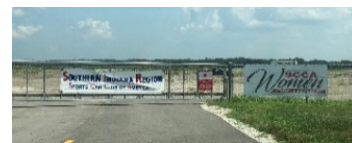




The Pit Stop



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March RE Report



To be honest, writing the monthly Pit Stop RE report is always the hardest task for me. Thankfully, I've found that our Southern Indiana Region has great stuff going on year-round due to the efforts of many dedicated members. Additionally, I want to say thank you to everyone who is always there whenever I have hundreds of questions.

This report is going to be more of a reminder of our upcoming events. I am so excited for this racing season to begin. Our Autocross season is set to start earlier this year! The Southern Indiana Region's BOD has worked on a more aggressive calendar for 2021.

A reminder that the **MARCH SNOW BUSTER AUTOCROSS IS CANCELLED.**

However, our Autocross program officially kicks off May 2nd with our first points Autocross by Dave Lehrschall. Dave always puts together a fun course, so it should be great.

However, to get to that point let's not forget about the Patch Party days coming up.

Patch Party workdays are so important to our season as we all want a clean surface to run on. The Patch Party Days this year are all Saturdays, March 13th, March 20th, at 9:00 am (Central) and March 27, 2021 at 8:00am (Central) this year. Please come ready to work. Additionally, if you work a full Dig or Fill day you can qualify for our Bonus (Runs) Program. This means you would get an extra run during the first session, all year long for working one day. If you work two days, you will get an extra run during the first and second sessions all year long. If you work all 3 days the Board will have something for you, they just haven't determined what it is. One run per session may not sound like much, but it gives you one 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.

Our rally program is getting ready to take off as well. The first points rally, A π Day Yummy by Bob Sonntag, is scheduled for Sunday, March 14th, 2021. Sign up at motorsportreg.com or use this link: <http://msreg.com/2021rally1> If you think you would like to be a rally master this season, please contact Dave Lehrschall for more information.

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 2021 Southern Indiana Region's calendar. Membership meetings will still be held on the second Tuesday of each month and our Board of Directors meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse in Evansville or by Zoom. We'll begin meeting informally around 6:30 PM and then start the meeting at 7:00 PM (Central). We hope you will join the meeting.

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A π Day Yummy, Rally #1 of the 2021 Season

The rally season opens on March 14 with the "A π Day Yummy" Time/Speed/Distance rally from the back lot of Washington Square Mall. The rally will depart from the eastside of the mall. Plan accordingly. We will gather in the Café Court area.

This will be a simple (I hope) rally using the Richta GPS Checkpoint system with quite a few "on course" checkpoints...which won't pay candy bars like zeroing scored controls will.

Tech and entrant check-in will run from 12:30 to 1:00 with the first car out about 1:30. The cost is \$30/car. Non-SCCA drivers will have a \$10 SCCA weekend membership requirement too.

Here is the link to register for the rally on motorsportreg.com: <http://msreg.com/2021rally1>

Novice and first timers interested in a quick introduction to road rally terms and concepts should arrive at noon. This training should be applicable to all SIR/SCCA rallies and will make for a better experience.

The food offerings at the mall are a Noble Roman's Pizza and KC's Timeout Lounge.

The mall's street address is 4800 South Green River Road, Evansville, Indiana 47715.

Bob Sonntag
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SIR SCCA BOD Meeting - February 2nd, 2021 via ZOOM®

Call to Order at 6:42 PM & welcome to everyone by ARE Jonathan Crowe, MacKenzi was sick.

Officer Reports

- **Secretary**-Ernie Roales, minutes were read and accepted.
- **Treasurer**-Bob Sonntag, we have \$10,844.94 and bills are current.
- **Activities Chair**-Dave Lehrsfall, nothing to report now.
- **Assistant Activities Chair**-Barry Beaman, nothing to report.
- **Pit Stop**-Paul Dornburg, the February Pit Stop is in the mail, and the due date for submissions in 2/24/21.
- **Women's Chair**-Dawn Sturgeon, absent.
- **Advisor to the Board**-Terry Davis, on vacation, joined remotely.
- **Assistant Regional Executive**-Jonathan "Jr" Crowe, nothing to report.
- **Regional Executive**-MacKenzi Payne-Crowe, absent, not feeling well.

Old Business

- 2021 Calendar – any updates? Rally masters? AX event marshals?
 - Bob is waiting on the Mid American Air Center for confirmation of requested autocross dates. Bob will do the 1st rally on March 14th.
- 2020 SIR Tax Filing update
 - Information has been sent to James Shade for processing
- 2021 SIR Charter Renewal – deadline for submission is 2/15/2021.
 - Everything is submitted except 2020 taxes, (Ed. Note: process is complete, 2020 taxes are not needed until next year, 2019 tax filing already submitted)
- Midwest Musclecar Challenge – update
 - Paul has had no further communication with Bowler. They are exploring possibilities for their social events in Indiana as well as Illinois and will contact Paul when they have decided what they are doing.
- Trailer Work outcome
 - Door repair is complete, and trailer is back at the airport.
- Tire Rack Street Survival – table for the time being?
 - TRSS planning is tabled for the time being.
- Website Calendar, Flyers, Cards, update
 - Website calendar is up to date and updated as new information becomes available.
- Other
 - Dave has updated COVID-19 document and will upload it to our website.

New Business

- MAAC Patch Party Survey Team plan for 2/27/21
 - Areas to be repaired will be marked with different colors representing either quick-patch or cut, dig, and fill work process.
 - The expectation is that there will be more quick-patch areas and less cut, dig, and fill areas.
- Patch Party Promotion by Leader
 - Patch parties will be promoted via emails and at the March membership meeting.
- SCCA convention update
 - Paul gave a quick update on the first virtual SCCA convention.
- Other
 - Ernie said he obtained helmet and tech stickers for the upcoming competition season.

Next Meetings

- Membership Meeting – February 9th, 2021 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM® and at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, 2109 W Franklin St, Evansville, IN 47712, USA
- Board Meeting – March 2nd, 2021 @ 6:30 pm via ZOOM®

Adjournment at 7:32 PM with 7 attendees.

SIR/SCCA Member Meeting, February 9th, 2021

Opening by RE MacKenzi Crowe at 7:01 PM with 18 attendees via Zoom®

Officer Reports

- **Secretary**-ERnie Roales read the January meeting minutes.
- **Treasurer**-Bob Sonntag reported a balance on hand of \$10,802.09 and there are still patches in inventory.
- **Activities Chair**-Dave Lehrschall will go over schedule in Upcoming events.
- **Assistant Activities Chair**-Barry Beaman, absent
- **Pit Stop Editor**-Paul Dornburg announced the deadline for newsletter submissions is 2/24/21.
- **Women's Chair**-Dawn Sturgeon, absent
- **Advisor**-Terry Davis, made application for MMC sanction and insurance on May 14th & 15th
- **Assistant Regional Executive**-Jr. Crowe, announced Annual Waiver arm bands are here
- **Regional Executive**-MacKenzi Crowe, all counties except Vanderburgh are in single digits for COVID-19 cases, presenting PowerPoint slides.

Upcoming Events

- The Snow Buster autocross scheduled for March 7th is canceled.
- The 2021 calendar was reviewed.
- Midwest Muscucar Challenge, still waiting on Mark Bowler to reply.
- Tire Rack Street Survival – May be one at the Porsche Parade in July.
- Any local Tire Rack Street Survival events are on hold per Dave Lehrschall.
- The Patch Party survey and planning excursion will be on Saturday, 2/27/2021.
 - Saturday 3/13 Day 1
 - Saturday 3/20 Day 2
 - Saturday 3/27 Day 3
 - Quick Patch will be used to affect repairs which may minimize the amount of hard labor needed to complete repairs.
- SSS Training was held on-line during the SCCA National convention as per Paul Dornburg.
- SCCA Convention update: Women on Track is tomorrow at 10:00 am, Bob reviewed the SCCA convention GPS rally seminar put on by Rich Bireta.
- March Rally, motion was made, seconded and passes to hold a rally on Sunday, March 7th, Bob will resurrect an old rally.

The door prize was won by Graham Wink. Graham is a new member and was at his first membership meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

- Board meeting, Tuesday, 3/2/2021
- Membership meeting, Tuesday, 3/9/2021

Motion to adjourn by Jr. Crowe, second by Dave Lehrschall, passed by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 with 18 attendees via Zoom®



March Birthdays

Evan Shade	3/01	Ron Jochum Sr.	3/13
Noah Fehribach	3/02	Barry Schonberger	3/14
Lauren Kincaid	3/08	Paul Condi Jr.	3/28
Mike Freeman	3/10	Darlene Cannon	3/28

SIR/SCCA 2021 Calendar

March				
3.02	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM®
3.09	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM® OR Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
3.13	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party Day 1	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.14	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7) - A π Day Yummy - Bob Sonntag	Behind Washington Square Mall, 4800 S Green River Rd, Evansville
3.20	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party Day 2	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.21	Sun	9:00 AM	Patch Party - if needed	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.27	Sat	8:00 AM	Patch Party Day 3	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
April				
4.02	Fri		Good Friday	
4.03	Sat	8:00 AM	Patch Party Day 4 rain date if needed	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.04	Sun		Easter Sunday	
4.06	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
4.13	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ® OR Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
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	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
5.09	Sun		Mother's Day	
5.11	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ® OR Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
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
5.31	Mon		Memorial Day	
June				
6.01	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
6.08	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ® OR Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
6.12	Sat	9:00 AM	Ladies Autocross - MacKenzi Crowe	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.13	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7) - MacKenzi 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	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
7.11	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7) - Quick & Dirty Ver. 7.11 - Ernie Roales	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.13	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ® OR Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
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	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
8.08	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7) - Bi-State Rally - Ernie Roales	Vincennes, IN
8.10	Tue	7:00 PM	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	7:00 PM	Sept. Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
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	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ® OR Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
9.19	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7) - The Art of Autocross - Carolyn Dornburg	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	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
10.10	Sun		Spare AX date	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.12	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ® OR Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
10.24	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7) - The Hunt for Orange October - Dave Lehrschall	First Federal Bank, 4920 Davis Lant, Evansville, IN
November				
11.02	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM ®
11.07	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7) - Windy Hollow Adventure - Carolyn Dornburg	Windy Hollow Restaurant, 8260 KY-81, Owensboro, KY 42301, USA
11.09	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM ® OR Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
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	7:00 PM	Christmas Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD

March Anniversaries

Tom Bootz	03/01/1972	49 yrs	Darwin Graham	03/23/2017	4 yrs
Harold Davis	03/17/1998	23 yrs	Danny Woodard	03/12/2018	3 yrs
Ron Jochum Sr.	03/03/2008	13 yrs	Shane Suits	03/12/2019	2 yrs
Karen Davis	03/30/2009	12 yrs	Dr. Kenneth Dilger II	03/02/2020	1 yr
Dennis Duke	03/08/2011	10 yrs	Jennifer Mounlio	03/07/2020	1 yr
Drew Gerth	03/14/2012	9 yrs	Michael Mounlio	03/07/2020	1 yr
Russell Luckett	03/11/2017	4 yrs	Eric Marts	03/16/2020	1 yr

Gabe Fehribach Racing

Gabe and the team were recently at Circuit of the Americas (COTA), which is a current Formula 1 and IndyCar track composed of 20 turns. This would be Gabe's first trip to this track. It is very technical (as F1 tracks are) and long at 3.41 miles.

Race 1 on Saturday was interrupted at Turn 1 on Lap 1 when 9 of the front runners piled up, bringing a black-flag-all. After an extended time of cleaning up, the group was given an opportunity to go back out in a Green/White/Checker two-lap shoot-out. Gabe started 8th in class, finishing 7th.

Race 2 on Sunday was shortened from 35 to 30 minutes in a reduced schedule due to the previous day's issues in his and the Spec Miata groups. Apart from a short double-yellow for a car stopped on the edge of the track near Turn 16, the race went full-on for 13 laps. Gabe again started 8th and again finished 7th and set his fastest lap of the weekend on lap 10.

His first weekend back in the car since his horrific wreck last July went very well. He appeared focused and excited to be back in the fight.



← Those cars behind Gabe's Mazda-powered Formula Enterprises 2 are called *Spec Racer Fords* (SRF). They are extremely popular in the SCCA along with the *Spec Miata* (SM). The Miatas and SRF's are the two most popular race classes due to being relatively inexpensive (as racing goes), spec-based, and highly competitive. The white SRF's are team-owned rentals that a father and son duo rented for the weekend. The red and black car is privately owned and sponsored by the Indiana based Jennerjahn Machine, who make machines for packaging.



→ Rolling out for qualifying. In the car, Gabe is lying down so his feet are right under the red tow-hook near the-front of the car. See the SIR decal? The team thought it was odd we would put it on the car, but we thought it'd be kind of cool.



← This is a great shot of Gabe in "The Carousel", which is a flat-out, high-speed, high g-force horse-shoe shaped area of the track. Wings and good Hoosier rubber help the car stick to the track under high side load g-forces. The faster you go, the better the grip, oddly enough.



→ Here's a wide-angle view of Gabe in the Carousel. In the background is Turn 1 at the top of the hill then the big drop to Turn 2 and the Esses that follow.

This story is courtesy of our roving reporter, Dean Fehribach.

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	MAR, TUE	● 7 – 9pm	SIR Board Meeting On-line
7	MAR, SUN	● All day	CANCELLED - Snow Buster Roberts Park, Evansville, IN 47711, USA
9	MAR, TUE	● 7 – 8pm	SIR Membership Meeting Online and at Smitty's Restaurant
13	MAR, SAT	● All day	Patch Party Day Lawrenceville-Vincennes Airport
14	MAR, SUN	● 12:30 – 3:30pm	Points Rally #1 - A π Day Yummy by Bob Sonntag 4800 S Green River Rd
20	MAR, SAT	● All day	Patch Party Day Lawrenceville-Vincennes Airport
27	MAR, SAT	● All day	Patch Party Day Lawrenceville-Vincennes Airport

	2021 Points	Berry Points	Meeting Points
Barry Beaman	2	2	2
Jr. Crowe	2	2	2
MacKenzi Crowe	2	2	2
Terry Davis	2	2	2
Paul Dornburg	2	2	2
Jeff Jackson	2	2	2
Don Kelley	2	2	2
Dave Lehrschall	2	2	2
ERnie Roales	2	2	2
Bob Rothermel II	2	2	2
Bob Sonntag	2	2	2
Steve Backer	1	1	1
Jacob Campbell	1	1	1
Scott Campbell	1	1	1
Jim Cannon	1	1	1
Carolyn Dornburg	1	1	1
Dean Fehribach	1	1	1
Larry Pearsall	1	1	1
Randall Price	1	1	1
Graham Wink	1	1	1
Danny Woodard	1	1	1