



The Pit Stop



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February RE Report

May I have your attention please? The competition days are upon us. We have a points event coming up in February. February 26th to be exact is our first rally of the season and I can hardly wait. I am looking forward to autocross just as much but let me tell you rallies are just as intense. My daughter and I are ready to go and hopefully can make a run at a podium finish this year.

The board has been working on a lot of new things to come this year. We have acquired

a "new to us" trailer. There have been a few talks about event schools, and maybe even some cross-region competitions. Watch future emails and letters for updates.

Do you know what's better than reading emails or this letter I write? Coming to the monthly membership meetings at Smitty's and giving us all your input in person. We have noticed a decline in meeting numbers over the last few years. I know COVID was a huge reason that we saw the decrease for a while, but now folks are out mingling again. We are a social club, and we really miss seeing all your smiling faces. We haven't had enough people coming

recently to even make me nervous to stand up and present.

I can't speak for all of the board, but I personally am super excited for the 2023 season. We had really close competitions in autocross last year and the rally was even closer. I see no reason this year won't be as good or better than the last. I hope to see many of you at the events. I challenge everyone who reads this to try something new in 2023. I hope its club related but if it's not go for it and good luck.
Jonathan "Jr." Crowe
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February ARE Report

At the risk of repeating information listed elsewhere, a bit of housekeeping first:

The February membership meeting will be WEDNESDAY, Feb 15th, NOT Tuesday, the 14th. Our usual second Tuesday meeting date would otherwise fall on Valentine's Day, not a good idea.

In my January PIT STOP article and at the January membership meeting I talked about ideas for SIR's 70th Anniversary in 2023. I regret to report that my recollection of our Charter Date was off by two months. Rather than 1953 as I presented, the SCCA National Office confirmed our actual Charter

Date was October 20th, 1952. My apologies to all for not doing due diligence rather than relying on my obviously flawed memory. As it turns out, 2023 marks our 71st year; our next anniversary of note will be the 75th anniversary in 2027.

Despite missing an important milestone in SIR history, there are other important issues to be discussed at the February membership meeting on WEDNESDAY, February 15th. On the agenda will be our annual Christmas Party/Awards Banquet and also consideration of entry fees for our 2023 events. We really need feedback from our

membership concerning the costs of the banquet and what course of action would be appropriate for our entry fees given the current rise in costs. Although ultimate resolution of these issues is the responsibility of the BOD, it is important that the Board of Directors consider all points of view and receives member feedback before action is taken.

Again, I regret misleading the membership about our anniversary and look forward to seeing you on WEDNESDAY, Feb 15th at Smitty's.
Jeff

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SIR/SCCA Board Meeting January 3rd, 2023

Meeting opened by Jr. Crowe at 6:30 pm

OFFICER REPORTS

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales, moved to accept minutes as published in the Pit Stop, 2nd by Terry Davis, carried
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag, emailed several reports to Board members and reviewed each of them. The account balance on hand is \$5,206.16.
- **Activities Chair:** Steve Backer, nothing to report.
- **Assistant Activities Chair:** Jim Cannon, absent, working.
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg, the deadline for submissions is the last Wednesday of the month, 1/25.
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon, absent.
- **Advisor to the Board:** Terry Davis, nothing to report.
- **Assistant Regional Executive:** Jeff Jackson had received an email from the SCCA regarding the 2023 charter renewal. The charter renewal is in process by Bob Sonntag and Paul Dornburg.
- **Regional Executive:** Jr. Crowe, nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new ZOOM account seems to be working well. Thank you, Bob, for setting it up.
- Trailer update by Jr Crowe. The wheel bearings are replaced, and the tire replacement is in process. We need to find a local place to store it.
- Bowler update: Paul Dornburg is still in contact with Mark Bowler but there is no decision yet.
- Charitable gift: Bob Sonntag donated \$200 to the MAAC Foundation.
- 2023 CALENDAR: Paul Dornburg is trying to resolve conflicts with Kentucky Region, Great Lakes Division, and National Events so members can try events at other sites.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Advisor:** A motion was made by Bob Sonntag, 2nd by Steve Becker, to have Terre Davis as Advisor. carried
- **Banquet:** The Rolling Hills CC is nice, but the turnout was low and the food was iffy. Smitty's and Log Inn were proposed as a replacement site. The issue will be discussed at the January membership meeting. Discussion was tabled until the March Board meeting.
- **Entry fees for 2023:** Bob Sonntag presented a chart of fees from 2022 and compared them to the 2023 fees we will earn with fee increase from National. An entry fee increase across the board to \$35 was proposed as well as an increase in weekend membership, The discussion was tabled until membership input at the January club meeting.
- **MotorSportReg.com training:** We have 4 administrators with MSR. Paul wants to use the SIR ZOOM account to educate the other admins on how the site works.
- **Pylons:** Bob Sonntag wondered if we wanted to buy more pylons this year. The consensus was no.

NEXT MEETING

- Board, February 7th at 6:30 via ZOOM. If you wish to attend, please contact secretary@sirsgca.org for a link
- Membership, Tuesday, January 10th, and Wednesday, February 15th at Smitty's. Gather at 5:45 for conversation and food.

SIR/SCCA MEMBER MEETING JANUARY 2023

Call to order by ARE Jeff Jackson at 6:59 P.M. on January 10th, 2023.

Officer Reports

- **Secretary:** Ernie Roales: Motion to accept previous Board meeting minutes as published in Pit Stop. Second by Terry Davis. Motion passed.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag: Balance on-hand \$5,262.16. Review of 2022 income and expenses. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Terry Davis. Second by John McCarthy. Motion passed.
- **Pit Stop Editor:** (reported by Jeff Jackson): Deadline last Wednesday of the month, 1/25. Bob Sonntag reviewed January club anniversaries and birthdays.

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- **Activities:** Steve Backer: Recruiting event marshals for both autocross and rally events. Do not be afraid. Help is available. Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis will do the 2/26 rally. Is there a need/want of a rally school? Those interested should contact Bob Sonntag via treasurer@sirscga.org.
- **Assistant Activities Chair:** Jim Cannon - absent
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon, nothing to report.
- **Assistant Regional Executive:** Jeff Jackson, nothing to report
- **Regional Executive:** Jr. Crowe, absent

Old Business

- Awards Banquet & Christmas Party -- Need member input as to location and dates for the 2023 edition.
- 70th SIR Anniversary -- Jeff Jackson heading. Need a consensus for what to do (decals/special events etc). Let Jeff know at assitantre@sirscga.org.
- The National Convention is online and convention registration is now open.
- 2023 annual waivers are now available online through the SCCA member portal.
- Patch parties being scheduled. Get those bonus runs! See our calender in Pit Stop or on the website.
- New trailer work is still in process. We're looking for a work site. Does someone in our group have access to a suitable workspace?
- Board meetings on Zoom. The region now has its own Zoom account. Anyone welcome to the board meetings. Contact Bob Sonntag at treasurer@sirscga.org to get the new link.

New Business

- First rally: February 26th by Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis.
- Fun autocross: Snowbuster autocross, 3/12, Roberts Park in Evansville, (weather permitting).

Next Meetings

- Board: 2/7 at 6:30 via Zoom
- Membership: 2/15 at Smitty's. Gather at 5:45 P.M. Meeting at 7:00. Note that the February membership meeting is on Wednesday, not Valentine's Day.

The attendance drawing free event entry was won by Bob Sonntag.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

I made some omissions in the January anniversaries and birthdays so here they are again as well as the February ones.

January Anniversaries again

Dennis Elliott	01/01/1971	51 yrs.
Jan Bootz	01/01/1974	49 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.

February Anniversaries

Michael Smith	02/01/1971	52 yrs.
Jeffrey Jackson	02/01/1978	45 yrs.
Greg Goebel	02/01/1980	43 yrs.
Don Kelley	02/19/2004	19 yrs.
Robert Rothermel	02/14/2017	6 yrs.
Jacob Campbell	02/09/2018	5 yrs.
Scott Campbell	02/09/2018	5 yrs.
John Warren	02/20/2019	4 yrs.
Mark Otto	02/02/2020	3 yrs.
April Arnold	02/05/2020	3 yrs.
Rob Minton	02/26/2021	2 yrs.
Marcus Bittner	02/27/2022	1 yr.
Jonathan Grutza	02/28/2022	1 yr.

January Birthdays again

Lee	Lingo	1/3
Tatsuo	Noda	1/5
Danny	Croslow	1/5
Mary	Woods	1/6
Wilson	Welch	1/6
Gene	Young	1/7
April	Arnold	1/12
MacKenzi	Crowe	1/15
Marcus	Bittner	1/15
David	Lehrschall	1/16
Dave	Hostetter	1/25
Cooper	Lilly	1/26
Curt	Hamilton	1/26
Terry	Davis	1/26
Bill	Fulk	1/27
Scott	Campbell	1/29
Dennis	Elliott	1/30

February Birthdays

Caleb Scarbrough	02/02
Eric Marts	02/03
Stacey Grav	02/04
Jason Epley	02/05
Stuart Nathan	02/06
Shane Suits	02/07
Dr. James Butler	02/08
Philip Green	02/08
Ryan Pearsall	02/11
John Warren	02/11
Carolyn Dornburg	02/16
Kurt Krodel	02/16
Don Kelley	02/17
Sean Lips	02/17
Ernest Roales	02/21
George Rector	02/23
Emma Schwartz	02/27
Morgan Metz	02/28

2023 Awards Banquet and Holiday Party?

Only 30 attended our 2022 Awards Banquet & Holiday Party held last December. That's not a particularly good turnout. The hit the treasury took made the evening a bit more expensive than planned. The poor attendance is a concern. Likewise, it wasn't possible to glean much guidance from the few at our January membership meeting.

A brief bit of background. Due to COVID-19 ripples, the 2020 and 2021 awards were presented at Smitty's. Only those receiving awards or service plaques were invited to attend. From 2014 through 2019, the average attendance at our awards banquet & holiday party was 43. The minimum was 36 and the most was 45. The 45 happened twice in those six years. Historically, the treasury expects an \$800 to \$1000 loss on the event. For 2022 the number was \$1461. Our traditional night for this event has been the first Friday of December.

At the February membership meeting (on Wednesday the 15th), the board hopes to be able to get sufficient feedback from the membership to be able to develop a plan for a well-attended 2023 awards banquet event.

Some of the open questions are:

- Are people no longer interested in a dressy night out celebrating a year of SIR competition?
- How important is the "county club" environment to attendees?

Think of a nice setting, sit-down meal, and people dressed up.

- Would you prefer a more causal event?
- Have we reached a price point that discourages attendance?

The 2022 price was \$49 for the beef entrée \$43 for either the chicken or fish option.

- What is your idea for a fair price to attend an awards banquet & holiday party?

The price has included dinner, two bar drinks, a soft drink, and a "mean Santa" game for years.

- Should we:

Change to an awards banquet party in January?

- OR -

Stay with a December awards banquet & holiday party?

- Did concerns about gathering indoors with COVID-19 and RSV infections prevalent keep you from attending?
- Do you believe an annual gathering to transition from one board to another and celebrate the presentation of the region's championship awards is worth continuing?
- Did having to register and pay through MotorsportReg.com keep you from attending?

Please join us at Smitty's on the 15th to share your thoughts and voice your opinion on the 2023 awards banquet.

We'll gather at 5:45 P.M. to socialize and eat dinner. The business meeting will begin at 7:00.

Those who are unable to attend are welcome to phone or email me with your thoughts.

Bob Sonntag

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Scott Campbell told me he ordered a new Toyota and expects delivery in the spring.



I think I got the color right.

Points

Our Berry points battle begins with a 12-way tie for first place. That means there is also a 129-way tie for second.

Member	Berry
Steve Backer	1
Terry Davis	1
Michelle Deutsch	1
Jason Epley	1
Jeff Jackson	1
John McCarthy	1
ERnie Roales	1
Eric Shade	1
James Shade	1
Bob Sonntag	1
Dawn Sturgeon	1
John Warren	1

SIR/SCCA 2023 Calendar - 01/25/2023

Month.Date	Day	Time	Event
January			
1.01	Sun		New Year's Day
1.03	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM -- Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link
1.10	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
1.16	Mon		M L King Day
1.19	Thu		SCCA National Convention Online, Jan19 through Jan27
1.27	Fri		SCCA National Convention Online, Jan19 through Jan27
February			
2.07	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM -- Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link
2.15	Wed	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
2.20	Mon		President's Day
2.26	Sun	12:00 PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7) "Find Another Opportunity" Hardee's 4400 Covert Ave., Evansville, IN
March			
3.04	Sat	10:00 AM	Patch Party Preparatory Visit Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.07	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM -- Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link
3.12	Sun	7:00 AM	Snow Buster Fun Autocross Roberts Park, Evansville
3.14	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
3.18	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party Day 1 - Cut, Dig & Patch Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.25	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party Day 2 - Cut, Dig & Patch Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
April			
4.01	Sat	8:00 AM	Patch Party Day 3 - Fill Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.02	Sun		Palm Sunday
4.04	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM -- Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link
4.07	Fri		Good Friday
4.09	Sun		Easter Sunday
4.11	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
4.16	Sun	12:00 PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7)
4.29	Sat	7:00 AM	KY Region Autocross / GL Divisional NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
4.30	Sun	7:00 AM	KY Region Autocross / GL Divisional NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
May			
5.02	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM -- Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link
5.06	Sat	9:00 AM	Test and Tune Autocross Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.07	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.09	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
5.14	Sun		Tennessee Region Autocross Nashville Superspeedway / Mother's Day
5.21	Sun	12:00 PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)
5.28	Sun		SCCA National Tour Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
5.29	Mon		SCCA National Tour Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE / Memorial Day
June			
6.03	Sat	9:00 AM	Ladies Autocross Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.04	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.06	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM -- Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link
6.10	Sat	7:00 AM	KY Region Starting Line School NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
6.11	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.13	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
6.16	Fri	7:00 AM	SCCA National Tour Grissom Aeroplex Peru IN
6.17	Sat	7:00 AM	SCCA National Tour Grissom Aeroplex Peru IN
6.18	Sun	7:00 AM	SCCA National Tour Grissom Aeroplex Peru IN / Fathers Day
6.24	Sat		Tennessee Region Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
6.25	Sun	7:00 AM	KY Region Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY

We made this schedule to allow our autocrossers to be able to compete in some Great Lakes Division Solo events and to also autocross at NCM in Bowling Green with the Tennessee and Kentucky regions. The GLD events that are not too far away are at NCM in Bowling Green, KY and Grissom Aeroplex near Peru, IN. All of the SIR events will be listed on Motorsportreg.com.

This year will be the 50th Solo Nationals in September. We'd like to see a large contingent of SIR people attend the event. Contact Paul at pitstop@sirsgca.org with your intentions.

We need people to step up and volunteer to be event chairs for our rallies and autocrosses. Contact Steve Backer at events@sirsgca.org

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Month.Date	Day	Time	Event
7.04	Tue		Independence Day
7.05	Wed	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM – Contact treasurer@sirscga.org for the link
7.08	Sat	7:00 AM	KYR TNT Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
7.09	Sun	7:00 AM	KY Region Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
7.11	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
7.16	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.22	Sat	7:00 AM	GL Divisional Autocross Fortress Ohio Valley Region
7.23	Sun	7:00 AM	GL Divisional Autocross Fortress Ohio Valley Region
7.23	Sun	12:00 PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7)
7.30	Sun		Tennessee Region Autocross Nashville Superspeedway
August			
8.01	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM – Contact treasurer@sirscga.org for the link
8.06	Sun	12:00 PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7) Ice Cream Rally - Paul Dornburg DQ 3022 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY
8.08	Tue	6:15 PM	Membership Meeting at the Log Inn, be there no earlier than 6:15 PM. Reservations required, treasurer@sirscga.org
8.20	Sun	7:00 AM	KYR / TNR Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
8.27	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7) - YEE HAW Again - Paul Dornburg Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.29	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM – Contact treasurer@sirscga.org for the link
September			
9.03	Sun	All Day	Solo Nationals Travel Day
9.04	Mon		Labor Day
9.05	Tue	All Day	Solo Nationals Begin
9.08	Fri	All Day	Solo Nationals End
9.09	Sat	All Day	Solo Nationals Travel Day
9.12	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
9.16	Sat	7:00 AM	KY Region Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
9.17	Sun	7:00 AM	KY Region Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
9.24	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
October			
10.03	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM – Contact treasurer@sirscga.org for the link
10.08	Sun		Pt Autocross (7 of 7) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.10	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
10.22	Sun	12:00 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)
10.28	Sat		Tennessee Region Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
10.29	Sun		Tennessee Region Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
November			
11.05	Sun	12:00 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)
11.07	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome) ZOOM – Contact treasurer@sirscga.org for the link
11.14	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St., Evansville To eat and socialize be there by 5:45, the business meeting will start around 7:00 PM
11.19	Sun	7:00 AM	Fun Autocross - "Turkey's Prevenge" Roberts Park, Evansville
11.23	Thu		Thanksgiving
11.25	Sat	End of Day	Awards Banquet Reservations Are Due! Respond to treasurer@sirscga.org
December			
12.01	Fri	6:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party
12.12	Tue	6:30 PM	Christmas Board Meeting (guests welcome)
12.24	Sun		Christmas Eve
12.25	Mon		Christmas
12.31	Sun		New Year's Eve

SIR/SCCA
2022 Financial Summary
January 2, 2023

Program	Income		Expense		Net Change
Autocross		\$ 7,537.14 *		\$ 7,162.37	\$ 374.77
#2-7	Motorsportsreg	\$ 5,432.99	Sanction/Insurance	\$ 3,301.00	5.0%
& Test-n-Tune	Motorsportsreg	\$ 1,878.15	MAAC per Car Fee	\$ 1,265.00	
Fun Runs	Cash	\$ 226.00	Weekend Memberships	\$ 250.00	
	Cash & Check	\$ -	Supplies, trailer exp, insur, etc	\$ 2,346.37	2346.37
			Memberships at Events	\$ -	
Rally		\$ 1,472.16 *		\$ 543.50	\$ 928.66
#1-7	Motorsportsreg	\$ 1,440.16	Sanction/Insurance	\$ 344.50	63.1%
	Cash & Check	\$ 32.00	Weekend Memberships	\$ 40.00	
			Richta GPS Checkpoints	\$ 159.00	
			Supplies (car numbers, batteries)	\$ -	
			Memberships at Events	\$ -	
Bowler "Day at the Strip"		\$ 8,507.20		\$ 7,007.20	\$ 1,500.00
Entry Fees	Motorsportsreg	\$ 8,507.20	Net to Bowler "Day at the Strip"	\$ 6,189.95	17.6%
Fun Runs	Cash & Check	\$ -	Sanction/Insurance	\$ 378.00	
			Charitable Gift	\$ -	
			Weekend M'ships (w/ postage)	\$ 130.00	
			Expenses (MAAC, printing, fuel)	\$ 309.25	
Office		\$ 2,335.64		\$ 3,887.79	\$ (1,552.15)
	Dues	\$ 2,080.00	Awards - End of Year ('21 & '22)	\$ 1,785.78	-66.5%
	Tire Rack	\$ 219.64	Awards - Events, membership	\$ 416.11	
	Patches/Stickers	\$ 18.00	Postage / PO Box	\$ 372.00	
	-- Stand-alone cash sales		Supplies (forms, bands, cards, etc)	\$ 220.09	
	Donations	\$ 18.00	Speed Waiver	\$ 180.00	
			Zoom	\$ 149.90	
			AED Expenses	\$ 563.91	
			Charitable Gifts	\$ 200.00	
			COVID-19 Expenses	\$ -	
			Pit Stop (Printing & Postage)	\$ -	
Patch Parties		\$ -		\$ 3,402.26	\$ (3,402.26)
		\$ -	Supplies - Concrete	\$ 2,556.01	
			Supplies - Non-concrete	\$ 161.16	
			Rentals	\$ 290.48	
			Food & Drink	\$ 394.61	
Awards Banquet (RHCC)		\$ 919.06		\$ 2,380.55	\$ (1,461.49)
	Motorsportreg	\$ 919.06	Food, Service, & Room	\$ 1,850.95	-159.0%
	Cash & Check	\$ -	Bar	\$ 269.00	
	Credit Cards	\$ -	Deposit - 2022 Bqt (carry ovr)	\$ -	
			Game (Gifts, Candy, & SCCA Gear)	\$ 260.60	
Total		\$ 20,771.20		\$ 24,383.67	\$ (3,612.47)

Funds on Deposit and Cash In-hand		Income vs Expense	
12/13/2022 Balance	\$ 5,211.16	Total Income	\$ 20,771.20
1/1/2022 Balance	\$ 8,823.63	Total Expense	\$ 24,383.67
Total Net Change	\$ (3,612.47)	Total Net Change	\$ (3,612.47)
		Difference	\$ -

* Autocross & rally income includes weekend memberships, sticker/patch & SpeedWaiver sales, & MSR fees.

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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for February 2023

I apologize for the tardiness of this edition, but I just returned from attending the Rolex 24 at Daytona and it was quite a week down there. A few adult beverages were consumed, and I got a bit of a sunburn.

As you can see from the number of items below, January was a very busy month for Zoom calls on my calendar. As I mentioned last month, there's no such thing as an off season.....there is just the preparation for the next season.

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (1/3): We finalized plans for a second face to face meeting in 2023 which would be held in March (3/24, 3/25). The group reviewed changes in the data acquisition program. We also discussed ways to streamline the flow of information to and from the CRB and the BoD. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (1/5): We added an additional meeting to consider the letters that had been sent to the EVAC through the CRB letter portal. There were several letters the EVAC had received about the SCREV and our Club Racing rules packages that needed extended conversation. The good news is that the members are asking serious questions of us, and this proves they are engaged on the topic.
- EVAC (1/11, 1/16): Due to some technical difficulties, our meeting was cut short on 1/11 so we were forced to add another meeting on 1/16 to continue the discussion. We chatted about the EVAC update session for the convention. We also got an update about safety training that would be required for the members who would interact with EVs at competition events.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (1/17): This was an additional meeting convened to deliberate on one topic. We discussed how to alleviate the turmoil in the Rally Cross program and the best way to right the ship.
- Great Lakes Division (GLDiv) (1/18): Several of us met to discuss the planning and schedule for the GLDiv Spring Training Meeting in Fort Wayne next month. Val McCammon updated us on what she had done so far and we chatted about how to enhance the experience for the members.
- SCCA Convention (GLDiv Meet & Greet Session) (1/21): Several of us hosted a convention session for the GLDiv members. The idea was to give out information about the division officials and allow them to dispense aspects of each of the competition programs in the division. I started by showing slides of the officers and officials for the division. I was followed by Lauri Burkons as she chatted about the Club Racing program. Ray Jason, Velma and Raleigh Boreen reviewed the details of the upcoming Solo season. Vinnie Taibi passed on specifics about the Time Trails program. According to post event statistics, we had 80 people attend the session. If you'd like to view it, you can watch the session by following this [link](#).
- SCCA Convention (EVAC Session) (1/23): I hosted a session where we updated everyone on what the EVAC has been up to as well as where we are headed. 154 people tuned in for this one and it can be seen by following this [link](#).

- BoD (1/30): As this was our first “normal” meeting of the year, we discussed items on a wide variety of topics:
1. The reorganization of the RallyCross Board (RXB)
 2. Addition of a member to the SCCA Foundation Board
 3. The revised Enduro rules package
 4. The Dallas, TX meeting of the Solo Events Board (SEB)
 5. We approved the members of the Time Trails Board (TTB)
- We also looked for ways to enhance communication between the Club Racing Board (CRB) and the steward corps.

SCCA Events:

- Rolex 24 Hour Race: While not strictly speaking an SCCA event, part of my rationale for going to this event was to see how the SCCA supports this race. I saw many SCCA members there and conducted some business during the race too. Like a lot of pro races, the SCCA supplies most of the corner workers. With a “4 hours on, 8 hours off” regimen, there needs to be scores of workers for this event and the vast majority are SCCA members. I roamed the grounds and spoke with the staff at several corners and found out they were from all corners of the country and even a few from overseas.

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A quick reminder that the GLDiv Spring Meeting will occur on 3/3 and 3/4 in Fort Wayne, IN 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 told me the agenda will be posted on MSR in a few days. She asked me to let our members know that seven SCCA National Staff will be attending our meeting to aid in enhancing our divisional programs.

She also asked that I remind folks to contact her (pyramid@bluebirdview.com, 260.437.6707) with any questions you may have about the meeting.

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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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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.

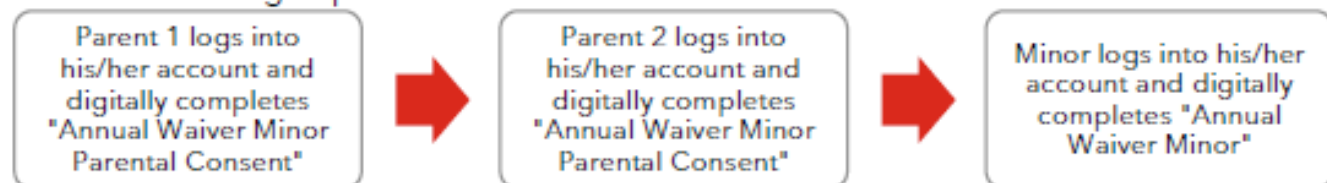
HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

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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)
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 - c. Minors must have names and SCCA Member #s for parents/legal guardians
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Digital Annual Waivers

Questions? Email membership@scca.com

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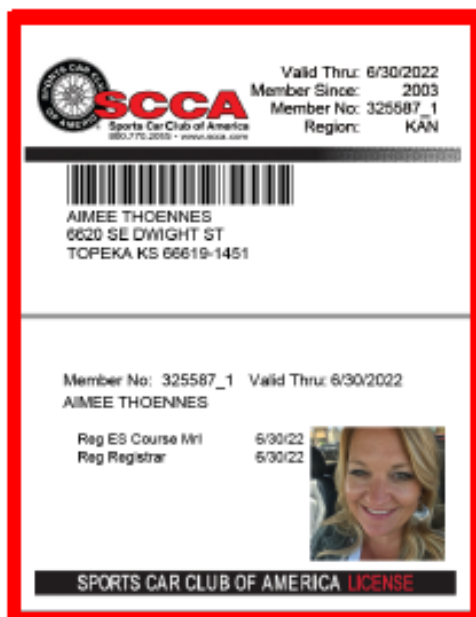
- Check inbox for email confirming "under review"
- Check inbox for email indicating status and next steps: active, incomplete or terminated (should arrive in less than 24 hours, not including weekends/holidays)
 - **Active:** waiver valid through December 31 - "ready to go!"
 - **Incomplete:** waiver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

PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL WAIVER AT EVENTS

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 - Digital membership card available 24/7/365 on any mobile device
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 - 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"



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by j.g. pasterjak • jg@grassrootsmotorsports.com

“ASTERISK-REWARD”

Recently, we were at the Florida International Rally & Motorsport Park—our official test track, as you may have heard—doing some testing on a couple of project cars. Tom was trying out some different flash tunes on his Mk7 VW GTI, and I was taking Tim’s Porsche 997 for a few laps after we’d fit a set of Bridgestone RE-71RS tires on some snazzy Apex wheels.

I’ll let the respective daddies of those project cars tell you how those mods affected their charges. (Check out our online updates after you finish reading this.) Besides, that’s not the point of this column.

See, after I brought Tim’s Porsche back safely from some timed laps (as an aside, I could do an entire column on appropriate aggression levels and risk management when driving your boss’s 911 on a race track while he’s totally standing *right there*), we got into a chat with a couple of guys who were there enjoying their own cars during this open-track Friday.

One of them was driving his own Porsche 997, but this was one of the factory hotrod GT3 variants: more power, trickier suspension, rear seat delete and all that historical Porsche factory racing goodness baked right into the recipe. Naturally, we were curious how Tim’s car compared to the hotter version.

“So what kind of lap times are you doing here?” Tim asked the GT3’s owner.

“Okay, first,” Mr. GT3 began, which is an awesome way to start answering any question that you either don’t know or don’t like the answer to, “the only other time I had it here, I was on Pilot Super Sports, and one of the date

codes was 2018, one was 2019, and I don’t even know what the other two were, and later we found out that the left rear was toed way in, and also on the way here I saw a donkey, and that reminded me of a time when I was a kid and I got lost in a department store and they called my name on the store intercom but they mispronounced it so I didn’t know they were talking about me and I ended up joining the Canadian national fencing team. So anyway, what was the question?”

Maybe that’s not a direct quote, but look, his response was a looong list of asterisks that I don’t recall ending in a numerical lap time. Mr. GT3, if you’re reading this, please know I’m not busting your hump here, but rather recalling this interaction with only the greatest of affection because it reminded me of something I love about this sport and this world: the sheer complexity of it.

For the most part, we’re just regular folk, going about our hobby, but our hobby has so, so, so many variables. To actually sit down and think about it is just staggering.

For a single driver to complete a single lap at a single track day, a complex machine—possibly one that the regular-type person I just mentioned turned a wrench or two on, complicating matters even more—has to combine all of its hundreds of thousands of pieces of engineering wizardry to be operated by a driver who is negotiating the interface of a tire and a road surface at a molecular level countless times a second around a course with a finite number of turns but requiring an infinite number of control inputs and real-time decisions leading to those control inputs.

That we—literally any of us who don’t do this for a living—can actually successfully negotiate a lap or two anywhere near the limit of performance, wrangling the mechanics, physics and psychology of an irreducibly complex operation, is nothing short of a miracle.

At the end of the day, that lap time that we asked about is but one single metric in a vast ocean of tumblers that must align with perfect precision so we can unlock our experiences in this sport.

So, Mr. GT3, you may not have told us a time—or, if you did, I certainly don’t remember—but you told us a story that was maybe more important. And that story is that before you can even *think* about a lap time, you have to wrangle the existential chaos of even the simplest of motorsport into some sort of order.

And for us regular folk, living our lives and doing our jobs and tending our literal or metaphoric flocks, having a hobby based on an inconceivable number of variables, any of which could turn the experience into a nightmare, the fact that we manage to do this is some sort of victory.

I mean, look, you could have just said “1:19,” but how boring would this column have been?



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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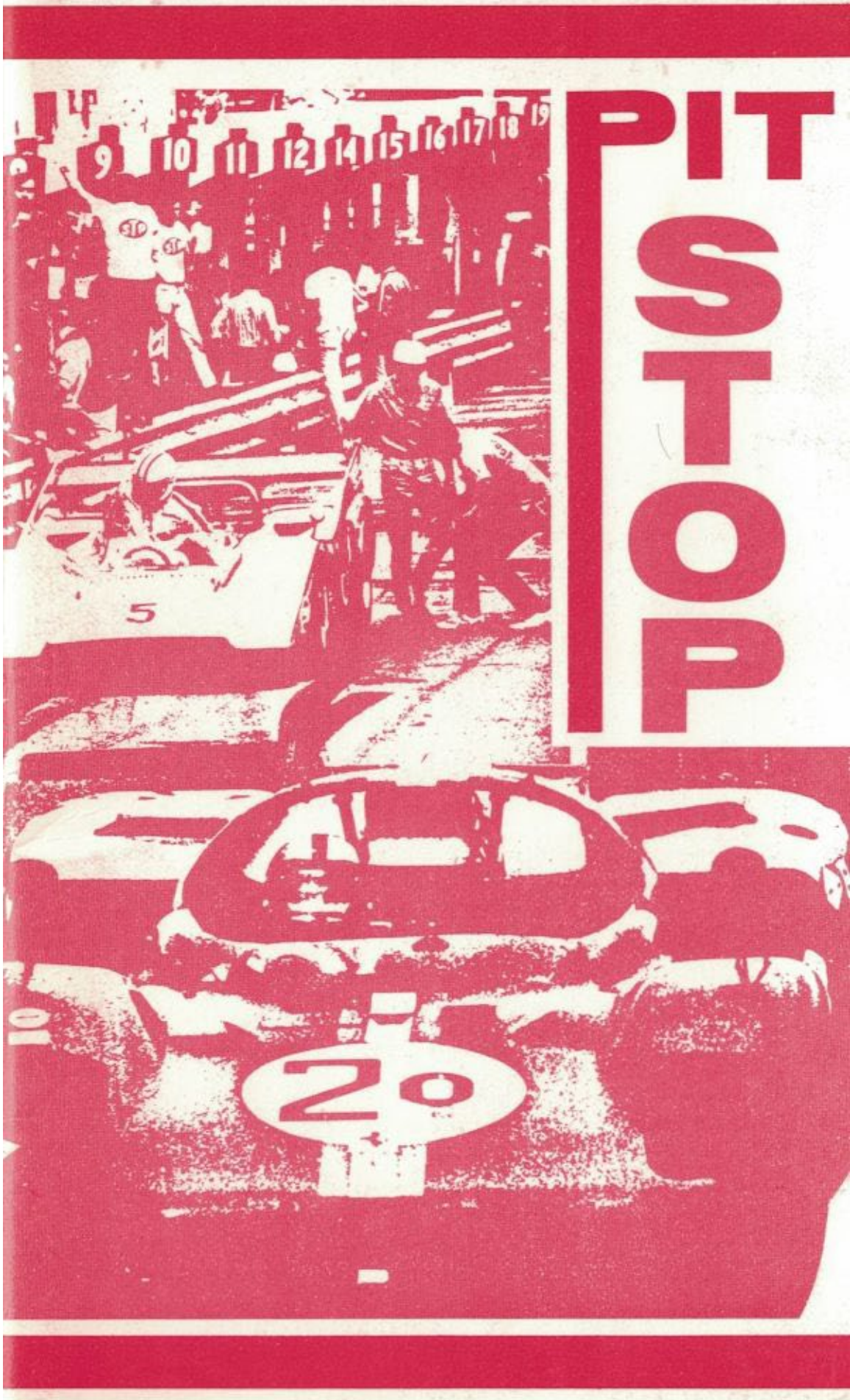
TLDR:

- We need a place in the Evansville area to store the “new” trailer we acquired so we can work on it. Please let us know if you know of a place we can store it until we get it refurbished.
- Attend the February membership meeting at Smitty’s and you might win a free event entry.
- If you want to see your name/face/car in this newsletter you have to talk to me, Paul.
- **When buying from The Tire Rack start by using the link on our website: <https://www.sirscce.org/sponsors/> The club gets a sales commission from your purchase but only if you start with this link.**
- Sanction and Insurance fees are going up, so our event fees are going up too.
- Weekend membership prices are going up.
- Event Trial memberships are only good for one use per person per year in any event. If you bring someone to ride in your autocross car the first time it will be a free trial membership. The next time it will cost \$20.
- The 2023 awards banquet needs your input. Attend the February club meeting to participate in the discussion.
- The February membership meeting is on Wednesday the 15th, not Tuesday the 14th to avoid the Valentine Days crush at Smitty’s.
- Get an annual waiver or pay the price! \$5.00
- The club’s annual charter has been renewed.
- It looks like there will not be a Bowler Autocross this year. That means we’ll have to find another way to raise the money we usually get for putting on this event.

Club member Larry Pearsall with his 2011 BMW 335i Xdrive. At 86 Larry is our oldest member and is very active in the club.



On the next few pages is the February 1979 Pit Stop. I don’t have the January Pit Stop and that’s why it wasn’t in the January newsletter. The editor for that year was our current Assistant Regional Executive, Jeff Jackson. Also, pages 19 & 20 were not in the February 1979 edition.



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UPFRONT with your RE

There comes a time in anyone's life; one interested in being associated with any "volunteer" type of group, be it civic, charitable, or social, to decide whether he (no sexist pun intended) is willing to make the commitment that comes with JOINING. I suppose there are as many different reasons for joining as there are organizations I'm told some people join clubs just so they can say "I belong".

Despite all the reasons that can be listed for joining an organization, how many reasons are there for STAYING? I can think of only one reasonable one--continued enjoyment!! In other words, when it's dues renewal time--you still find participation to be fun.

From the viewpoint of an "older" SIR member, one who has been exposed to other groups, both civic and automobile oriented, the atmosphere and attitude of SIR/SCCA is definitely conducive to STAYING! We enjoy our common interest in cars and we enjoy each other. We are interested in our new members and they too have a voice to be heard--as shown by the two "new" members on the current Board of Directors.

SIR, we've got a lot going for us--
KEEP IT UP!

DON JOHNSON

ACTIVITIES

The month of February is important to SIR because of the Car Show. Having the Show at Washington Square Mall allows us to get out and show ourselves to the public. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate who we are and what we do. SIR can even get some new members, so let's all gather 'round and do your share.

Now for some of the details: the cars will go on the Mall 7 PM, Thursday, Feb. 22. Remember, we have to push the cars into the Mall, and we'll need LOTS of pushers! We would like to ask that once on the Mall, minor clean-up of the cars be limited to Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Enclosed in this Pit Stop is an entry form for the Car Show. Following the entry form, is an outline of the judging criteria, to be used by the judges as a guide when they inspect the cars Saturday afternoon. The deadline for the entry forms is February 13th...as some of you more observant folks might notice, that is also the February meeting. You may turn in your form then so I can reserve everyone a spot on the Mall.

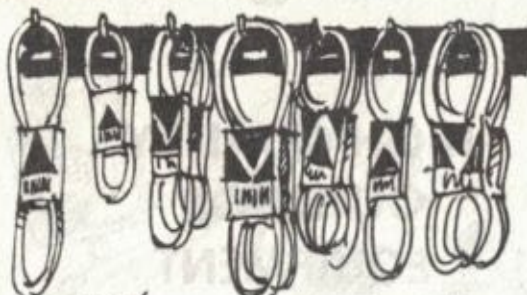
As in the past, there will also be a "Most Popular Car" award which will be picked by the viewing public. The Car Show is also a point event. Anyone working the Show for four hours, or exhibits a car, will get 2 Berry Points. The Show is over late Sunday afternoon, at which time we need the PUSHERS again to remove the cars. The dealer cars do not leave until Monday morning, but we must move them to the exit for easier pick-up.

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The weekend after the Car Show, March 4th, there will be a point Rally. Events Marshall for the Rally will be Ron Brown. A point Autocross on March 11th will be the product of Ron Groenert. Both events start at the east lot of Washington Square Mall. Both events are also sponsored by the Washington Square Merchants.

Let's start washing and waxing our little Beauties and have a good time. The "Show" must go on.

TOM BOOTZ



LINEAR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

TUES. 13th--Membership meeting, Scorpio's Restaurant, dinner 7PM, meet. 8PM.

FRI. SAT. SUN. 23,24,25,--Car Show, Mall

MARCH

SUN. 4th--Wash. Square Rally, Reg: 12:30-1:15, start 1:30

SUN. 11th--Wash. Square AutoX, Reg: 12:30-1:15, start 1:30

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FUTURE SHOCK

Mar 4	Point Rally, R.Brown, Mall
Mar 11	Point AutoX, R.Groenert, Mall
Apr 1	Interserie, I.M.S.C.
Apr 22	Point AutoX, M.Smith, Castle High
Apr 29	Point Rally, L.Head
May 20	Point AutoX, B.Brown
May 27	Indy 500
Jun 3	Point AutoX, T.Davis
Jun 10	Interserie, S.C.C.C.I.
Jun 17	Point Rally, S.Waison
Jul 1	Freedom Festival AutoX, F.Pendley



NEW MEMBERS

SIR is pleased to welcome two more new members into the fold:

TONY & KATHY LEE reside at 2726B McFarland Ave., Owensboro, Ky., 42301. The Lees are past SCCA members, transferring into SIR. Hope we'll see them at the February meeting.

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THE MAD PROGRAMMER

The ever-resourceful Barry Schonberger, having arranged much of the Pit Stop advertising several months in advance, has also agreed to be the Program Chairman for SIR's monthly meetings. One of his first projects is to create the booth for the Car Show. Barry has access to audio-visual equipment, but he needs any slides, posters, or glossy photos to help adorn said booth. If you can help with such goodies, contact B.S. at home or at 464-1862 (ISUE).

For the monthly meetings, B.S. hopes to also plan ahead so that programs may be announced in Pit Stop prior to each meeting. In keeping with the newest event in the Freedom Festival, the February program will be a film about Hydroplane racing. (Can you imagine what an Allison or Rolls-Royce Merlin would do on wheels?)

Barry doesn't want to limit himself to just films, however, but wants also to try guest speakers on racing, car care, or other subjects of interest to SIR. If you have suggestions along this line, again give B.S. a shout--with input, this year's programs should be super.

J.J.

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Winter now, summer soon; sweaters now, T-shirts soon. Think warm weather, bathing suits, shorts, baseball, tennis, autocrosses, InterSerie events, and perhaps a 1979 Divisional.

All members now have the opportunity to appear colorfully outfitted in our new T-shirts with the new logo. Orders are being taken to assure each member and friend of our organization the color and size they want. We have shirts in green, blue, red, and black available with white SIR/SCCA lettering and yellow shirts with black lettering.

The shirts will be delivered to you at the February membership meeting in time for the Car Show, etc. Payment is due on delivery. As it stands now, the T's will be \$5.00 each. If many more orders are received by Feb. 1, the price may come down --and WE NEED ORDERS! Ron and I are taking orders by phone, so call early for your color and size. Priority at the Feb. meeting will be given those who have made advance orders. We're sure every member will want at least ONE T.

SIR has many great opportunities this year!!! Let's all look like the team we really are!

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79 STATE AUTO-X SERIES

The final organizing meeting for the 1979 Interserie, the Indiana State Autocross Championship Series, was held in Indianapolis on January 20. SIR was represented by Tom Bootz, George Groenert, and Fred Pendley. Representatives from the other participating organizations, Indy Motor Sports Club (IMSC), Columbus Sports Car Club (CSCC), Indy Region SCCA, and Sports Car Club of Central Indiana (SCCCI) were also in attendance. Final details of the series were worked out, and it appears the 1979 Interseries will be one of the Midwest's premier autocross series.

For 1979, the classes will be: Pure Stock (SCCA Solo II Stock), Pro Stock (SCCA Solo II Prepared w/ street tires), Prepared (SCCA Solo II Prepared), Modified, and Ladies. A safety committee composed of one representative from each member club will supervise course layout, course safety, car classification, and protests.

There will be five events with each event's finish contributing to the entrant's final score for the series. Tentative event dates and locations are as follows:

Apr.	1	IMSC	Indianpls
May.	6	Indy/SCCA	Indianpls
Jun.	10	SCCCI	Indianpls
Jul.	1	SIR/SCCA	Evansville
Oct.	14	CSSC	Columbus

Further details and entry information will be published in future Pit Stop issues. Plan now to enter and give the other clubs a run for their money!

FRED PENDLEY

THANX J.B.

Although we haven't had the pleasure of an article lately from this author, a poem of his, borrowed from the March, 1963 issue of Pit Stop seems just the thing to alleviate the winter blahs.

MORNING HIGHWAY

The drumming of the engine,
And the song of flying wheels,
As we ride to find the freedom
That the weary world conceals...

And all we have before us
Are the highway and the sky...
A wild and empty line of road,
And fences flashing by...

And all we have beneath us
Are the pavement and the earth,
And the singing wheels tell us
What the world and life are worth...

And all we leave behind us
Are the bright and broken dreams,
The shattered shards of yesterday,
Like glass that glints and gleams...

And all we have to cheer us
Are the sunlight and the wind,
And the memories that follow
On the road that has no end...

And all we know of sadness
Comes when speed and motion die,
For all we have before us
Are the highway and the sky.

J.B. WOOD



*"Mrs. Wilcox? I think you'll be happy to hear
we've recovered your stolen car."*

CHECK US OUT!!

Welcome to SIR's Eighth Annual Car Show at Washington Square Mall. Thank you for picking up this free copy of Pit Stop, our club publication. Let me fill in a few of the blank spaces so that the rest of this issue will make sense.

SIR/SCCA spelled out is Southern Indiana Region, Sports Car Club of America. SCCA is a national organization composed of many smaller clubs, or Regions, throughout the country. Nationally, SCCA promotes professional Road Racing with series such as the Can-Am, Trans-Am, and Formula Super Vee--as well as Pro-Rally events. Regional clubs may have racing participants, but in any case, each club will have a full schedule of Autocrosses and Rallies.

An autocross(gymkhana) is a race against the clock around a short course marked with cones. One car at a time runs against a timer, and cars are divided into classes by engine displacement to keep things interesting. In 1979, SIR will host 7 autocrosses and also compete against other clubs in Indiana.

Our competition schedule also includes at least 7 Rallies. SIR's events are on regular city streets and highways. Speeds never exceed the legal posted limit--the challenge is to negotiate an unknown "course" at precise speeds following printed instructions. Points are assessed for being "early" or "late" at hidden checkpoints. Like golf, low score wins.

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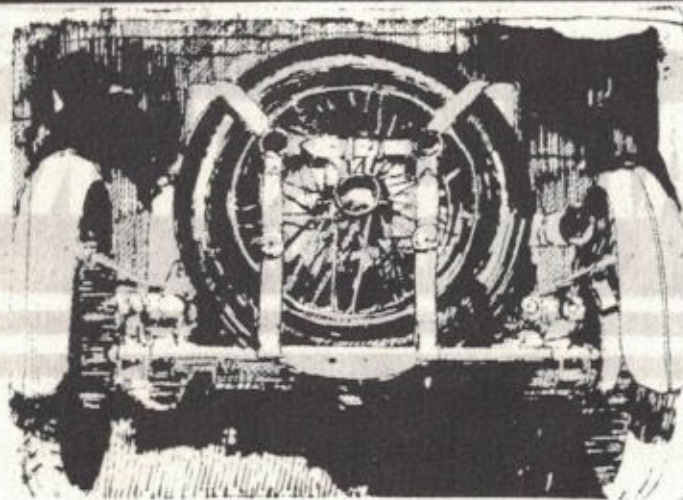
SIR is proud to be a part of the Evansville Freedom Festival with our annual Gemütlichkeit Autocross. Gemütlichkeit VIII will be July 1, and will feature cars and clubs from cities such as Indianapolis, St. Louis, Louisville, and Lexington. We also hope to host the 1979 Central Division Solo II (read autocross) Championship with entrants from an even wider part of the country.

We also try to assist others in the community, through events such as our annual March of Dimes AutoX, Red Cross blood donations, and working as volunteers for WNIN, channel 9's fund raising events.

If you're still reading along, you probably are interested enough to enter the autocross Mar 11th or the rally on Mar 4th. Check the events calendar for details. Or, join us at our monthly meeting at Scorpio's Restaurant Mar 13th. Should you want more info, contact a member in the booth at the Mall, or call Terry Davis at 853-2875.

Join the over 100 guys and gals in SIR, we're anything but dull.

JEFF JACKSON, ed.





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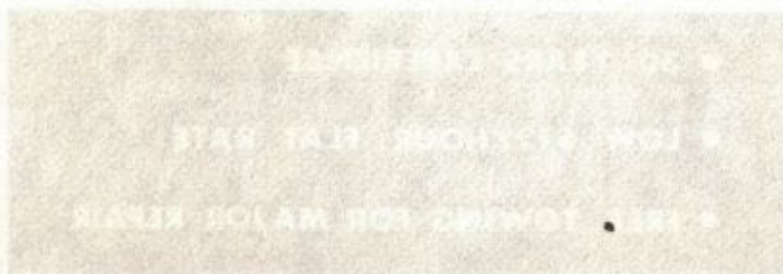
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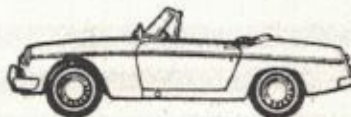
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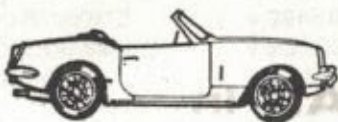
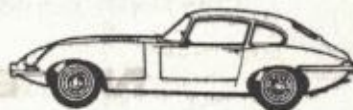
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Updating from last month, we find USAC and CART still at odds over the 1979 Champ Car season. USAC has now published a tentative schedule of races. More importantly, USAC seems to be willing to try and solve one of the biggest problems that caused the initial split. USAC has proposed use of stock-block engines for the Champ Cars. The Club hopes that this move would not only reduce costs, but also restore some parity among the teams. NASCAR has used stock-blocks for many years and has traditionally featured nose-to-tail racing. Fans and especially the media, have complained about the lack of real racing in the Champ Cars in past seasons. As the racing season grows ever closer, it will be interesting to see if USAC and CART can resolve their differences in time to run a complete season.

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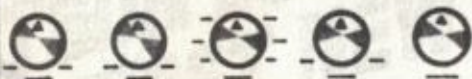


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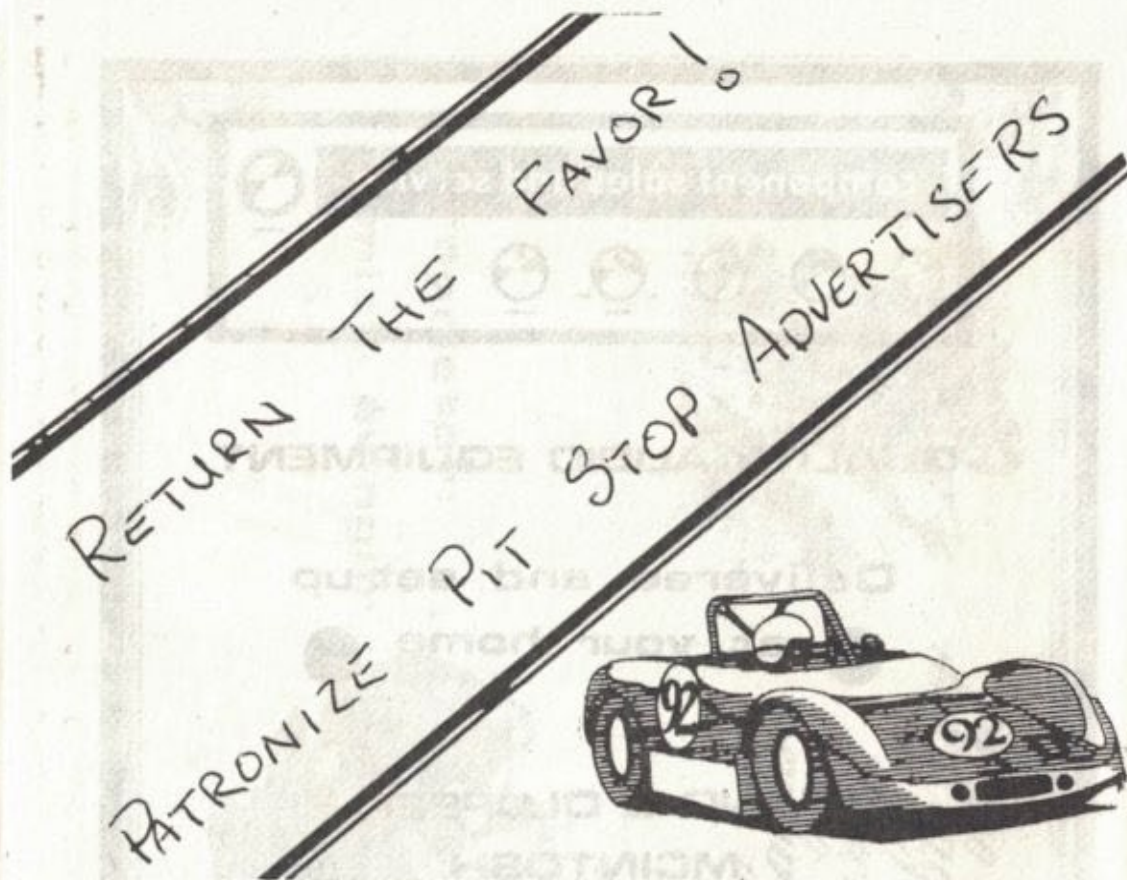
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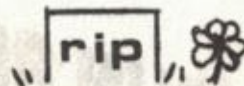


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For those of you who haven't spoken to yours truly since January 20th, I'm in the midst of a career change. Now that I'm out of the new car wars and no longer have an axe to grind, herewith are some tidbits for those of you who may shortly be in the market for a new machine.

Generally speaking, January and February are slow months for auto dealers due to poor weather. A new car buyer can use this fact to his advantage if it is possible to buy before peak season in spring. The dealer still needs to move cars, so you may be able to get a sweeter deal while dealership traffic is slow. Certain high demand cars will continue to sell well, but you should have more bargaining power now than in the spring when sales begin to increase.

Higher production costs and the shrinking dollar are forcing price jumps on all cars. Thus, you may well save \$100 or more if you can beat a price increase. Add rising interest rates for new car loans to the previous two factors, and it's possible that buying now can save a substantial amount compared to spring when higher demand, price increases, and interest rates drive new car costs higher.

Hope I've been of some help to those considering a new chariot--in any event, Happy Hunting!

Jeff

