss how good or bad the weather is, start walking the course paying particular attention to areas that can be fixed that will allow us to run a different pattern or enhance a current area to allow for a different route. Spray paint around the areas to be repaired and mark them on the layout. When the whole area has been surveyed, we pack up and head for home. The head surveyor will finalize the map and make plans for the repair days most likely presenting the map of areas to be fixed at the March membership meeting. Join us if you can. Paul

# 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. 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

2	FEB, TUE	7 – 9pm	SIR Board Meeting On-line
9	FEB, TUE	7 – 8pm	SIR Membership Meeting Online and at Smitty's Restaurant
27	FEB, SAT	10am – 2pm	Patch Party Prep Visit Lawrenceville-Vincennes Airport
2	MAR, TUE	7 – 9pm	SIR Board Meeting On-line
7	MAR, SUN	All day	CANCELLED - Snow Buster Autocross Roberts Park, Evansville, IN 47711, USA
9	MAR, TUE	7 – 8pm	SIR Membership Meeting Online and at Smitty's Restaurant