



The Pit Stop



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March RE Report



Woo Hoo!!

The first competitive points counting event this year

happened this past weekend. SIR had its first Rally of the year, and what a day it was. Bob and Terry put on a fantastic route full of surprises and good scenic roads. We started in Evansville and ended in Newburgh by way of Hatfield, Eureka, and REO. My daughter has tasked us with winning the BIG rally trophy this year. I laughed and said, "Ok Sweetie, we will do our best." Then I realized she was totally serious and came to win. Luckily, I was able to wheel the family F-150 to our first B Class win of the year. Disclaimer, we did it without using the time allowance

system. That would be a dig at our A Class competitors for those of you who don't know the backstory.

I really encourage everyone to try a rally at least once. The best stories and laughter come out of our rally program. The socializing at the end is always a hoot as people try to justify why they were going in the wrong direction, stopped in the middle of the road, and my favorite, why we left Wendy's in three directions and none of them were right. Come on out and join us at the second rally April 16th.

Attention auto crossers: The Snow Buster event is March 12th at Roberts Park. I know I am ready for some spinning tires and hot brakes. Let's go go go. This is a short course, but it has all the elements of a great track and knocks off any cobwebs that might have accumulated since last season.

Check the emails and schedules for all the patch party events coming your way. Earn those bonus runs because you never know when you might need them.

Remember folks we have our monthly meetings at Smitty's in Evansville on the second Tuesday of each month. We aren't seeing really good attendance so it's hard to know what the masses would like to see moving forward. We value all opinions and want to progress forward with our club.

I hope to see all of you at some event coming up no matter what it is. Our membership is why we keep going and this time of year is when it really starts getting exciting.

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SIR/SCCA Board Meeting February 7th, 2023

Meeting opened by Jr. Crowe at 6:40 pm

OFFICER REPORTS

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales, moved to accept minutes as published in the Pit Stop, seconded, passed
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported a balance of \$5352.81. Motion to accept by Bob, seconded, passed.
- **Activities Chair:** Steve Backer reported he has event chairs assigned through June and is looking for volunteers for the rest of the year.
- **Assistant Activities Chair:** Jim Cannon, absent, working.
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday, 3/1.
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon, absent.
- **Advisor to the Board:** Terry Davis, nothing to report.
- **Assistant Regional Executive:** Jeff Jackson, nothing to report.
- **Regional Executive:** Jr. Crowe, nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Cars and Coffee is the first Sunday of the month. Junior Crowe will attend with BBQ and will need help.
- Trailer Update: The trailer has been moved, but not to its final resting place, it still needs tires and wheel bearings repacked.
- Bowler Update: Paul Dornburg said there will be no 2023 event.
- MSR Training: Still in the works (Paul Dornburg, Bob Sonntag, Dave Lehrschall.)
- The 2023 Calendar is firm and official. MAAC has approved the revised autocross dates. We are still waiting on FAA approval. Sanctions/Insurance has been requested for all the MAAC events.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trial & Weekend Memberships: Bob Sonntag reported that new this year is a one-time use Trial Membership. After the one time use a Weekend Membership must be purchased. (short of an annual SCCA membership) There is a new membership form with Annual, Weekend, and Trial applications on it.
- Banquet: Locations were discussed, and a consensus was reached to propose Rolling Hills and Smitty's to the membership. The date of the banquet would be guided by the membership.
- Entry Fees: Bob Sonntag presented an excellent spreadsheet regarding entry fees and a spirited discussion ensued. A motion was made to increase fees \$5 across the board, second by ERnie Roales, the motion passed.
- Bob Sonntag then moved to make Weekend Memberships \$20, second by ERnie Roales, passed.
- Paul Dornburg discussed SCCA's Region of record.
- ERnie Roales brought up an annual tech for autocross to save time at events and make tech at Divisional and out-of-region events easier. Limit to those who participated in at least 4 events in 2022. ERnie has the 2023 helmet and tech stickers. The consensus was to approve the process.

NEXT MEETING

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

Adjournment:

- Steve Backer moved to adjourn, second by Bob Sonntag, passed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

SIR/SCCA Membership Meeting February 15th, 2023

Meeting opened by Jr. Crowe at 7:10 pm

OFFICER REPORTS

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales moved to accept minutes as published in Pit Stop, second by Jeff Jackson, passed.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported the funds on-hand to be \$5352.81. He also reported that the 2022 taxes have been prepared and will be filed 2/16.
- **Activities Chair:** Steve Backer shared that we still need event chairs for events after June.
- **Pit Stop:** Bob Sonntag reported for the vacationing Paul Dornburg that the deadline is March 1st and announced February birthdays and anniversaries.
- **Assistant Activities Chair:** Jim Cannon nothing to report.
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon, nothing to report.
- **Assistant Regional Executive:** Jeff Jackson, nothing to report.
- **Regional Executive:** Jr. Crowe, nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob Sonntag reported on changes to Weekend and Trial Memberships. In particular the free Trial Membership which is now one-time-only. We have three regular participants that have been utilizing these and they will be contacted.
- Bob Sonntag shared the new entry fees schedule. Our entry fee is up \$5.00. Discounts have been adjusted and the result is some entry fees show a \$6 increase. Weekend Memberships remain \$20. It should be noted that non-member rally navigators and non-member non-entrants riding in an autocross will need a \$20 Weekend Membership after the use of a one-time Trial Membership.
- Awards Banquet: Bob Sonntag had a handout of past event attendance. Those present (11) were surveyed for banquet preferences. It seemed that those who were present preferred a less dressy, January event done at Rolling Hills Country Club or Smitty's.
- Cars and Coffee: Junior Crowe is going to attend the March 5th gathering with his RV. He wants to talk to people and hand out pulled pork. He will need some help. Contact Jr. if you're interested.
- The first rally is Feb. 26th, starting at Hardee's on Covert Avenue, Evansville. Bob Sonntag promises that it's a new route.
- The "Snow Buster" autocross (fun) is March 12th at Roberts Park, Evansville.
- Harold and Karen Davis have made a rally to practice main road rules. It's to be done on your own time, maybe even on Google Maps. More info will be shared via the email list.
- The attendance drawing was won by Jr. Crowe.

NEXT MEETING

- Board: March 7th, 6:30 P.M. via Zoom
- Member: March 14th at Smitty's, gathering and eating at 5:45 P.M., business meeting at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Jeff Jackson at 8:22 P.M.

Keep the rubber side down,
Ernie

March Birthdays

Phil Gilbert	3/5
Thomas Donaldson	3/6
Lauren Kincaid	3/8
Noah Fehribach	3/10
Barry Schonberger	3/14
Cameron Metz	3/21
Samuel Reshad	3/26
Bradley Anderson	3/27
Darlene Cannon	3/28
Paul Condi Jr.	3/28
Mike Freeman	3/30

March Anniversaries

Tom Bootz	03/01/1972	51 yrs.
Harold Davis	03/17/1998	25 yrs.
Karen Davis	03/30/2009	14 yrs.
Dennis Duke	03/08/2011	12 yrs.
Drew Gerth	03/14/2012	11 yrs.
Darwin Graham	03/23/2017	6 yrs.
Russell Luckett	03/11/2017	6 yrs.
Danny Woodard	03/12/2018	5 yrs.
Shane Suits	03/12/2019	4 yrs.
Eric Marts	03/16/2020	3 yrs.
Caleb Scarbrough	03/25/2021	2 yrs.
Deaton Grove	03/13/2021	2 yrs.
Zachary Woods	03/12/2022	1 yr.

Points:

We've now had a couple of months' worth of club activities and Bob Sonntag holds a slim 1-point lead over Jr. Crowe and Terry Davis in the Berry Points. Jr. and Terry are 1 point ahead of Josie Crowe, and Harold and Karen Davis.

After Bob Sonntag's "Find Another Opportunity" rally there's a 6-way tie for first lead by B Class winners Jr. and Josie Crowe and A Class winners Harold and Karen Davis. Event marshals Bob and Terry each earned 5 points for putting on the event.

Rally Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
1 Jr. Crowe	5						
1 Josie Crowe	5						
1 Terry Davis	5						
1 Harold Davis	5						
1 Karen Davis	5						
1 Bob Sonntag	5						
7 James Hurm	4						
8 Jim Cannon	3						
9 Don Kelley	2						
9 Eric Lookofsky	2						
9 Larry Pearsall	2						
9 Ryan Pearsall	2						
9 Brandon Porambo	2						
9 ERnie Roales	2						
9 Susan Roales	2						

Berry Points		Total Berry Points	Meeting Berry Points	Work Berry Points	AX Berry Points	Rally Berry Points
1	Bob Sonntag	7	2	0	0	5
2	Jr. Crowe	6	1	0	0	5
2	Terry Davis	6	1	0	0	5
4	Josie Crowe	5	0	0	0	5
4	Harold Davis	5	0	0	0	5
4	Karen Davis	5	0	0	0	5
7	James Hurm	4	0	0	0	4
7	ERnie Roales	4	2	0	0	2
9	Jim Cannon	3	0	0	0	3
9	Larry Pearsall	3	1	0	0	2
11	Steve Backer	2	2	0	0	0
11	Jeff Jackson	2	2	0	0	0
11	Don Kelley	2	0	0	0	2
11	Eric Lookofsky	2	0	0	0	2
11	John McCarthy	2	2	0	0	0
11	Ryan Pearsall	2	0	0	0	2
11	Brandon Porambo	2	0	0	0	2
11	Susan Roales	2	0	0	0	2
11	Eric Shade	2	2	0	0	0
11	James Shade	2	2	0	0	0
21	Michelle Deutsch	1	1	0	0	0
21	Jason Epley	1	1	0	0	0
21	Dave Lehrsall	1	1	0	0	0
21	Dawn Sturgeon	1	1	0	0	0
21	John Warren	1	1	0	0	0

Results: Here's some stories from the first rally of the 2023 season, "Find Another Opportunity."

It's February - time for the SIR competition season to begin.

Bob Sonntag prepared this year's version of Find Another Opportunity rally to avoid the early spring flooding that was a problem a year ago. This year everything was high and dry. The weather was unusually warm and 10 cars entered the Rally. A really good start to the year.

Everyone arrived at the Hardees on Covert to discover Bob with a card table in the middle of the parking lot. Surprise - the dining room wasn't open. Bob did a great job having brought the table and audio visuals. However, he did not bring a porta potty.

I was glad to be back as a member of the Davis and Davis rally team after my navigator missed the last rally of 2022 spending time in the hospital with a broken leg.

We missed a "Dead End" sign or a sign of similar nature. (I wouldn't know because I didn't see it.) So, we and most of the other competitors took a tour that ended at a cul-de-sac for an easy turnaround. My navigator made the correct guess to get us back on course and we both guessed at a Time Allowance that kept us in the running.

Bob mixed stretches of "very busy" with "is the CAST still 35" straight line snooze worthy roads. The latter is much more difficult for the driver. Cruise control helps.

Towards the middle of the rally we became the lead car in a Prius, Porsche, MGA caravan that probably provided some conversation for the locals.

My ever faithful, always attentive navigator was a bit distracted with the huge displays of daffodils. Spring does come a bit earlier in Evansville as compared to Terre Haute.

We had a good rally, a good result and a great time. Thanks again Bob. - Harold & Karen Davis

The Tale of Car #2

On the "Find Another Opportunity" Rally Carrie and I were driving on IN-61 South.

The next instruction was Left after the stop light. That put us on IN-261.

Was that a dead end at the light?

Next opportunity is #1 then we had to turn quick to get ahead of traffic at the next opportunity.

Wait, is this a cul-de-sac? Back to 261.

Did we miss an opportunity at the light?

Met the red Mustang and we turned right, then right again.

This takes us back to 61? Wrong place! Let's go south to the next left and buy time! Dave/Suellen are right behind us, did we buy too much? We are back on course. Did we miss a check in the section we passed up? Bought 6 ½ min and we were early 167.

Jim Cannon & Carrie Moore

Once again, my navigator, Suellyn, and I proved that the most important key to a good road rally performance is following the instructions. I know that this sounds obvious, but every rally has teams, too often our team, getting off the Rally Masters' clearly defined route. I've said before that we can all make mistakes and that learning how to compensate for these can significantly improve your performance. Our use of the Time Allowance for this rally demonstrates this. Noting your times as you execute (or think you've executed) a route instruction is very important. This allows you to return to a location you are confident was correct, calculate your lost time, and use the Time Allowance to compensate. This should include your error time, your calm time of calculations, and your strategic restart time. (Take a moment to figure it out! You can plug in added time to cover your calm assessment of what you need to do next. You may choose to wait another 30 seconds or so to restart on a Time Allowance "minute").

We had a great time. The Rally master's odometer check and distances were very precise. This combined with our GPS-aided speedometer/odometer put us at plus or minus 3 to 4 seconds at the end of each rally leg. That is, each rally leg that we completed per instructions! We made a few wrong turns. I'd take a 24 to 30 second/points rally score any time. However, we managed to make significant errors upon restarting from a break. We ignored the plainly printed Main Road Rule for this rally, "Left at T", and turned right. This put us out into a wonderful loop that worked for the next 4 route instructions. I'm sure it was 4, because once we determined we had made a mistake we returned to the point where we had restarted after the break and repeated the wrong turn. We drove the same 4 step incorrect loop a second time! Had we paused to calmly think through our actions.....

We returned to Wendy's, the designated break point, and took a moment to retrace our route. The in-dash map and our retracing of the pre-break route clearly showed that the signal light at the "T" would be a turn opportunity. Ding! It was a right turn opportunity, but not the one we were to turn at. Because of the Main Road Rule, we should have turned left and continued to count right turn, Oops!

Okay, at this point we knew we had taken not one, but two lengthy excursions in the wrong direction using the appropriate average speed. A quick check of our rally clock showed that we had used 20 minutes and 20 seconds since our planned restart time. (That could have been a 1,220-point hit to our day's score!) We entered the max, 19 minute 30 second Time Allowance, and restarted. We finished that leg arriving about 60 seconds late. While using our recorded time, a little math, and the Time Allowance to compensate for repeated error, following the instructions might have saved us about 60 seconds and put us in first place instead of third overall.

Dave and Suellyn Lehrsall

Find Another Opportunity

Bob Sonntag, Rallymaster

Terry Davis, Assistant Rallymaster

February 26, 2023

		Scores							Total	
Driver / Navigator	Class	Ckpt 1	Ckpt 2	Ckpt 3	Ckpt 4	Ckpt 5	Ckpt 6	Ckpt 7		
1 Harold Davis / Karen Davis (#5)	A	+1	-1	-29 *	-6 *	+23	-11	-11	82	T
2 Dave Lehrsall / Sue Lehrsall (#3)	A	+4 *	-2	+33 *	+4	+62 *	-3	+29 *	137	
1 Jr Crowe / Josie Crowe (#4)	B	+10	0	-10	+33	0	-18	+22	93	T
2 James Hurm / Jim Hurm (#9)	B	+15	-6	+57 *	-6 *	+68 *	-40	-8	200	T
3 Jim Cannon / Carrie Moore (#2)	B	+20	-24	-169 *	+27	+24	-15 *	+5	284	T
4 Ernie Roales / Sue Roales (#1)	B	+44 *	+21 *	-205 *	+13	+86	+5 *	+4	378	
5 Eric Lookofsky / Kathy Lookofsky (#7)	B	+136	-12	+384	+24	+20	-3	-17	596	
6 Brandon Porambo / Nick Moninger (#6)	B	+25	+2	+926	+57	+34	-105	+30	1179	
7 Larry Pearsall / Ryan Pearsall (#10)	B	+56 *	+1800	+1287	+153	+1800	-90	-12	5198	
8 Don Kelley / Geg Wolfe (#8)	B	+57	+59	+1169	+698	+1800	+1800	+1800	7383	

Early: - Late: + Time Allowance: *
Maximum Checkpoint Score: 1800

SIR/SCCA 2023 Calendar - 03/08/2023

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@sirscga.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@sirscga.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@sirscga.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@sirscga.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) "Knox County Knock About" Arby's, 2565 Hart Street, Vincennes, IN 47591
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@sirscga.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) "Another May Day" Harold & Karen Davis
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@sirscga.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@sirscga.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@sirscga.org

SIR/SCCA 2023 Calendar

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

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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for March 2023

February is always a brief respite as we gear up for the oncoming season. Region officials are working on their events, competitors are reviewing the schedule to see when and where they want to race.....and both are carefully reviewing budgets to see how it will play out financially.

On a personal note, I was asked by two regions in our Area to attend their annual banquets. I was extremely flattered. With the possibility of a nice meal, great conversation and the chance to schmooze with members on the table, I jumped at the opportunity to accept (as much as a 61-year-old man with a 'soon to be replaced' hip is capable of jumping). Both regions (Cincinnati and Detroit) are populated with folks I know and so both evenings were a lot of fun.

So, here's what I did this past month.....

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (2/7): We continued to work on plans for the first of two face to face meetings in 2023 which would be held in March (3/17, 3/18). This meeting would concentrate on long term, strategic questions about the Road Racing program (What will the runoffs look like? What will the class structure entail?, etc.). A review of the "hot" letters showed that very few have percolated to the CRB for discussion. This is a good thing as it shows the advisory committees are doing their jobs better. This, in turn, allows the board to prioritize more serious issues. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (2/8): The Training and Education Advisory Committee (TEAC) has continued to work on content for the Learning Management System (LMS). The EVAC has maintained its focus on responding to the many letters we receive through the CRB letter portal. It's great news that we have so many interested folks willing to write to us. Nearly all of these letters are very supportive and ask deep questions about safety and technological advances as well as offer advice for future protocols.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (2/27): We received preliminary, yearend financial numbers. Considering all that's happened recently, we ended up in a pretty strong position. The next step is for the auditors to do their thing (which they do annually). We were also briefed that convention conversation will start soon. We need to figure out if the membership wants to meet face to face, virtually or a combination of the two. Start thinking about that and let me know what you would like to do. We reviewed proposed rules changes for the Hill Climb program as well as additions to the RallyCross Board (RXB).

SCCA Events:

- Cincinnati Region Banquet (2/4): I finished my high school years and started college in Oxford, OH which is just 30 minutes northwest of downtown Cincinnati. Throw in that Melinda and I know quite a few members from the Cincinnati Region, and you have a recipe for a nice weekend jaunt down for their annual banquet. I was asked to say a few words by the outgoing and incoming REs. I kept my remarks short (and clean!) since the agenda was full that evening. I made mention of the fact that they ran the second most events in the division and only solid leadership could foster an atmosphere where so many programs thrived. The meal was very nice (great green beans!) and the awards ceremonies were a lot of fun.
- Detroit Region Banquet (2/18): The new RE (Alex Della Torre) invited me over and I gladly accepted his kind offer. As my region (Western Michigan) borders the Detroit Region, I have had the chance to get to know many of their members over the years. I had not planned on making any remarks, but Alex asked me to speak about the region's efforts in 2022. I pointed out that among GLDiv regions, Detroit had the most events across the most programs of any region in 2022. I reminded the audience that it takes strong region and program leadership to have so many programs operating so effectively. Once again, the meal was very nice, and the ceremonies afterwards were well run and fun to watch.

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One last 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. Registration closes on 3/2 @ 11p so be sure to sign up ASAP.

In addition to all the informational meetings, there will be a silent auction of donated items including motorsports memorabilia. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the GLDiv and the SCCA Foundation. Contact Val if you have something to auction.

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 for our members.

As usual, Val McCammon is coordinating the event. The agenda has been posted on MSR. Please 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.

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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Waivers Waivers Waivers!!!

If you are an SCCA member and you don't have an annual waiver shame on you! They're free and they take just a few minutes to get.

On the next few pages are the instructions for an annual waiver. 6 easy steps for an adult waiver.

After that is a current waiver. Read it and find out what you are signing away.

If you are an SCCA member and you bring a non-SCCA member to an event you will make sure they sign the electronic SpeedWaiver.

The waiver protects the club from lawsuits. It's that simple.

If you're a club member you should understand this.

I'm stepping off my soapbox.

Paul Dornburg – Waiver Chief

Ps. We add \$5 to the entry fee for any SCCA member for not having an annual waiver.

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.

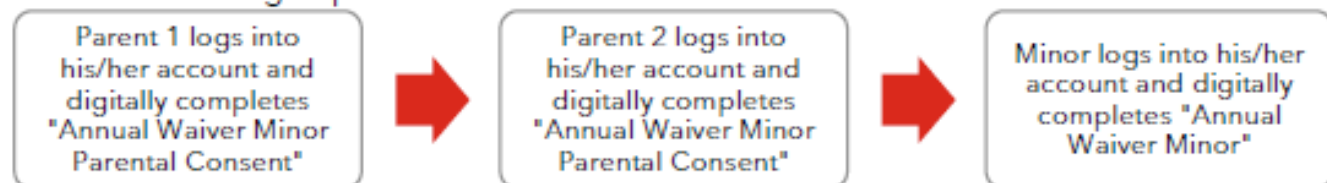
HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

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

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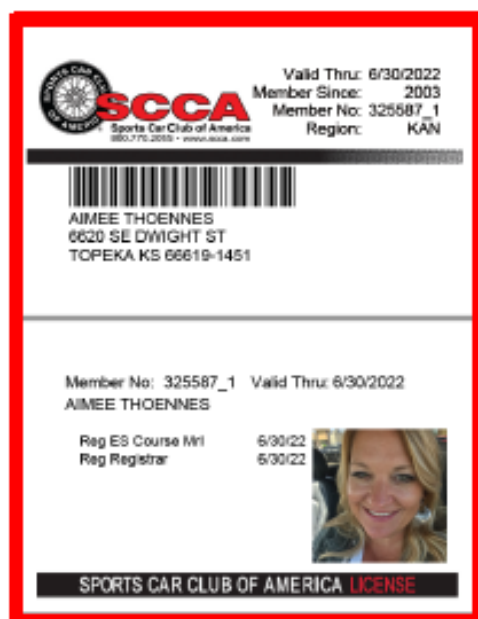
- Check inbox for email confirming "under review"
- Check inbox for email indicating status and next steps: active, incomplete or terminated (should arrive in less than 24 hours, not including weekends/holidays)
 - o **Active:** waiver valid through December 31 - "ready to go!"
 - o **Incomplete:** waiver invalid, requirements not yet met
 - o **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:
 - o Physical membership card prints when membership renews (once per year)
 - o 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



RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF SCHEDULED EVENT(S)

DATE RELEASE SIGNED

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to compete, or officiate, observe, work for, or participate in any way in SCCA OR SCCA PRO SANCTIONED EVENTS and/or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA(S) (defined to be any area which requires special authorization, credentials, or permission to enter or any area to which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited), I, for myself, my personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin:

1. Acknowledges, agrees, and represents that he/she has or will immediately upon entering any of such RESTRICTED AREAS, and will continuously thereafter, inspect the RESTRICTED AREAS which he enters, and he further agrees and warrants that, if at any time, he is in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and he feels anything to be unsafe, he will immediately advise the officials of such and if necessary will leave the RESTRICTED AREAS and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENT(S). The undersigned further affirms that he/she has not been diagnosed with, demonstrated any symptoms of or have in any way been exposed to any communicable diseases (including but not limited to COVID-19) within the past thirty days.
2. Acknowledges that he/she is aware that by entering the premises and participating in the EVENT(S) that there are risks to me and to those whom I interact of exposure, directly or indirectly, to communicable disease(s), viruses, bacteria, pathogens including but not limited to the virus "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)", "COVID-19" and/or any mutation or variation thereof;
3. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the promoters, participants, racing associations, sanctioning organizations or any subdivision thereof, track operators, track owners, officials, car owners, drivers, pit crews, rescue personnel, any persons in any RESTRICTED AREA, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S), premises and event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions, or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the premises or EVENT(S) and each of them, their directors, officers, agents, employees, representatives, owners, members, affiliates, successors and assigns all for the purposes herein referred to as "Releasees," FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFOR ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY OR ILLNESS TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
4. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the UNDERSIGNED'S INJURY, ILLNESS OR DEATH, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
5. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
6. HEREBY acknowledges that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of THE UNDERSIGNED, also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.
7. HEREBY agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State or Province in which the Event(s) is/are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED.

PRINT NAME HERE	SIGN NAME HERE	MEMBER#	DUTIES
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SCCA MEMBER WITNESS

SCCA MEMBER NUMBER

DATE

SCCA Adult Event Waiver 092020

Weekend and Trial Memberships – 2023 Adjustments

The SCCA has changed the parameters of the Trial and Weekend membership programs for 2023.

Starting this year, the no-cost Trial Membership has become a one-time-only membership. The intent of the Trial Membership is to allow an individual to experience an SCCA event and then make a membership decision. The membership decision may be to join the club as an annual (aka “regular,” “full”) member or to use a paid Weekend Membership to participate in future SCCA events.

The SIR BoD wants everyone to be aware of these changes and to not be unpleasantly surprised later this year.

Obviously, we would like all the non-SCCA members that enjoy our events to join the Southern Indiana Region of the SCCA. We understand that a series of \$20 Weekend Memberships may be the better option for you. That’s a decision you will have to make. To join the SIR/SCCA the easiest way is to visit <https://www.scca.com/pages/official-membership>.

After the single use of a Trial Membership, a paid Weekend Membership is the only way for a non-SCCA member to participate in a car during an event. That extends to being a passenger in a car on an autocross run. A motorsportreg.com (MSR) account with a credit card on file will be required for processing the paid Weekend Memberships.

For rally navigators not registered by their drivers, a \$20 Weekend Membership option is available.

There are two options for non-entrants to be passengers in an autocross. The preferred option is a non-entrant \$20 Weekend Membership through MSR. These will be available until registration closes on MSR. Event registration typically closes in the early evening of the day before the event. The alternative is an on-site \$25 Weekend Membership that will still be done through MSR and will have to be completed before the end of the driver meeting.

If you have questions, please reach out to me.

Bob Sonntag

bob.sonntag@att.net

812-477-5936

TLDR:

- We still 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 where we can store it until we get it refurbished.
- Attend the March 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. pitstop@sirsgcca.org
- **When buying from The Tire Rack start by using the link on our website: <https://www.sirsgcca.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. See the Entry fees on the next page.
- Event Trial memberships are only good for one use per person in any event.
- Autocross events listed on MSR will have a link for getting a paid weekend membership for an adult passenger.
- It looks like the 2023 Awards Banquet will take place in January of 2024 at Smitty’s.
- Get an annual waiver or pay the price! \$5.00. When you register for an event on MSR you must uncheck the SpeedWaiver box if you have an annual waiver, or you’ll be charged an extra \$5.
- There will not be a Bowler Autocross this year.
- There’s a Great Lakes Divisional autocross at NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, KY at the end of April.
- Patch Party information:
 - There will be 3 days of work.
 - Days 1 & 2 will be cut, dig, and quick patch.
 - Day 3 concrete will be poured.
 - Working either day 1 or day 2 will earn 1 bonus run.
 - Working day 3 will earn 1 bonus run.
 - Work all 3 days and earn a free autocross entry.
- Motorsportreg.com announced a \$2 charge to every event attendee. If our entry fee is listed as \$37, you will be charged \$39. The pilot program is being rolled out now. See next page.

2023 SIR/SCCA Entry Fees on MSR

1-Day Autocross Events	Per Driver Entry Fee	Weekend Membership	MSR Fee	Total
SCCA Members				
Non-Students	\$37	n/a	\$2	\$39
Same Household	\$32	n/a	\$2	\$34
Students	\$27	n/a	\$2	\$29
All Others				
Non-Students	\$37	\$20	\$2	\$59
Students	\$27	\$20	\$2	\$49

2-Day Autocross Events	Per Driver Entry Fee	Weekend Membership	MSR Fee	Total
SCCA Members				
Non-Students	\$74	n/a	\$2	\$76
Same Household	\$64	n/a	\$2	\$66
Students	\$54	n/a	\$2	\$56
All Others				
Non-Students	\$74	\$20	\$2	\$96
Students	\$54	\$20	\$2	\$76

Note: An entry fee discount of \$5 is granted to those living in the same household as another entrant in the event.

Rally Events	Per Driver Entry Fee	Weekend Membership	MSR Fee	Total
SCCA Members				
Non-Students	\$37	n/a	\$2	\$39
Students	\$27	n/a	\$2	\$29
All Others				
Non-Students	\$37	\$20	\$2	\$59
Students	\$27	\$20	\$2	\$49

All road rally participants, other than workers, must be SCCA members.

- A guest driver will have a paid Weekend membership.
- A guest navigator will have a free Trial membership.
- A guest passenger will have a free Trial membership.

Note: A “pay to play” discount of \$5 is granted to those on rally teams that ran the previous rally.

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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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Great Lakes Division 2023 Solo Series Schedule

2023 Solo Schedule

Great Lakes Division Solo Series Events

Event	Event	Event	MSR	Event		Event	
Date	Host	Location	Link	Results		Index	
April 29th & 30th	KYR	NCM Motorsports Park	Link	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
June 11th	Indy	Grissom Aeroplex	Link	Sunday		Sunday	
June 24th & 25th	SWV	UWV-Parkersburg	Link	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
July 15th & 16th	FWR	Allen County Coliseum	Link	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
July 22nd & 23rd	OVR	Fortress	Link	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
September 16th & 17th	Cincy	Trader's World	Link	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday

Central & Great Lakes Division Area Championship Tour Events

June 16th to 18th	SCCA	Grissom Aeroplex	Link	Results	Index
July 14th to 16th	SCCA	Route 66 Raceway	Link	Results	Index

Great Lakes Division CAM Challenge Event

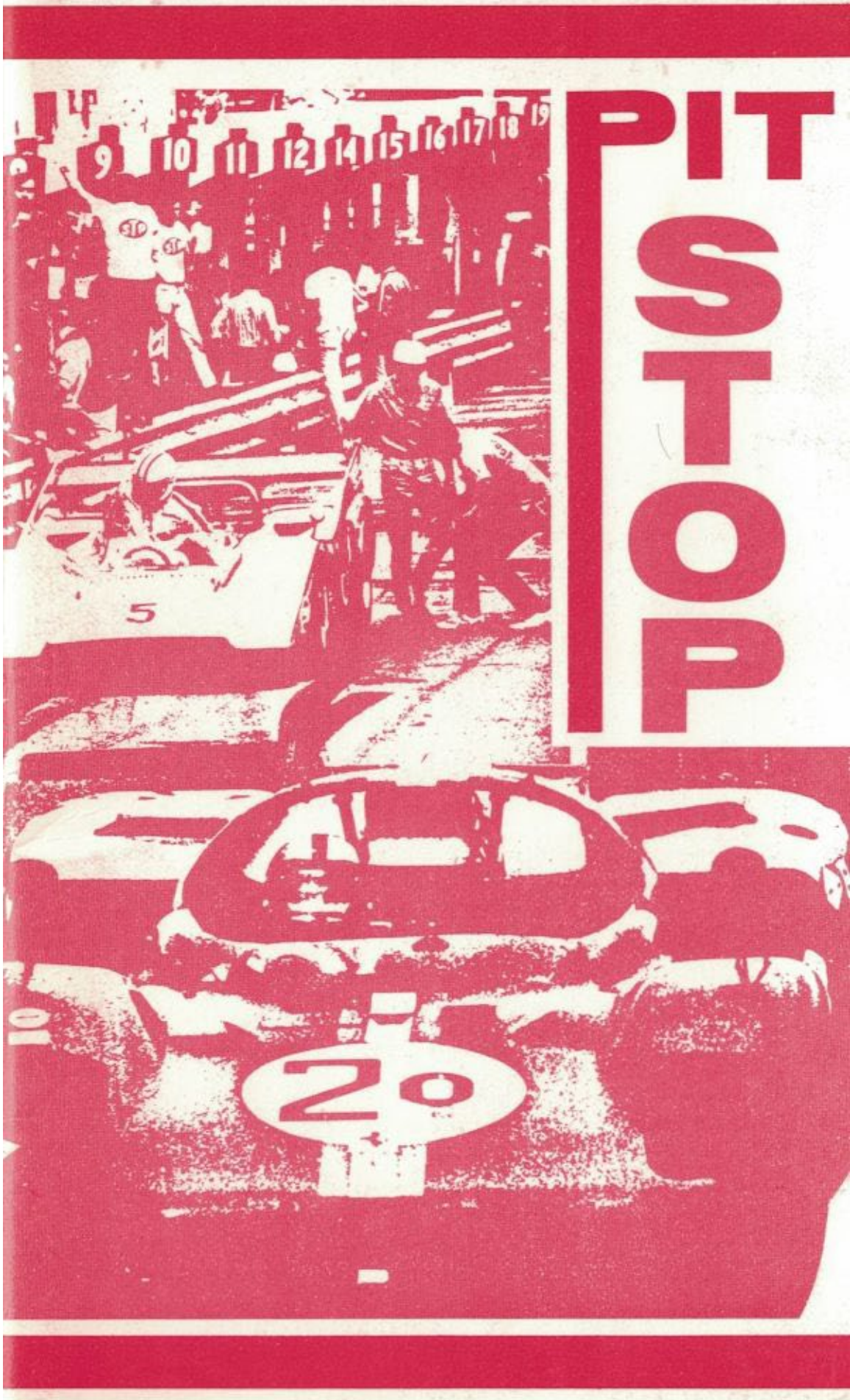
August 11th to 13th	SCCA	Grissom Aeroplex	Link	Results	Index
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Central & Great Lakes Division Area Championship Pro Solo Events

July 21st to 23rd	SCCA	Toledo, OH	Link	Results	Index
August 4th to 6th	SCCA	Wurtsmith Airport	Link	Results	Index

SCCA Solo National Championships

September 5th to 8th	SCCA	Lincoln Airpark	Link	Results	Index
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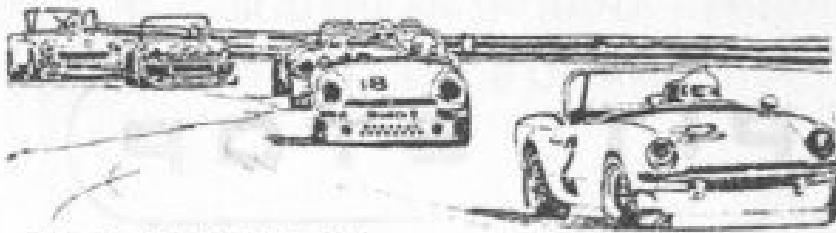
It's the first week of March, and summer's just around the corner. The cars have all been shined and gotten dirty again! The Car Show, a combined effort of many---spear-headed by the tire-less Tom Bootz, was well organized, well run, and put SIR into the eye of the Tri-State once again--IN SPITE OF THE WEATHER!

This annual event started long ago as a "Concours de Elegance" on an open parking lot. Afterwards, a "gymkhana" was held to show the public the cars were more than just "pretty faces". Over the years, this has evolved into what we now have--Sports Cars on the Mall. Each year it gets more complicated to judge the cars--new cars versus old ones--with only a mileage factor to offset the difference; new paint against old paint--Show Class, Street Class, and Guest Class.

It has been suggested that we drop the concours judging and have just a "car show". Maybe there's some logic to that. Change for the sake of change is not good. The continuation of something because we "always have" is not good either.

Food for thought.

DON JOHNSON



ACTIVITIES

Since T. Bootz was busy with the Car Show and, since I didn't have the foresight to ask the Assistant Activities Chairman to do this column, looks like I'm elected.

If some of you were suprised to discover at the Car Show booth that there will be a Driver's School April 21st, I assure you, the suprise was not intentional. Quite a few names are on the sign-up sheet, but if the first class is filled, Tom sez there will be another School scheduled if interest warrants. The site of the School isn't nailed down yet, look for the announcement at the March meeting or April Pit Stop. Once again, George Groenert will be "headmaster".

By the time this issue arrives, the March 4th Rally will have occurred, but the Auto-X the 11th will be very close. The facts: Back lot, Washington Square, Reg. 12:30- 1:15, first car off at 1:30.

With regard to the INTERSERIES, remember, classes will be filled at the FIRST event. This is especially important in stock classes. If you want to insure you've got a class to run in later, make the first event. The location will be the Ben Davis High School parking lot. Further details at the membership meeting.

Hope I've hit all the details for March---look for Bootz back at this stand in April.

FUTURE SHOCK

MAR 11 Point Auto-X, R. Brown, Mall
 MAR 13 Club Meeting, Scorpio's 8PM
 APR 1 INTERSERIE, I.M.S.C.
 APR 10 Club Meeting
 APR 21 Driver's School, TBA
 APR 22 Point Auto-X, M. Smith, Castle
 APR 29 Point Rally, L. Head
 MAY 8 Club Meeting
 MAY 20 Point Auto-X, B. Brown
 MAY 27 Indy 500
 JUN 3 Point Auto-X, T. Davis
 JUN 10 INTERSERIE, S.C.C.C.I.
 JUN 12 Club Meeting
 JUN 17 Point Rally, S. Wasion
 JUL 1 Freedom Festival Auto-X F. Pendley



LINEAR CALENDAR

MARCH

SUN. 11th--Point Auto-X, R. Brown, Mall,
 Reg. 12:30- 1:15, Start 1:30
 TUE. 13th-- Club Meeting, Scorpio's,
 Dinner 7 PM, Mtg. 8PM

APRIL

SUN. 1st--INTERSERIE, Ben Davis High
 School, Indianapolis
 TUE. 10th--Club Meeting, Scorpio's
 SAT. 21st--Driver's School, G. Groenert,
 TBA
 SUN. 22nd--Easter Seals Auto-X, M. Smith,
 Castle High, Newburgh
 SUN. 29th--Point Rally, L. Head, TBA



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It's an unending source of wonder to me how year after year we manage to come up with new concepts in motoring pleasure.

TALE OF THE HARE & HOUNDS

Once upon a time, in the city of Evansville, a noble rally of great magnitude was about to begin. King Mike Freeman, since he laid down the laws, set forth to give we humble peasants the directions to find our treasure.

He said to us (unquote) "Go yonder into the wilderness, find the head of a hare and follow your conscience where you will. To know you chose correctly, you will find a confirming head within a stone's throw or two. The ultimate winner must tell me the correct distance and arrive closest to the allotted pace."

So into the cold bleak afternoon we did go, in search of the elusive hare. The journey began by leading us past the village of Stevenson Station and to the south of old Chandler. From there we followed the hare, which would lead us to the pot of gold.

As we traveled from hare to there, my skillful and lucky-guessing driver instinctively chose the correct way to turn all but five times. I, the eagle-eyed navigator, helped in spotting said hares on telephone poles, trees, signs, or anything else the King had found to post them on.

The journey through the villages of Elberfeld and Daylight were brief and uneventful. Traveling at a pace much greater than should have been, we rested momentarily (actually close to seven minutes) behind a sign. While resting, we saw Dor and Sharon Johnson exiting from a street on the other side of us. We saw no hare at the intersection, and, knowing one could not use the same route twice going the same direction, we thought they must

be lost. Later we found out that the little Johnson didn't like to rally much and had gotten "sick" of it.

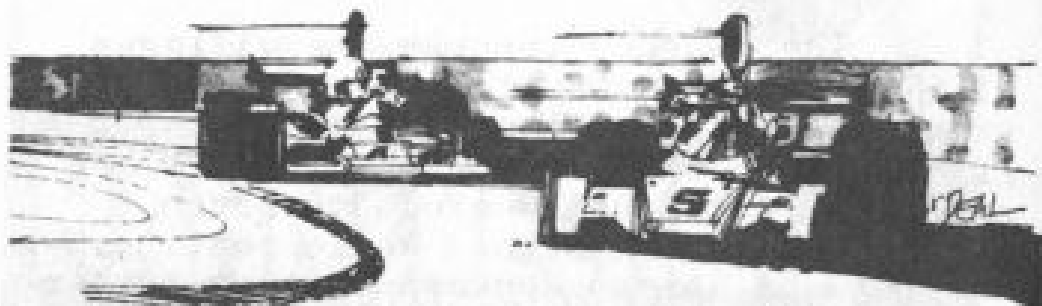
We finished the remainder of the rally, submitted our mileage estimate, and proceeded to the Ball. The feast consisted of chili, chips, and popcorn. The festivities continued until the results were established and announced. Including 19 vehicles of various shapes and sizes, the King declared that with 25 points for being early and 0 points for mileage error, the team of Perkins and Rosenthal had won the gold.

The moral of this story is: It is better to be lucky and win by a hare, than to be skillful and lose your head."

Thanks King Michael for the great rally, whomever for the food, the rallyist who ended up in Dale, and to Ron Brown for multiplying rather than dividing. Also, thanks to the 18 other vehicles with their drivers and navigators for making this a "fun" rally.

"Rosie" Rosenthal

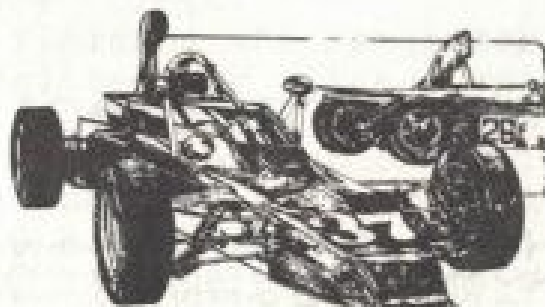
P.S. Some fairy tales do come true.



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	13	B	Perkins/Rosenthal		25	0	25	1
	16	B	Wasion/Wasion		93	10	103	2
	3	B	C.Freeman/Williams		87	130	217	3
	1	B	Davis/Head		170	60	230	4
	5	B	Wilson/Lineback		379	20	399	5
	15	B	R.Groenert/R.Brown		2	570	572	6
	11	B	Schonberger/Voelker	615		10	625	7
	14	B	Betz/Cason	286		620	906	8
	5	B	Ancona/Cohon	590		630	1220	9
	18	B	Wood/Burke	980		250	1230	10
	2	B	Zehner/Paul	1177		60	1277	11
	10	B	Hughs/Hughs	2007		20	2027	12
	4	B	Myers/Myers	1459		900	2359	13
	7	B	Kathmann/Kathmann	2662		490	3152	14
	6	B	Sutherland	3000		3000	6000	15
	8	B	Rothemeier/Gentry	3000		3000	6000	15
	12	B	D.Johnson/S.Johns	3000		3000	6000	15

19		GT	D.Lareona/J.Snyder	26		1130	1156	1
9		GT	J.Ancona/D.Cohon	2902		430	3332	2



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NEW MEMBERS

February was an excellent month for new members. Look for the following six Rookies at the March meeting:

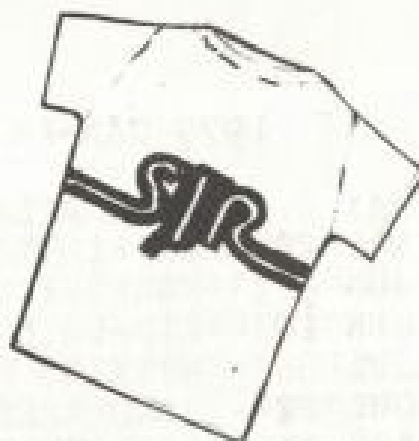
GARY PERKINS is 26, and lives at 2247 E. Iowa, Ev. 47711. Gary is a Planning Artist with Evana Tool and Engineering, is single, and drives a Firebird. Call Gary at 426-7773. Gary designed the new SIR/SCCA logo.

RAYMOND McINTYRE, 31, can be found at 420 S. 5th St. Boonville, In. 47601. Ray and his wife Lynn, drive a Buggy; home phone, 897-2863. Ray owns Chandler Auto Parts.

NORMAN HINKLE and his wife, Cathy, live at 7800 Spry Rd. Ev. In. 47715. Norm is 27, an Insurance Claims Adjuster, and drives a 'Vette.

LAWRENCE and DONNA BOYD drive a Corvette also and live at 4455 Meadowbrook Lane, Newburgh, In. 47630. Larry is an investigator with the FDA and Donna programs computers for Old National Bank.

RALPH KNIGHT, 33, is a chemist with Mead Johnson. Ralph owns a F-Vee and lives at 312 W. Main, Newburgh, 47630.



LOGO-RHYTHMS

At this writing, most of you have had the opportunity to see and purchase one of our T-shirts with the new logo. We have red, blue, black, and green shirts with white SIR/SCCA lettering. Yellow shirts with black lettering are also available.

Your club ordered 200 shirts, and over half have been sold. The shirts are \$5.00 each. As you can see, the T's are going fast.

If you'd like additional shirts, or, if you'd like to buy your first one, please contact me or Ron. If you can't reach us, just contact any Board member.

BOBBIE BROWN

1979 TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

MAY 6 Rodriguez Autodrome--Mexico City
JUN 3 Westwood Park--Coquitlam, BC
JUN 10 Portland Raceway--Portland OR
JUL 7 Watkins Glen--Watkins Glen NY
AUG 12 Watkins Glen--(tentative)
AUG 19 Mosport--Mosport Park ONT
SEP 2 Trois Rivieres--Trois Rivieres QUE
SEP 9 Halifax--Halifax Nova Scotia(tent)
OCT 14 Laguna Seca--Monterey CA

1979 CAN-AM CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

MAY 6	ROAD ATLANTA (GA)
MAY 20	CHARLOTTE (N.C.)
JUN 3	MOSPORT PARK (ONT)
JUN 10	MID-OHIO (OHIO)
JUL 8	WATKINS GLEN (N.Y.)
JUL 22	ROAD AMERICA (WI)
AUG 5	PHILADELPHIA (PA) TENT.
AUG 15	BRAINERD (MN)
SEP 2	TROIS-RIVIERES (QUEBEC)
SEP 23	MEXICO CITY (MEX.) TENT
OCT 14	LAGUNA SECA (CA)
OCT 28	RIVERSIDE (CA)

1979 PRO RALLY SCHEDULE

FEB 10	Big Bend Bash---Alpine, TX
MAR 10	100 Acre Wood---Rolla, MO
JUN 10	Susquehannock Trail-Wellsboro, MO
JUN 13	La Jornada Trabajosa-- Bakersfield, CA
AUG 11	Happiness Is Sunrise-- Coudersport, PA
SEP 29	Sunriser 400---Chillicothe, OH
OCT 20	Valvoline 20 Mule Team Stages-- Bakersfield, CA
NOV 3	Press On Regardless---Houghton, MI
NOV 19	Nevada Rally---Las Vegas
DEC 8	Sno*Drift---Grayling, MI

NATIONAL PRO RALLY SCHOOLS

APR. 21	John Buffum School--Louden, NH
MAY 4-5	Hendrik Blok --Calif. City, CA

CAR SHOW

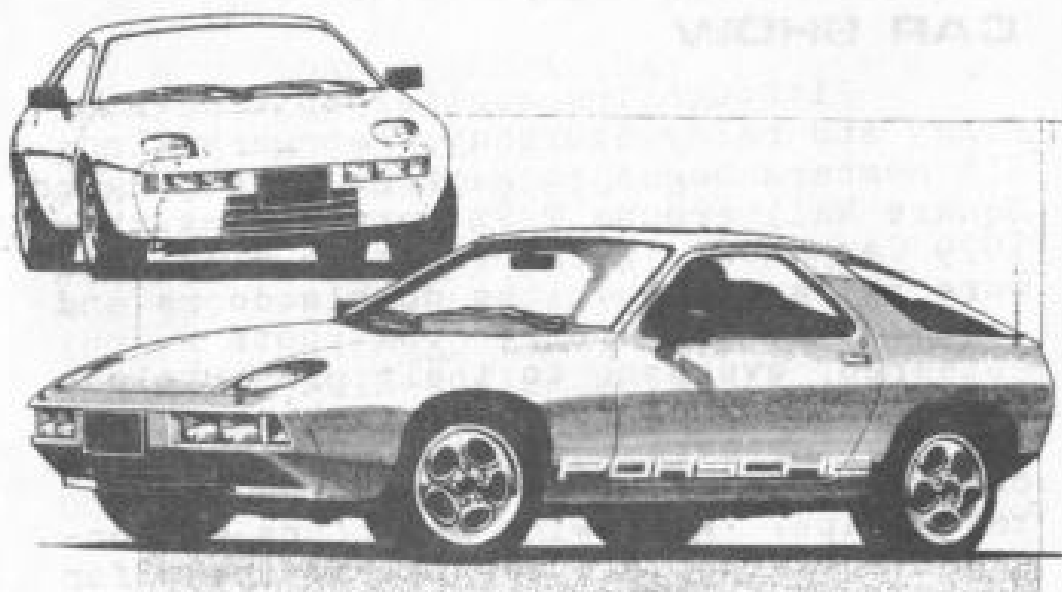
Although the weather outside was foggy and rainy Thursday, February 22nd, SIR members began to gather at Washington Square Mall around 7 PM organizing the 1979 Car Show. Machines to be displayed were pulled through the double doors and immediately dried off. Tom Bootz "steered" everyone to their proper place with the help of numerous pushers. As the display cars were gussied up by their owners, other members helped the booth take shape. Following 2-3 hours of constant activity, all was in readiness for Friday's "opening".

All three days found the troops running projectors, keeping tabs on ballot boxes, eating chili cheese dogs, and doing what comes naturally; talking about cars and SIR/SCCA. The registration sheets for the upcoming rally, autocross, and driver's school were popular items--we should have quite a few new faces at March events.

Saturday saw the judging of the car classes. In the Guest Class, young Mr. Paxton's Mini did it again, garnering First Place. The Street Class was very competitive as only 13 points separated the first three autos. Mark Rothemeier's X1/9 edged out Tam and Dot's Z, and John and Katie's RX-7. Yours truly was pleased to take first in Show-Ron and Bobbie's 911 was second.

Saturday nite Don and Sharon Johnson hosted the traditional Car Show wing-ding in the basement of their domicile. Ron Brown and Terry Davis practiced their bartending skills to the enjoyment and detriment of all. Debbie and I floated out at 2AM--did we miss breakfast?

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Sunday, final ballots were tabulated for the People's Choice Award. Ralph Knights' Bradley GT II snagged the hardware--nothing like getting started in SIR with a bang, eh Ralph?

Finally, with time growing short, the booth was dismantled and the cars were rolled off the Mall into the flying snow. Even if the outside temperatures were miserable, the 72 degree comfort of the Mall helped make the '79 Car Show another excellent showcase for SIR. I hope we see many of our newly-made friends at upcoming events.

JEFF

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SHOW RESULTZ

STREET CLASS		OWNER	*denotes trophy				TOTAL
No.	CAR		J.I	J.II	J.III	Mi. Pts.	
19	X1/9	M. Rotheimer	97	81	96	1	275*
7	240Z	T. Groenert	93	89	74	9	265*
2	RX-7	J. Kathmann	98	75	90	0	263*
1	TIGER	B. Schonberger	86	82	75	10	253
12	VETTE	A. Self	85	73	83	10	251
9	MGB-GT	T. Betz	96	77	70	7	250
8	BUGGY	R. McIntyre	94	69	84	0	247
3	MGB-GT	J. VanCleave	89	58	79	10	236
14	MIDGET	D. Burke	84	59	78	4	225
SHOW CLASS							
10	914	J. Jackson	98	82	97	-	277*
4	911	R. Brown	97	79	90	-	266*
13	LOTUS	M. Johnson	95	73	95	-	263
16	VETTE	L. Boyd	96	69	92	-	257
5	LOTUS	G. Groenert	89	79	89	-	257
11	BRADLEY	R. Knights	86	62	92	-	240
GUEST CLASS							
20	MINI	R. Paxton	99	80	97	10	286*
6	BMW	G. Caddick	93	76	91	8	268
15	924	R. Lewis	95	67	88	1	251
18	SPRITE	S. Wink	81	47	82	5	215

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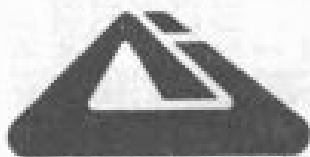
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THE RESTORATION HANDBOOK: MURPHY'S LAW

1. If anything can go wrong, it will.
2. Interchangeable parts won't.
3. Any component cut short to length will always be too short.
4. Availability of any part is inversely proportional to your need for it.
5. Tolerances will accumulate unidirectionally toward maximum difficulty of assembly.
6. After an assembly has been completed, extra components will be found on the workbench.
7. A dropped tool will always land where it will cause the most damage or where it will be least accessible or both.
(Known as the Law of Selective Gravitation)
8. Components that must not and cannot be assembled incorrectly will be.
9. All constants are variable.
10. The most logical way to assemble a part will be the wrong way.
11. Dimensions will always be expressed in the least useable terms.
12. If a part can be installed the wrong way it will be.
13. Hermetic seals will leak.
14. After the last screws are removed it will be discovered you are dismantling the wrong part.
15. A random percentage will always be operating at your disadvantage.
16. Length of time to restore = 3 times what it should take.
17. Cost to restore = 4 times estimated expenditures.

(From Vantage, the publication of the Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia—lifted from CLUTCH CHATTER Northwest Ohio Region, SCCA.)

THE ERASER'S EDGE

Two Items This Month:

1. The rally on February 4th brought something very interesting to light. It seems that either Southern Indiana has experienced an extremely rough winter which has taken its toll on SIR member's cars, or members have not been paying close attention to the requirements for passing the safety/tech inspection at club events. Frankly, the number of automobiles that appeared with defective equipment was startling. Tech inspection violations included non-functioning headlights, tail lights, brake lights, horns, turn signals, and no seat belts.

Safety requirements for automobiles entered in SIR competition are spelled out very clearly in the SIR Competition Rules, the SCCA SOLO II Rule book, and the SCCA Rally Regulations. Cars that do not meet the requirements cannot pass our safety/tech inspection and will not be allowed to compete. Remember, these rules are for everyone's safety.

2. Event marshals take note; dash plaque designs are due in my sweaty little hands no later than four (4) weeks prior to the event date. Those of you who don't make the cut-off date will get a "Plain Jane" design created for you by "Finger-paint Fred". We are doing this to avoid the \$10.00 late charge "rush order" fee.

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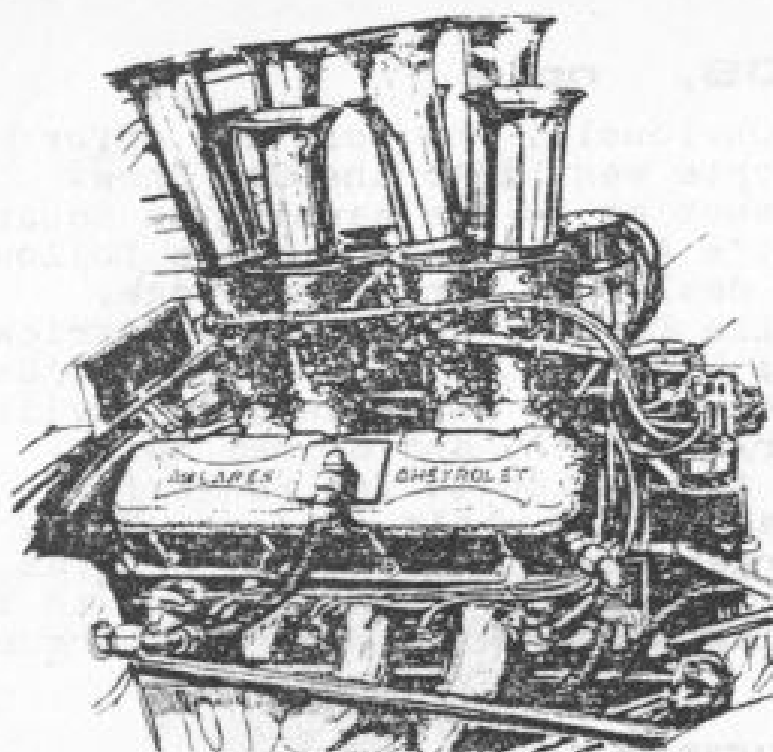
When Jeff asked that I write a column about my favorite automobile, my thoughts turned to my 1953 MG-TD. However, after some consideration, my all-time favorite has to be the 1966 Austin Mini Cooper S.

From the minute it was driven away from Continental Cars in St. Louis, it was a case of love at first sight. This was to be my "demo" at Tri-State Imports in Newburgh.

On paper at least, the little beast could beat anything on an autocross circuit. Also, at the time, the SIR was in the middle of its annual hassle over how to make everyone a winner. Harold Farmer and I were hard-pressed to keep the secret of its having been ordered several months prior.

The Mini's first outing was a dirt autocross in Hatfield. As expected, she ran away with the event... FTD and first in class. After the event, anyone wanting to drive the car did so and promptly beat their best time in their own machine. As the season progressed, the little red and black box could seem to do no wrong. She was even interviewed by the newspaper. I had the distinct feeling she developed a case of swelled head.

Eventually, the car was prepared for racing. All the BMC goodies were included. The transformation was very dramatic. That lovely "lump-lump-lump" exhaust note at 2000 RPM idle was music to our ears. At



3500 RPM she came to life and at 8000 was still pulling. Lovely!

Tri-State Imports campaigned the car at Wilmot, Wisconsin, a lovely little nine-tenths mile circuit. Who, having driven it, can forget PRAY HILL? We also ran Mid-America and Indianapolis Raceway.

During my short racing career, I found the Mini to be very forgiving of many, many driving errors. She was without doubt the most exciting automobile I have ever owned.

On the street it was an absolute blast. Talk about a sleeper! As one local police officer said while he was writing a ticket on Washington Ave., "At least you know it will do 50." "Yes Sir."

The final honor this wild little machine gave to me was being chosen as the Evansville Chamber of Commerce Motor Sports winner of 1969. Of that she was justifiably proud.

JIM BARROW

KUDOS, no. 2

Obviously, the work and effort of many people went into the Car Show. Thanks must go to the Washington Square Merchant's Association, and the following new car dealers: Vandever Dodge, Evansville Toyota; Key Ford, D-Patrick Imports; Lindsay Lincoln-Mercury, O'Daniel Ranes; Kenny Kent Chevrolet, Evansville Chrysler/Plymouth, and Snyder Buick. Special thanx also to Tom Bootz for coordinating the whole project, Barry Schonberger for the booth and program, Don and Sharon for the party, and to the exhibiting and working members and guests of SIR. Good job everyone!

JJ

ADDITIONS

As you know, I'm always looking for ways to expand the content of Pit Stop and get more membership input and participation. To that end, this month begins AUTObiography, a column where members or guests have a chance to wax poetic about past or current machines they've owned or driven. Jim Barrow was kind enough to launch the inaugural.. who knows when your chance will come? Thanx to RE Don Johnson for the suggestion.

Hopefully, April will have the start of a series on automotive sound systems. With a little help from local merchants, I'll try to get a handle on the newest in tunes.

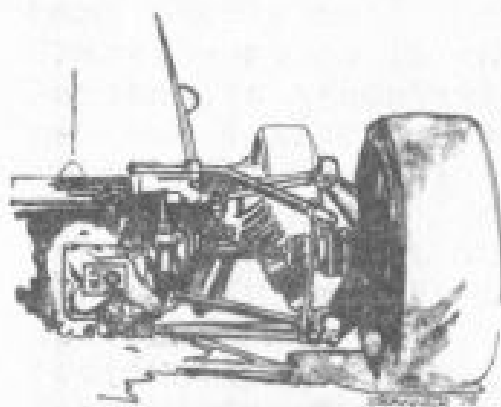
If you have a suggestion for a column, something to get off your chest, or a lead on an advertiser, let your editor know...it's always fun to type the words of someone else.

JJ



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Current conversations of SIR members have inexorably turned to the recent CBS coverage of the NASCAR Daytona 500, carried locally by Channel 25. Simply an INCREDIBLE race, and Ch. 25 carried the entire same-day coverage! Congratulations and thanks are in order to Ernest Madden and the whole 25 Alive crew for not substituting local programming.

I'm sure there are many motorsport fans in Evansville, in addition to SIR members, who truly thirst for more motor racing on the tube. However, as you know, Television is a business, and if local affiliates feel the potential market for a particular network "feed" is limited, they can substitute their own programs and capture more local ad revenue as well as a larger viewing audience. Local stations periodically solicit feedback on their programming--so if you appreciate racing on TV, take a minute and drop the station a brief note of thanks for covering a particular event. If you'd rather see the "International Race of Champions" than the "Saturday Afternoon Movie" or "Championship Wrestling"--say so! Potential market is the name of the game, and if enough interest is shown for racing, perhaps we'll see more of it televised.

SIR is very fortunate to have excellent relations with all the local stations--Let 'em know we appreciate motorsport programming!



