



The Pit Stop



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January RE Report

When is the off season? The Crowes need a break. Oh well it's our own fault for having a Christmas display with over 200 inflatables spread across half the block. All the fun begins now after the deep freeze, snow, and rain. It will take a few weeks to dry them out and get them stored away. Speaking of the Christmas season, the SIR banquet at Rolling Hills was a great time. This was one of my favorite ones. Huge thanks to all who worked to put on this fabulous event.

The next event we had is one of my personal favorites. The December Board meeting at the Lehrschall's home. Dave and

Suellyn put on the best meeting full of food, drinks, and just a really good time. I want to personally thank them again in this letter for all they did to accommodate the Board. Thanks Dave and Suellyn.

Our next couple of events are the Board meeting via ZOOM on January 3rd and the membership meeting at Smitty's on January 10th. The Board will be talking event schedule for 2023 at the next meeting if you want any input join the meeting.

Nationally, the SCCA conventions are firing up soon see the full details later in this newsletter.

I also want to thank all of the Board members and advisors for a successful 2022 season. I might be the RE but the men and women who serve with me are the ones who make it all happen. Thank you so much for all you do!

Lastly, I want to thank our membership of SIR. Our club doesn't exist without our members and the support of the organization.

I look forward to a fun filled 2023 of rallies, autocrosses, meetings, and heck, maybe a BBQ. See you all there,
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2022 Annual Awards and Christmas Banquet December 2nd, 2022

The annual Awards and Christmas Banquet were again held at Rolling Hills Country Club. After adult beverages and conversation Rolling Hills excellent cuisine was served. Followed by the business session opened by Junior Crowe at 8:39pm.

Guests:

- Brian and Susan Skaggs
- Brittany Davis guest of Daniel Evenson
- Amy Epley guest of Jason Epley

Officer Reports

Motion By Terry Davis 2nd by Jim Cannon to dispense with report- passed

Terry Davis's "Seek another Opportunity" rally results were presented, please see Web Site/Pit Stop for results

Awards

Rookie Trophy:

- 3rd place, Ryan Pearsall
- 2nd place, a tie, Spencer Skaggs and Tim Suddarth
- 1st place, Daniel Evenson

Rally Trophies:

- 3rd place, a tie, Ernie and Sue Roales, Dave and Suellyn Lehrsall
- 2nd place, a tie, Harold Davis and Jim Cannon
- 1st place, again, Terry Davis and Bob Sonntag

Autocross Trophies:

- 3rd place, Jonathan (Jr.) Crowe
- 2nd place, Jon Schwartz
- 1st place, again, Paul Dornburg

Berry Points Trophies:

- 3rd place, ERnie Roales
- 2nd place, Jim Cannon
- 1st place, Paul Dornburg

Junior introduced the 2022 Board and presented Service Plaques

Junior reviewed highlights of year including patch parties, email drivers meetings and increase use of Motorsportreg.com

Service pins were presented by Secretary Bob Sonntag

Joining in 2022 – Just Mentioning

- Marcus Bittner
- Jarrod Davis
- Paul Finney
- Bill Fulk
- Phil Gilbert,
- Jonathan Grutza
- Eric Lookofsky,
- The Metz clan – Cameron, Jeff, Morgan, & Stacey,
- Ryan Pearsall
- Gary Scarbrough
- Eric Shade
- Patrick Stealey
- Randy Syring
- Braydon Vaal
- Zachary Woods
- Kent Young
- Daniel Evenson
- Spencer Skaggs

5 Years

- Darwin Graham
- Russ Lockett
- Larry Pearsall
- Bob Rothermel

- Jon Schwartz

10 Years

- Drew Gerth
- Cooper Lilly
- Sean Lips
- Wilson Welch
- Susan Roales
- Honorable Mention: *Dave Lehrsall – SCCA in 2004, SIR 2012

15 Years

- Reggie Sandy

20 Years

- Steve Backer

25 Years

- Gene Young

30 Years

- Jim Cannon

50 Years – Presented at the November meeting (except for Tom) and now with SCCA lifetime memberships

- Mike Freeman
- Terry Davis
- Tom Bootz

The 2023 Board was introduced.

Motion by Bob Sonntag 2nd by Jeff Jackson to adjourn before THE GAME.

SIR SCCA Board meeting December 13, 2022

Called to Order at 7:30 PM by RE Junior Crowe

Officer reports

- **Secretary:** Ernie Roales, it was moved to accept previous meeting minutes as published in the Pit Stop, a 2nd was made by Terry Davis, the motion was passed.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag, the balance on hand is \$5,436.16 with all transactions current.
- **Activities:** Dave Lehrschall, a reminder that we have 30 bags of Quick Set left for course repair.
- **Pit Stop Editor:** Paul Dornburg, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday, 12/28. He asked for updated emails, phone numbers for the Board contact list.

Old Business

- Banquet: Bob Sonntag, the banquet went well but with prices rising we need to consider an alternate venue.
- "New" Trailer: Junior Crowe, it will need to be moved soon, still needs tires and a plan for refitting it. We need to find it a temporary home in the Evansville area so we can work on it.

New Business

- Paul Dornburg:
 - 2023 prelim calendar is out but needs some revisions pending review
 - We will compare our autocross schedule with Kentucky region's schedule to allow members to attend both. The KY region autocrosses at NCM Motorsport Park in Bowling Green. They do not have a Louisville site despite the region being based in Louisville.
 - We discussed the Bowler event with no conclusions made. Paul will talk with Mark Bowler to find out his plans.
 - Tuesday, February 14th is the second Tuesday and our usual club meeting date, but because of Valentine's Day, we moved the meeting to Wednesday, February 5th. Smitty's is always crowded on Valentine's Day, and we want to avoid being displaced, which is what happened the last time Valentine's Day fell on the second Tuesday.
- We discussed possibly sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive to raise community awareness of the club.
- Bob Sonntag asked if we should schedule a practice rally?
- Bob Sonntag moved to donate \$200 to MAAC Foundation. A 2nd was made by Ernie and passed by all.
- Bob Sonntag states we have a new ZOOM account for meetings; Dave, Paul, and Bob will test it by doing a ZOOM meeting on MSR updates.
- We expect to continue having James Shade complete our club taxes.
- Paul Dornburg, this year is the SIR 70th anniversary. Should get decals to celebrate? See Jeff's suggestion in his ARE article in this Pit Stop.
- We discussed restarting lunches at autocrosses.

A motion was made by Terry Davis, 2nd by Paul Dornburg to adjourn. Passed by all at 8:26 PM

Next meetings:

- Board meeting Tuesday, January 2nd 6:30 PM via ZOOM
- Membership meeting Tuesday, January 10th at Smitty's. Gather 5:45 meeting at 7PM

AREmarkable Anniversary

Certainly, 2023 marks the advent of a new competition season for Southern Indiana Region, but did you know the new year marks a milestone in SIR history? Chartered in 1953, this year marks the 70th anniversary of our organization! Perhaps our Charter has the actual date listed, but if memory serves, I believe SIR's actual birthday will fall in August 2023.

In all candor, our Region generally doesn't mark anniversaries. I joined in 1978 which would have been the 25th anniversary, but I don't recall any special recognition of that fact. Nor did we mark the 50th anniversary back in 2003. Past history notwithstanding, should we celebrate this landmark accomplishment in some way? I'm not suggesting some sort of formal celebration wingding, but perhaps a commemorative decal/sticker might be appropriate?

I'd like some feedback from our members to determine if this topic should be pursued any further. No big deal either way...don't know about you, but I plan to still be around for the real biggie, our 75th in 2028.

Jeff Jackson - Assistant Regional Executive

2022 Autocross Season

Repairs to the autocross site at Mid-American Air Center used a lot of quick setting patch material instead of the usual concrete. That's not to say we didn't do a lot of concrete work, we did, but we also were able to fix more areas with a lot less digging. We've seen that some of the quick-patch repairs haven't held up well and we'll need to address that before starting the patch work this year. A 2-block section on the north side became unusable and will have to be addressed in the 2023 repair work.

The first event of the year was supposed to be the "Snow Buster" at Roberts Park, but it was canceled for lack of entrants. As it turned out the weather wasn't good anyway.

The actual first event was a Test and Tune on Saturday April 30th followed by points event 1 on Sunday, May 1st. The "Riley's Run" autocross #1 was designed by Dave Lehrschall and was what could be called our traditional counterclockwise (CCW) course. Paul Dornburg had the quickest raw time while Cooper Wink had the quickest indexed run. Dornburg topped the autocross points for the day.

The next event was supposed to be the "Ladies Autocross" on Saturday, June 11th but it was canceled for lack of entries. The next day Dawn Sturgeon's "I Scream Cone" took place going clockwise (CW) around the site with a challenging tight course for autocross #2. Jon Schwartz had the quickest raw time for the day. Paul Dornburg had the quickest indexed run and topped the autocross points for the 2nd event.

Next up was autocross #3, Ernie Roales' annual "Quick & Dirty Ver. 6.26" which had its usual nasty bits while maneuvering around the site CW. The original course design started at the terminal end of the course but was changed during setup to the traditional start area. For the second event in a row Jon Schwartz had the quickest raw time while Dornburg was quickest in indexed time for the 3rd time while also topping the autocross points.

Jon Schwartz designed his first autocross course, "Follow the 'S' Curve" for autocross point event #4. It included a very tight "S" right off the start line and 3 Chicago boxes while going CCW around the site. Dornburg topped the charts with the quickest raw time, indexed time, and won the autocross points.

Paul Dornburg's "YEE HAW", autocross #5, began with a long slalom and ended with a long slalom. It varied from the original design to avoid a section on the north side of the site that has gotten progressively worse over the summer. The results were the same as the previous event as Dornburg had quickest raw and indexed time and topped the autocross points.

Carolyn Dornburg designed the course for her "Art of Autocross" points event #6. It used a course similar to event #1 but with more slaloms. Paul Dornburg was again the quickest in raw time and indexed time but was pipped by Jon Schwartz for autocross points by .024 of a second. Jon put together 2 quick indexed runs to beat Dornburg.

Bob Sonntag designed the CCW "Points Racing" course for our last points event of the season. It threaded its way through the site with a nasty sharp right hander after the start slalom. In all it had 3 slaloms all with the same spacing. They tested your ability to quickly thread your way through the cones. 2022 B Street Solo National Champion, Brandon Porambo, was on hand and showed everyone why he won the championship by taking the quickest raw time, the quickest indexed time, and the autocross points.

The last autocross of the year was scheduled to take place on the Sunday after Thanksgiving but was cancelled for lack of entries. As it turns out it was a cold, rainy day and no one was sad it was cancelled.



For the fifth consecutive year, and the 11th since 2001, Paul Dornburg won the points championship. His first 6 championships were in a 1973 Porsche 911T Targa. In 2017 he realized he wasn't going to be able to keep up with the younger competition in the 911 so he bought a 2018 Porsche Cayman GTS. It certainly was the right move as he has been at the top of the point standings since he got the car. Dornburg was the high point man at every event except the last 2. Twice, he was demoted, once by

Jon Schwartz and the other by Brandon Porambo. He still earned enough points to beat Jon Schwartz by 102 with a total of 5999 just 1 point from the perfect 6000.

The battle for second place was a close one as Jon Schwartz beat Jr. Crowe by 36 points. Jon was having a good year staying ahead of Jr. until his Hoosiers began wearing out at event 4. After event 4 Jon had a 16-point lead over Jr. After event 5 Jr. had a 17-point lead over Jon. A new set of tires for event 6 restored Jon's quickness when he garnered the top spot in the autocross points and Jr. was a no show because of tow vehicle problems. Jr. wasn't able to beat Jon at the last event which cemented Jon's second place in the points and left Jr. in third.

Barry Beaman garnered 4th place with 5764 followed by 5th place Jim Cannon with 5738. Don Beaman was 6th with 5733, just 7 points ahead of Ernie Roales who had 5726. Steve Backer came home 8th with 5675 ahead of 9th place John McCarthy with 5673. Rounding out the top 10 was Jeff Jackson with 5631. Carolyn Dornburg was the highest finishing female in 11th.

		Final							Low	
	Final Autocross Points	Score	AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	AX6	AX7	Score
1	Paul Dornburg	5999	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	999	980	980
2	Jon Schwartz	5897	979	991	997	955	955	1000	975	955
3	Jr. Crowe	5861	960	987	986	973	988	0	967	0
4	Barry Beaman	5764	972	969	955	939	958	971	0	0
5	Jim Cannon	5738	991	982	987	0	982	914	882	0
6	Don Beaman	5733	950	958	962	931	961	970	932	931
7	ERnie Roales	5726	963	971	953	0	972	960	907	0
8	Steve Backer	5675	944	962	964	932	0	966	907	0
9	John McCarthy	5673	916	945	965	952	946	949	0	0
10	Jeff Jackson	5631	943	0	937	933	943	949	926	0
11	Carolyn Dornburg	5552	918	918	927	897	938	928	923	897
12	Jason Epley	5454	0	919	888	883	928	923	913	0
13	Dawn Sturgeon	5453	898	909	918	903	902	923	878	878
14	Jacob Campbell	5421	910	925	925	880	926	0	855	0
15	Bob Sonntag	5270	852	868	885	879	877	886	875	852
16	Daniel Evenson R	5195	0	873	875	851	858	895	843	0
17	Michelle Deutsch	5139	804	829	872	820	878	888	852	804
18	Richard Grav	4737	964	899	961	959	954	0	0	0
19	David Lehrschall	4560	0	887	922	908	890	953	0	0
20	Spencer Skaggs R	4554	879	913	924	912	0	926	0	0
21	Terry Davis	4552	920	0	0	896	922	932	882	0
22	Larry Pearsall	3837	804	750	783	0	0	750	750	0
23	Morgan Metz	3773	0	750	759	764	750	750	0	0
24	Drew Gerth	3596	881	917	0	888	0	910	0	0
25	Graham Wink	2940	975	987	0	978	0	0	0	0
26	Cooper Wink	2919	977	956	0	986	0	0	0	0
27	Brent Sturgeon	2849	944	958	0	947	0	0	0	0
28	MacKenzi Crowe	2706	0	922	901	883	0	0	0	0
29	Jeff Metz	2665	0	869	0	0	903	893	0	0
30	Darwin Graham	2618	0	897	854	0	0	0	867	0
31	Randall Price	2487	858	0	0	0	879	0	750	0
32	Chase Reising	2410	0	0	0	750	845	0	815	0
33	Brandon Porambo	1987	0	0	987	0	0	0	1000	0
34	Bradley Anderson	1918	956	0	0	0	962	0	0	0
35	Corey Marts	1874	937	0	937	0	0	0	0	0
36	Danny Woodard	1782	913	0	0	0	0	0	869	0
37	Samuel Reshad R	1663	822	0	0	0	0	841	0	0
38	Tim Suddarth	1645	0	0	0	0	0	829	816	0
39	Marci Backer	1516	0	0	0	750	0	766	0	0
40	Don Kelley	974	974	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Patrick Ubelhor	949	0	0	0	0	0	949	0	0
42	Kurt Krodell	935	0	935	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Jamsheed Reshad	925	925	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	James Nichols	922	0	0	0	922	0	0	0	0
45	Caleb Scarbrough	904	904	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	Gary Scarbrough R	902	902	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Scott Campbell	892	0	0	0	892	0	0	0	0
48	Barry Schonberger	861	0	0	0	0	0	0	861	0
49	Kyle Finney R	858	858	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	Eric Shade	858	858	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	Rob Minton	855	855	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Nathan Reshad R	848	848	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	Wanda Schwartz	790	0	0	0	0	0	0	790	0
54	Stacey Metz	781	0	781	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	Eric Marts	778	778	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	Jeff Reising	760	0	0	0	760	0	0	0	0

Includes only SIR members

Final Rally Points	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Low	Total
1 Bob Sonntag	27	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	2	29
1 Terry Davis	27	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	2	29
2 Jim Cannon	24	5	4	4	2	4	2	5	2	26
2 Harold Davis	24	5	2	5	2	2	5	5	2	26
3 ERnie Roales	23	4	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	25
3 Dave Lehrschall	23	2	5	5	4	5	0	2	0	23
3 Susan Roales	23	4	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	25
3 Suellyn Lehrschall	23	2	5	5	4	5	0	2	0	23
4 Paul Dornburg	21	2	2	2	5	0	5	5	0	21
4 Karen Davis	21	5	2	5	2	2	5	0	0	21
5 Jr. Crowe	16	2	0	0	4	5	5	0	0	16
5 Josie Crowe	16	2	0	0	4	5	5	0	0	16
6 Darlene Cannon	8	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	8
6 James Hurm	8	0	0	2	0	0	4	2	0	8
7 Larry Pearsall	6	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	6
7 Ryan Pearsall R	6	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	6
8 Carolyn Dornburg	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
8 Don Kelley	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
9 Dawn Sturgeon	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4
9 Michelle Deutsch	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4
9 Rob Minton	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
9 Randall Price	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
9 Dean Fehribach	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
10 Kyle Finney R	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10 David Woods R	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10 Noah Fehribach	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
10 Marcus Bitner R	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10 Gabe Fehribach	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
10 Larry Ferguson	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10 Paul Walker R	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
10 Zachary Woods R	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

times. Harold Davis also paired with two navigators and won Class A three times even though his primary excellent navigator had an injury and couldn't compete in the last event. Jim and Harold tied for second in the final points.

- Dave and Suellyn Lehrschall tied for third in points with the Roales, winning Class A once.
- Jr. Crowe and his 9-year-old daughter Josie entered four events and upset the points totals with two Class B wins late in the year.
- Class A bettered Class B four times just like 2021. It may have been better luck than skill.
- Although they didn't win an event the team of Jim and James Hurm continue to impress in their open top MG. They debuted a 1959 twin cam car in the "66 2 60" rally.
- Our rally program participation improved some after taking a COVID hit in 2020 and 2021.

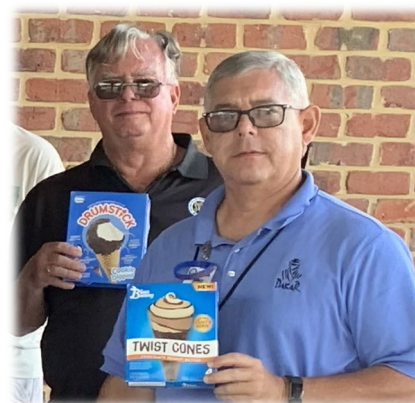
2022 Rally Champions, Terry Davis and Bob Sonntag.

2022 Rally Recap

2022 was a good year for Time/Speed/Distance rallies in the Southern Indiana Region. On behalf of those that rallied, many thanks to Bob Sonntag & Terry Davies (2), Dave & Suellyn Lehrschall (2), Paul & Carolyn Dornburg (1), Don Kelley & Paul Dornburg (1), and Harold & Karen Davis (1) as these members presented our seven rallies. We averaged more than seven cars and about 6 checkpoints this season. Our member classes were only contested twice with one car at two events.

We continue to use the Richta GPS Checkpoint system to make our rallies more fun for all. The Richta system provides instant checkpoint scores. It also eliminates the need for checkpoint workers which is a big plus for rally masters who don't have to find people willing to sit in a car in the countryside waiting for a car to come by. With the Richta system our routes tend to have more checkpoints. Even though they are remaining about the same length. The additional controls make our scores look better. It is just too hard to go significantly wrong (timewise) in short legs. A wrong turn takes just an instant to become a challenge to overcome. As I think back to the rallies this year, the highlights that come to mind are:

- Ernie and Susan Roales had a good year running in Class B, winning 3 times and finishing tied for third in the final standings.
- Jim Cannon's paired with two navigators through the season to win Class B twice and place second three



Introducing your 2023 Board of Directors



Regional Executive: Jonathan Crowe, also known as Jr., is starting his 7th year on the Board, his second as RE. He joined the SCCA in July of 2010 and was persuaded to join the board in 2016. His primary interest is autocross, but after he and daughter Josie did quite well in the rally season, rallies may be getting more of his interest. Jr. finished 3rd in the 2022 autocross points driving Kenzi, the Crowe family Porsche Cayman S. He was 6th in rally points and 12th in Berry points this year.



Assistant Regional Executive: Jeff Jackson rejoins the Board this year after previously serving as the Pit Stop editor in 1979, as ARE in 1981, and then twice as RE and Advisor to the Board from 1982-1987. Currently Jeff autocrosses his Porsche GT3 but joined SIR in 1978 with a 914. In the past, he's competed in two different RX7s, a 993 C2S, RS America, and Boxster. From 1989 through 1991, Jeff went road racing in the class then called Sports Renault. He's been to 11 Solo Nationals with a best finish of 17th in 1984 in C Street. In 2022 Jeff finished 10th in autocross points and 8th in Berry points.



Secretary: Ernie Roales has been an SCCA member since 2009 and is starting his 3rd year as club secretary. He intends to compete for all the club trophies in 2023 although his philosophy is to just compete and let the points accumulate. ERnie has been the event marshal for a few autocrosses known as "Quick & Dirty". In 2022 ERnie and his wife Sue were tied for 3rd in rally points. He finished 3rd in Berry points, 7th in SIR autocross points and was 2nd in D Street class in the Great Lakes Division Solo Series.



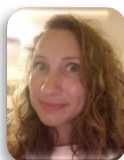
Treasurer: Bob Sonntag is a long-time SCCA member, 42 years, most of which has been spent on our board. His last break from the board was from 2001 to 2002 as a ripple of moving to Phoenix, AZ and back. He's held most of the positions available over the years. He's won the club's Berry Trophy many, many times as well as the Autocross and Rally trophies many times. He has received the Indian Award. His favorite SCCA activity is Time/Speed/Distance rallying. He enjoys putting them on as well as competing. In 2022, he was 4th in Berry points, 1st in rally points, and finished 15th in autocross points...running an SUV.



Activities Chair: Steve Backer replaces Dave Lehrschall on the Board after being a club member since 2002. Steve autocrosses a white 2015 Scion FR-S. He was 8th in 2022 SIR autocross points, and 13th in Berry points. He'll be the person who records your point totals for our programs and will also be asking people to be event chairs. He attends most of the club meetings and autocrosses so look for him there.



Assistant Activity Chairman: Jim Cannon takes over this job from Barry Beaman. Jim is no stranger to this job having held the title in years past. Jim finished 2nd in 2022 Berry points, he tied for 2nd in rally points, and finished 5th in autocross points. You'll see Jim at autocrosses when you check in and get tech'd.



Women's Chair: Dawn Sturgeon is now starting her 3rd year on the Board. She joined our region in 2016 and autocross is her primary interest although she has entered a few rallies. She has been to the Solo Nationals 3 times competing in D Street in her Subaru and most recently in F Street in her 2017 Mustang GT. In 2023 she was 13th in autocross points, 9th in rally points and 7th in Berry points. She has been nurturing her daughter Michelle in autocrosses for the past few years.



it Stop Newsletter editor: Paul Dornburg has been on the Board every year since 2000 except 2014. Paul joined the SCCA in 1996 and it took 4 years for Ken Andrew to talk him into joining the Board. Paul starts his 14th year as the newsletter editor. He also had a 5-year stint as Regional Executive 2006 to 2010. Paul's favorite club activity is autocrossing where he's been the autocross points champion for the last 5 years and 11 times since 2000. He also has a rally championship somewhere in the 20+ years he's been with the club. This year he was first in autocross points, 4th in rally points and 1st in Berry points.



Advisor: Although not an official Board member, Terry Davis has filled almost all the Board spots since joining the club back in 1972. (51 years!!) He attends almost all the Board meetings to offer advice, guidance, and history. He also makes requests for event sanctions for all our autocrosses and rallies. He's been going to the Solo Nationals for over 20 years and is a constant competitor in all our events. In 2022 he was 1st in rally points, 5th in Berry points, and 21st in autocross points.

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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for January 2023

As one year passes to the next, it's a natural time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. The issues I dealt with in 2022 ran the gamut from the absurd (a former member suing the club) to the glorious (attending my first Solo Nationals) and everything in between. I look forward to the third of my three-year term.

After returning on 12/4 from face-to-face BoD meeting in Kansas City, I was home for all of two days before I needed to head off to Indy for the PRI (Performance Racing Industry) show. I had not been to this event in many years (2010?) and was really looking forward to it. There were several EV related seminars I wanted to attend as well as other meetings. And, of course, there was the show floor with hundreds of thousands of square feet of racing related products, services, and all-around cool stuff. It was a worthy investment of my time and I'm glad I went.

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (12/6): We were alerted to the fact that Rick Harris is retiring as of 3/31/23. Rick has been the Road Racing Technical Manager for many years and is taking his well-deserved leave from the position. His deputy (Scott Schmidt) will assume the position so there will be continuity as we move forward. Discussion was held on the new T1 rules package and about allowing TCR cars into GT3. Letters to the CRB were reviewed. I reported that the EVAC had published two rules packages for public comment. We are planning on having two face-to-face CRB meetings in 2023. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Board of Directors (BoD) (12/12): We reviewed the CRB recommended updates and approved them. We discussed the results of the meeting on the Rally Cross program.
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (12/14): Our big day was 12/2 as we had the SCREV, electrified Prototype and electrified Touring class rules packages published for comment. We also met with Arnie Coleman (past Director and current Chair of the SCCA Foundation Board) and discussed regional grants. We also reviewed the EVAC letters in the CRB portal. There were a few that merited a deep conversation (homemade battery packs, fire suppression systems, etc.), so we agreed to have an ad hoc meeting in early January.
- BoD (12/27): I was not able to attend because I was at a pair of hockey games in Grand Rapids, MI (Go Green!). This was to discuss the Rally Cross program.

SCCA Events:

- BoD (face to face) (12/3): As mentioned above, I formally introduced final revisions of the SCREV and two rules packages (electrified Prototype and Touring) to the BoD. They were posted on the [SCCA site](#) for comment. The rest of the meeting seemed anticlimactic (to me anyway) as we ran through the usual details. Yes, we are in pretty good financial shape. We met the two new BoD members. We heard about subtle changes to the Club Racing program.
 - We heard about the big plans for the 50th Solo Nationals and the 60th Runoffs coming up in 2023. We also discussed revising the BoD structure to make it more effective (I can elaborate on this at the Spring Meeting in Fort Wayne).
 - The end result of some of the policy and program changes is that more and more membership and sanctioning tasks can be handled online. This frees up staff's time for more important issues. All that said, if you have problems renewing your membership or have other questions, please do not hesitate to call the office (800.770.2055) to get personalized help.

A quick reminder that the GLDiv Spring Meeting will occur on 3/3 and 3/4 at the same site as last year (Manchester University). A link for registering for the event can be found [here](#). The registration cost is \$30. An additional \$10 gets you a really nice pasta, salad and dessert dinner from Casa d'Angelo on Friday evening. The meetings will be across all programs, so I encourage all members to attend. With more programs under the SCCA banner these days, we need to focus on teamwork to help each region put on the best events they can.

As usual, Val McCammon is coordinating the event. She will send a "call for sessions" email soon. She also asked that I remind folks to contact her (pyramid@bluebirdview.com, 260.437.6707) with any topic or session ideas they would like to see.

Be sure and visit the [GLDiv website](#) for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you. Log in to your my.scca.com page and check.

As I mentioned previously, there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this [link](#) to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program [here](#). I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

Just a quick reminder, if any region out there wants to have an "Ask the Director" session during your monthly meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can schedule a visit. I retired last summer so I have plenty of free time and would thoroughly enjoy the chance to visit with your members.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

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SCCA National Convention Schedule Available



While many assume the Sports Car Club of America is built around hosting motorsports events, it's the gathering of people that built the Club. The first official SCCA meeting took place on Feb. 26, 1944. Nearly 10 months later, on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1944, SCCA hosted yet another gathering, but this time it was dubbed the first Annual Meeting. Seven Club members attended that gathering, but word of the SCCA was spreading. By 1950, the Annual Meeting attracted 125 members, with 200 showing up for the evening's dinner.

In modern times, the Annual Meeting is followed by the SCCA National Convention – and in 2023, the whole shebang will be held virtually and for free, as it was in 2021 and '22. If attendance in 2023 rivals that of the previous convention, expect north of 800 members to register.

The Annual Meeting and SCCA National Convention is a must-attend event for all looking to grow themselves as a member, improve their Region, and spread the love of motorsports.

The Jan. 19-27, 2023, SCCA National Convention, which kicks off with the Annual Meeting, is free for all Club members and takes place in the comfort of your own home via computer, phone, or tablet. So, click the register button below, then [read on to discover what's in store](#).

[Register Now!](#)

ADULT ANNUAL WAIVERS

SCCA Members over the Age of Majority (typically 18 years of age) can add an Annual Waiver digitally through the Member Account Portal.

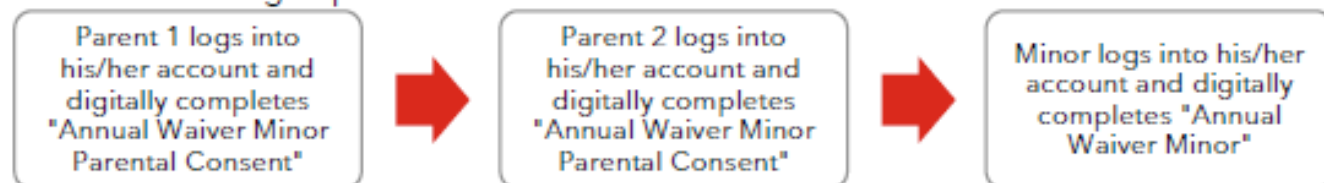
HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

1. Log in with your SCCA Member # at my.scca.com
2. Go to [Online Store - Licenses & Waivers](#)
3. Add "Annual Waiver Adult" license to cart
4. Be prepared to upload a photo of yourself
5. Follow the prompts at the top right of the screen
6. Complete checkout

MINOR ANNUAL WAIVERS

A minor taking part in an SCCA event as a competitor, on track participant, or volunteer or worker with access to restricted (hot) areas must have an **Annual Minor Waiver** on file for the calendar year. Age of Majority is 18 years except in AL and NE at 19; MS at 21.

The Annual Waiver Minor License will be issued to the Minor by the SCCA National Office when the following requirements are met:



HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

1. Login with your SCCA Member # at my.scca.com
 - a. Nonmembers can create a guest account to get a unique SCCA Member #
2. Go to [Online Store - Licenses & Waivers](#)
3. Add proper license to cart (see Parent & Minor instructions above)
 - a. Be prepared to upload a photo of yourself
 - b. Parents must have the Minor's name, date of birth & SCCA Member #
 - c. Minors must have names and SCCA Member #s for parents/legal guardians
4. Follow the prompts at the top right of the screen
 - a. Legal Sole Custodians must indicate **sole custody** with checkbox
5. Complete checkout

Digital Annual Waivers

Questions? Email membership@scca.com

WHAT'S NEXT?

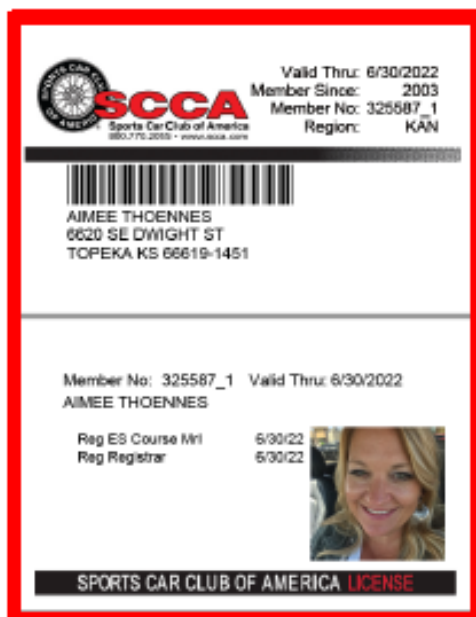
- Check inbox for email confirming "under review"
- Check inbox for email indicating status and next steps: active, incomplete or terminated (should arrive in less than 24 hours, not including weekends/holidays)
 - **Active:** waiver valid through December 31 - "ready to go!"
 - **Incomplete:** waiver invalid, requirements not yet met
 - **Terminated:** waiver invalid, photo not acceptable; process must be restarted

PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL WAIVER AT EVENTS

- An Annual Waiver is valid with an active membership
- Acceptable forms of proof of membership at events include physical or digital membership cards with 'Valid Thru' date equal to or after the event date:
 - Physical membership card prints when membership renews (once per year)
 - Digital membership card available 24/7/365 on any mobile device
 - Retrieve on demand at your convenience; card is always current
 - Add a shortcut to your phone's home screen
 - Tap "My Membership Card" from "My Profile Page"
 - Tap Share icon
(iPhone @ bottom, iPad @ top, Android @ menu icon, upper right)
 - Tap "Add to Homescreen" from the menu
 - Type in a name for your shortcut e.g. "My SCCA Card"
 - Tap "Add"



Members with horizontal membership cards **ARE REQUIRED** to sign SCCA Event Waivers.



Members with vertical membership cards **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to sign SCCA Event Waivers



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 automotive enthusiasts. 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 drivers and workers and various degrees of licenses are awarded based on knowledge, ability, and experience.

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January Anniversaries

Dennis Elliott	01/01/1971	51 yrs.
Wilson Welch	01/12/2012	10 yrs.
Stacey Grav	01/13/2015	8 yrs.
Cooper Wink	01/04/2021	2 yrs.
Graham Wink	01/04/2021	2 yrs.
Gary Scarbrough	01/28/2022	1 yr.

January Birthdays

Lee Lingo	1/3
Tatsuo Noda	1/5
Wilson Welch	1/6
Mary Woods	1/6
Gene Young	1/7
David Lehrschaal	1/16
Dave Hostetter	1/25
Cooper Lilly	1/26
Curt Hamilton	1/26
Bill Fulk	1/27
Dennis Elliott	1/30

TLDR:

- There will be a discussion about event fees at the January club meeting.
- Get an annual waiver or pay for the SpeedWaiver at each event.
- Tell Bob Sonntag if you have a suggestion for a different venue for the Awards Banquet.
- The 2023 schedule of events will be out soon.
- Talk to Jeff Jackson if you have any thoughts about how to celebrate SIR's 70th anniversary.
- We need a place in the Evansville area to store the "new" trailer we acquired so we can work on it.
- The SCCA National convention is online in January, and you can attend.
- Attend the January membership meeting at Smitty's and you might win a free event entry.
- The February membership meeting will be on the Wednesday after Valentine's Day.
- If you want to see your name/face/car in this newsletter you have to talk to me, Paul.
- No old Pit Stop this month. I couldn't find a January 1979 Pit Stop.
- **When buying from The Tire Rack start by using the link on our website:**
<https://www.sirscga.org/sponsors/> The club gets a sales commission from your purchase but only if you start with this link.