



The Pit Stop



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April RE Report



The Crowe's are on a roll. Somehow our family has secured 3 rally wins

in a row dating back to last season and we also won this year's Snow Buster autocross. There was plenty of luck involved here so I don't expect this trend to continue.

We have a couple of events coming up for you all to come and knock us off the top. There's a road rally on Sunday, April 16th, the "Knox County Knock About" hosted by Ernie and Sue Roales. It starts at Arby's on Hart Street in Vincennes. Then our first autocross event weekend starts with a

Test and Tune on Saturday, May 6th followed by the first points autocross on Sunday, May 7th.

We finished up the Patch Parties this past Saturday with a concrete pour day. This year Mother Nature wasn't very friendly to us. 2 of the 3 days the weather was rainy, cold, and very windy. Our members pushed through and achieved our goal without hesitation. This event is important to the club's autocross program as it allows old routes to be run and some new routes to be tried. Special thanks to those who planned all the rentals, lunches, and schedules for the work. Now let's see who makes use of those valuable bonus runs earned by working these days.

We have board meetings on the first Tuesday of the month (via Zoom) followed by an in-person dining experience at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse on the second Tuesday of the month. We invite visitors and members to both meetings. We encourage this so we can make the best decisions possible for the club going forward. Let your voice be heard!! If you want to listen in on a Board meeting contact Bob Sonntag at treasurer@sirscqa.org. I hope to see new faces this year at the meetings, rallies, and autocrosses. "Jr." Crowe
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2023 Patch Parties

The annual course repairs, aka Patch Parties” took place over 2 weekends in March and April. Work was started on Saturday the 25th with the large area on the north side of the course. A lunchtime decision was made to finish the remaining holes the next day, Sunday, instead of waiting until the following weekend. That moved the Fill Day up a week to April 1st. The concrete was poured on April Fool’s Day. None of the workdays were pleasant with the temperature ranging from a high of 50 down to 43 and all days had relentless winds of 20 to 30 mph with occasional gusts even higher.

Thanks so much to the following people who worked hard to get the job done.

Working 1 Day: Mosbah Alshmikh, MacKenzi Crowe, Don Croxton, Drew Gerth, Gary Griffith, Olivia Hammac, Bill Hammac, Kurt Krodel, Kevin Rector, Jon Schwartz

Working 2 Days: Scott Campbell, Terry Davis, Dave Lehrschall, Dawn Sturgeon

Working all 3 days: Steve Backer, Barry Beaman, Don Beaman, Jim Cannon, Jr. Crowe, Jarrod Davis, Carolyn Dornburg, Paul Dornburg, Richard Grav, Jeff Jackson, Don Kelley, John McCarthy, Larry Pearsall, Sean Reising, Ernest Roales, Bob Sonntag



Day 1 In the left picture above you can see the work crew working on the “jump” on the north side of the course. This repair took almost half of the 7 yards of concrete. The picture on the right shows the second of 4 loads of broken concrete removed from the areas of repair. This work took all of the first day, Saturday, March 25th.

Day 2 The left picture below shows the work crew working on one of the remaining “small” holes on Sunday, March 26th.



Day 3 The right picture shows the April 1st crew filling the large hole.

SIR/SCCA Board Meeting March 7th, 2023

Meeting opened by Jr. Crowe at 6:31 PM

Officer Reports

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales moved to accept previous meeting minutes as published in the Pit Stop newsletter, 2nd by Jeff Jackson, passed.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported a balance of \$5,614.26.
- **Activities:** Steve Backer reported that the points for the first rally are posted in the spreadsheet.
- **Assistant Activities Chair:** Jim Cannon, nothing to report.
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg reported that the deadline for submissions is the last Wednesday of March 3/29.
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon, nothing to report.
- **Advisor:** Terry Davis reported that we are up to date on insurance and sanction requests.
- **Assistant Regional Executive:** Jeff Jackson, nothing to report.
- **Regional Executive:** Jr. Crowe, nothing to report.

Old Business

- **Trailer:** Jr. Crowe states wheel bearing replacement is in process. The trailer probably will be used as storage at MAAC.
- **Weekend Membership vs Trial Membership changes:** Bob Sonntag reported that all involved have been informed.
- **New entry fees** are live on MSR reported Paul Dornburg.
- **Awards Banquet:** Bob Sonntag reports that after a survey at the February member meeting most preferred a January membership meeting with awards at Smitty's in place of a separate December awards banquet and no December membership meeting. The plan is to give Smitty's a head count and then order off the menu.

New Business

- **Cars and Coffee:** Jr. Crowe reports a big crowd with interest from many.
- **Waivers:** At the first rally, one person who competed in the event did not sign the waiver, in spite of multiple queries asking if everyone had signed the waiver. We need to be more diligent about waivers at rallies.
- **Bob and Terry's rally:** It was a great turnout with 10 entries. See Pit Stop and the web site for the results.
- **Bob Sonntag** reports that the MAAC usage agreement is in place.
- **Annual Tech:** Have tech sheets filled out and kept by drivers. ERnie Roales has donated tech and helmet stickers.
- **Berry points** will be awarded for the Roberts Park fun autocrosses this year. Each participant will get 2 Berry points. A motion was made by Jeff Jackson for this proposal. Second by Terry Davis. Passed.
- **Patch Parties:**
 - Earn 1 bonus run by working day 1 or 2.
 - Earn 1 bonus run by working day 3, the fill day.
 - Earn Berry points (5) for each day worked.
 - Work all three days to earn 1 free entry.

Next Meeting

- 3/12 Member meeting at Smitty's
- 4/4 Board meeting via ZOOM
- 4/11 Member meeting at Smitty's

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SIR/SCCA Membership Meeting March 14th, 2023

Meeting called to order by Junior Crowe at 7 PM

Officer Reports

- **Secretary:** Ernie Roales absent; motion by Bob Sonntag to accept amended minutes as published in Pit Stop, second by Terry Davis, passed. Changes are from “nothing to report” to “not present; no report” for Assistant Activities Chair Jim Cannon and Women’s Chair Dawn Sturgeon.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported funds on hand of \$4,896.98. Motion to accept the report by Terry Davis, second by Jeff Jackson, approved.
- **Activities Chair:** Steve Backer reported he has Event Chairs through June; needs chairmen for events beginning in July.
- **Assistant Activities Chair:** Jim Cannon, nothing to report.
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg absent, Bob Sonntag indicated the deadline for articles is Wednesday, 3/29, and March anniversary and birthdays were looked over and then overlooked.
- **Women:** Dawn Sturgeon absent
- **Assistant RE:** Jeff Jackson, nothing to report.
- **Regional Executive:** Jr Crowe, nothing to report.
- **Advisor to the Board:** Terry Davis, nothing to report.

Old Business

- **Cars and Coffee:** Jr reported a huge attendance, lots of contacts made by SIR members, hope to see some new entrants at future events.
- **Trailer:** Jr reported no status change.
- **Banquet:** Bob Sonntag confirmed no December 2023 club meeting; our holiday event will be with the January 2024 membership meeting at Smitty’s; attendees will order off the menu rather than fixed meal options to allow cost flexibility.

New Business

- **Patch Parties:** Scheduled for Saturdays as follows; 3/18, 3/25, and 4/1. Workers will receive Berry Points for each session worked. Attendance at either of the first two days earns 1 extra AX run in the first heat, attendance at the April paving date will earn 1 extra AX run (either a first bonus run, or a second bonus run), attendance at all three events will also receive a free event entry. It is critical that the 4/1 event be well attended as that is a concrete paving day which requires lots of help.
- **MSR Event Surcharge:** After SIR set entry fees for 2023, MSR announced a phase-in of a \$2.00 surcharge to be implemented in phases in 2023. SIR will not absorb this surcharge but add it to entrant fees when the rollout reaches our events.
- **Rally Awards:** Bob Sonntag reported 10 entrants, 2 in Class A and 8 in Class B for the “Find Another Opportunity” rally. Class awards were presented; numerous rally stories ensued. Congratulations to Team Crowe for zeroing two checkpoints and to be the only team to trophy without use of a time allowance.
- **Waiver Assistance:** Bob Sonntag indicated it’s critical that all event entrants must be on our waiver. We no longer do paper; Speed Waivers must be used for all without an Annual Waiver from SCCA. Especially at rallies, all must ensure each entrant has a waiver; we should not depend upon the rallymaster to ensure compliance. All members are encouraged to get an Annual Waiver. Remember, SIR will charge its members \$5 for use of a Speed Waiver.
- Attendance Drawing was won by Jr Crowe.

Next Meetings

- Board: April 4th, 6:30 via ZOOM
- Member: April 11th at Smitty’s, gather and eat at 5:45, business meeting at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Terry Davis at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by Jeff Jackson for Ernie Roales.

April Birthdays

Jacob Campbell	4/04
Paul Finney	4/04
Larry Pearsall	4/06
Matt Beasley	4/12
Richard Grav	4/18
Brandon Porambo	4/19
Gabe Fehribach	4/21
Daniel Evenson	4/22
Bob Sonntag	4/22
Patrick Uebelhor	4/28
Tim Green	4/30

April Anniversaries

Darlene Cannon	04/20/1995	28 yrs.
Carolyn Dornburg	04/09/1996	27 yrs.
Paul Dornburg	04/09/1996	27 yrs.
Julia Young	04/10/2006	17 yrs.
James Nichols	04/25/2010	13 yrs.
Dave Hostetter	04/07/2016	7 yrs.
Lee Lingo	04/24/2019	4 yrs.
Danny Croslow	04/13/2021	2 yrs.
Scott Wilhelmus	04/14/2021	2 yrs.
James Hurm	04/19/2021	2 yrs.
Paul Finney	04/02/2022	1 yr.
Patrick Stealey	04/04/2022	1 yr.
Spencer Skaggs	04/05/2022	1 yr.
Ryan Pearsall	04/22/2022	1 yr.
Daniel Evenson	04/26/2022	1 yr.
Eric Shade	04/27/2022	1 yr.

Points:

We've now had 3 months' worth of club activities which includes 3 club meetings, 1 point rally, the Snow Buster fun autocross, and 3 days of Patch Parties. Bob Sonntag holds a 1-point lead over Jr. Crowe in the Berry Points. Jim Cannon, Larry Pearsall, and Ernie Roales are tied for third closely followed by Steve Backer, Jeff Jackson, Terry Davis, and John McCarthy. 7 people are tied for 10th.

Rally points are unchanged since the last newsletter. The next rally is the Roales' "Knox County Knock About" on Sunday, April 16th, starting at Arby's, 2565 Hart Street, Vincennes, IN 47591. Show up by 12:30 central time and be ready for a jaunt around Knox County, Indiana.

New Members:

Welcome these new club members since January 1st.

Mark Rife
 Steven Fulkerson
 Kristoffer Griffin
 Sean Reising
 Josh Huff
 Michelle Huff
 Donald Croxton II
 Erik Fritts
 Derek Griffith

Rally Points R1

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
9	Suellyn Lehrsall	2
9	Dave Lehrsall	2

Berry Points		Total Berry Points	Meeting Berry Points	Fun Berry Points	Work Berry Points	AX Berry Points	Rally Berry Points
1	Bob Sonntag	25	3	2	15	0	5
2	Jr. Crowe	24	2	2	15	0	5
3	Jim Cannon	21	1	2	15	0	3
3	Larry Pearsall	21	2	2	15	0	2
3	ERnie Roales	21	2	2	15	0	2
6	Steve Backer	20	3	2	15	0	0
6	Jeff Jackson	20	3	2	15	0	0
8	Terry Davis	19	2	2	10	0	5
9	John McCarthy	18	3	0	15	0	0
10	Barry Beaman	17	0	2	15	0	0
10	Don Beaman	17	0	2	15	0	0
10	Jarrod Davis R	17	0	2	15	0	0
10	Paul Dornburg	17	0	2	15	0	0
10	Carolyn Dornburg	17	0	2	15	0	0
10	Don Kelley	17	0	0	15	0	2
10	Sean Reising R	17	0	2	15	0	0
17	Dave Lehrsall	16	2	2	10	0	2
18	Richard Grav	15	0	0	15	0	0
19	Dawn Sturgeon	13	1	2	10	0	0
20	Scott Campbell	10	0	0	10	0	0
21	Drew Gerth	7	0	2	5	0	0
21	Gary Griffith	7	0	2	5	0	0
21	Kurt Krodel	7	0	2	5	0	0
21	Kevin Rector R	7	0	2	5	0	0
25	Josie Crowe	6	1	0	0	0	5
26	MacKenzi Crowe	5	0	0	5	0	0
26	Harold Davis	5	0	0	0	0	5
26	Karen Davis	5	0	0	0	0	5
26	Jon Schwartze	5	0	0	5	0	0
30	James Hurm	4	0	0	0	0	4
31	Michelle Deutsch	3	1	2	0	0	0
31	Eric Shade	3	3	0	0	0	0
31	James Shade	3	3	0	0	0	0
34	Suellyn Lehrsall	2	0	0	0	0	2
34	Eric Lookofsky	2	0	0	0	0	2
34	Corey Marts	2	0	2	0	0	0
34	Ryan Pearsall	2	0	0	0	0	2
34	Brandon Porambo	2	0	0	0	0	2
34	Susan Roales	2	0	0	0	0	2
34	Caleb Scarbrough	2	0	2	0	0	0
34	Gary Scarbrough	2	0	2	0	0	0
42	Jason Epley	1	1	0	0	0	0
42	Jamsheed Reshad	1	1	0	0	0	0
42	John Warren	1	1	0	0	0	0

Results: Here are class results from the first autocross of the 2023 season, the "Snow Buster."

Class Results

Snow Buster
Robert's Park, Evansville, Indiana
 - A Board Event -

3/12/2023

Car	Class	Driver	Car	Run 1		Run 2		Run 3		Run 4		Run 5		Run 6		Best Time	Index	Autocross	
				Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen			Time	Points

Member Division

Classic American Muscle Sports

1	98	CMS	Caleb Scarbrough	Orange Corvette	39.654		37.089		38.258		40.502		44.224	(2)	37.485		37.089	.845	63.015	895	T
2	81	CMS	Sean Reising	Black Corvette	45.582		42.898		43.390		43.105		41.134		48.569		41.134	.845	71.007	794	

Xtreme Street A & Super Street Touring

1	27	XA	Jarrod Davis	Red Nissan	41.658		38.740		37.451		38.961		35.758		36.464		35.758	.842	61.642	915	T
2	523	SST	Charles England	Blue Focus	42.201		37.731		36.200		37.775		38.915	(1)	37.336		36.200	.837	61.550	916	

Super Street & Classic American Muscle Contemporary

1	183	SS	Paul Dornburg	Gray Cayman	35.612		34.290		33.997		34.602		34.726		33.710		33.710	.833	56.400	1000	BT
2	97	SS	Olivia Hammac	Gray Lotus	41.258		38.206		36.104		36.915		34.754		34.423		34.423	.833	58.749	960	T
3	9	SS	William Hammac	Gray Lotus	38.423		36.873		35.855		35.728		34.951		36.916	(1)	34.951	.833	58.981	956	T
4	79	CMC	Dave Lehrschaal	Red Mustang	44.661	(1)	39.345		38.786		42.287	(1)	39.276		36.833		36.833	.827	62.537	902	B
5	83	SS	Carolyn Dornburg	Gray Cayman	40.642		39.910		38.920		38.313		36.849		38.241		36.849	.833	63.116	894	B
6	36	SS	Terry Davis	Blue 911	38.298		38.147		38.402		37.210		37.232		37.327		37.210	.833	62.772	898	B
7	21	SS	Gary Griffith	Blue Mustang	41.689	(1)	41.215	(1)	42.724	(1)	38.420		39.474	(1)	38.353		38.353	.833	66.280	851	

Classic American Muscle Traditional

1	72	CMT	Kurt Krodel	White Firebird	40.872		39.967		39.487		37.345		37.529		36.822		36.822	.819	62.497	902	T
2	91	CMT	Drew Gerth	White Firebird	39.222		38.333		37.303		38.075		37.684		38.746	(1)	37.303	.819	61.414	918	B

B Street & Street Touring Sport

1	3	BS	Jr Crowe	Red Cayman	36.753		35.543		34.963		35.320		34.704		34.165		34.165	.818	56.547	997	T
2	66	STS	Jose Renda	Black Miata	39.151		40.670	(1)	37.360		36.829		37.917		36.628		36.628	.814	60.226	936	

F Street

1	330	FS	Alex Grant	Gray BMW	41.067		40.714	(1)	40.757	(1)	38.358		37.389		37.375		37.375	.813	63.486	888	T
2	89	FS	Gary Scarbrough	White Camaro	41.023		39.846		40.182		39.645		37.856		39.448		37.856	.813	63.172	893	B
3	1	FS	Larry Pearsall	White BMW	50.957		45.584		42.669		64.196	DNF	59.666	DNF	59.550	DNF	42.669	.813	78.118	750	B

C Street

1	20	CS	Barry Beaman	Red Honda	39.918		37.656		37.500		36.663		36.978		35.475		35.475	.811	59.183	953	BT
2	39	CS	Kevin Rector	Gray Nissan	43.055		45.463	DNF	40.905		41.117		40.130		39.556		39.556	.811	65.254	864	

D Street & E Street

1	151	DS	Jim Cannon	Black Civic R	42.270	DNF	39.249		38.159		39.170	(1)	35.941		37.376		35.941	.808	59.873	942	BT
2	17	DS	Don Beaman	Red Mustang	40.970		39.265		40.542	(1)	48.962	DNF	36.994		36.234		36.234	.808	61.003	925	BT
3	33	ES	Corey Marts	Red MR2	41.060		38.682		38.637		48.465		38.988	(1)	36.686		36.686	.792	59.656	945	
4	51	DS	Ernie Roales	Black Civic R	40.100		37.729		37.873		37.152		36.797		36.867		36.797	.808	60.217	937	B
5	21	DS	Steve Backer	White FR-S	39.335		39.364		38.836		38.094		37.741		37.846		37.741	.808	61.874	912	B

D Street Ladies

1	86	DSL	Dawn Sturgeon	White Subaru	38.945		38.818		38.806		37.335		37.041		36.559		36.559	.808	60.895	926	BT
2	186	DSL	Michelle Deutsch	White Subaru	41.795		40.432		40.330		40.299		39.677		38.858		38.858	.808	63.984	881	B

Weekend Member Division

																			Indexed Time		
1	82	WXB	Shawn Lansdale	Yellow Lotus	38.186		38.317	(1)	35.458		35.020		34.878		51.338		34.878	.848		29.577	T
2	317	WCMS	Carson York	Black Dodge	51.030		39.348		38.256		44.141	(2)	36.976		38.950	(1)	36.976	.845		31.245	T
3	22	WGS	Jason Phelps	Black BMW	43.516		42.110		41.168		40.123		41.035		39.795		39.795	.794		31.597	T
4	36	WCMS	Jody Glenn	Black Corvette	44.835		40.038		40.141		39.613		41.017	(1)	38.044		38.044	.845		32.147	
5	64	WFS	Jeremy Crowe	Black Gran Prix	41.990		43.401	(1)	41.140		39.568		39.781		44.623	(3)	39.568	.813		32.169	
6	24	WSTS	Bri Pinkstaff	White Focus	50.635		46.811	DNF	42.885		42.814		41.361		40.650		40.650	.814		33.089	
7	666	WXB	Samuel Wolf	Silver Miata	45.689		43.446	DNF	43.999		43.647	DNF	41.728		40.157		40.157	.848		34.053	
8	108	WSS	Logan Fraize	White Camaro	49.104	DNF	45.759	DNF	42.862		44.923	DNF	42.889		42.186		42.186	.833		35.141	

Notes: The times reflect any 2 second penalty per pylon; the pylon count is shown in the penalty column.

In instances where there were would have been no times for the first or second set of runs because of DNF/DNS runs, times were created by adding 2 non-indexed seconds to the competitor's slowest run time.

Where possible, DNF/DSQ runs show the raw time.

Class results are by single best run. Autocross points are by indexing the driver's combined best first heat run and the best second heat run.

B: Driver in SIR/SCCA bonus program. The driver's best three of four runs of each heat are shown in these results.

T: Trophy winner.

The first autocross of the 2023 season was held March 13th on a coldish Sunday. 35 drivers turned out for what might be the last autocross at this site. The city of Evansville has announced plans to develop the former Roberts Stadium property into a green space and it appears that the area we currently use to autocross will be redone with small islands dotting the current open area. Time will tell.

When the runs were done Jr. Crowe beat Paul Dornburg by 0.133 based on indexed time, 27.947 to 28.080. Dornburg had the fastest overall raw time of 33.71 seconds. Jr. was about 0.4 behind with 34.165 followed by 15-year-old Olivia Hammoc with 34.423. Olivia and her dad Bill made the long drive to Evansville from Taylorsville, IL to compete. Shawn Lansdale was 4th quickest with 34.878 followed by Olivia's Dad, Bill, who had 34.951.

Rally Good Times

I like Time/Speed/Distance rallies. I think they're fun. I think they are a great way to enjoy going for a drive on what are most often fun roads. Sure, there's been a bit of a learning curve involved. Sometimes paying tuition for lessons is expensive. Not money. Just bad scores, feeling stupid (confused left & right? again?), and some embarrassment (miscounted to two on my fingers AND while using tick marks). Thank goodness it was me that missed a billboard sized one-word sign. Then I saw the edge of the "DEAD END" sign on my rally, but not any of the darn sign Rosie Rosenthal's that was just after a hill and made it difficult to quickly get back on the route safely. Nearly all great SIR/SCCA stories are rally related ones.

When I started running T/S/D rallies, if one lost one's way, there was no GPS to help. Car phones were rare. Cellular phones, not even smart ones, were still a thing of the future. AND having a map only actually helps if you know where you are on it. Knowing for certain I'm on the second road (I think) after the sign reading in part "Scorpios" doesn't help me when I look at the map...if I happened to have the correct county map with me. Likewise, having nickels and dimes for pay phones only worked if one could find a pay phone.

Anyway, in hopes of helping more people maximize the fun of a rally I thought I shared a few ideas and things that came to mind with our February "Find Another Opportunity" rally.

- 1) Complete your SCCA annual waiver. It's a once-a-year thing and getting it done gets it out of the way for the rest of the year.
- 2) If you're going the SpeedWaiver route, start on it and work to complete it before you arrive at the rally's gathering point.
 - a. Expect some buddy system and cross-checking to make sure that everyone in a rally vehicle is on the insurance waiver.
 - b. Everyone participating in the rally should be present at the driver/navigator meeting.
 - c. The club will be increasing its efforts to make sure everyone has signed the waiver.
- 3) Be early. If you're new to our rallies be early to the gathering point. This will give you time to ask questions and/or get some guidance from the rallymaster or from more experienced competitors. If you arrive late, you'll be in catch-up mode from the get-go and will have to rush the other pre-start tasks. That frequently leads to compounding problems.
- 4) Have the Richta Competitor app installed on the device you'll devote to it for the rally. The same goes for your backup device if you're going to use one.
- 5) Wait patiently until the word is given to register in the Richta app for the event. Frequently, the rallymaster is quite busy with novices, being social, and last-minute details. If you're one that frequently has issues getting registered in Richta Competitor, be ready to jump on this task ASAP.
- 6) Our rallies run using the Richta app. It's wonderful. Beyond the worker issues it resolves, the instant checkpoint feedback it provides, and numerous checkpoints it can offer, it also gives an easy way of taking a Time Allowance ("TA" in rally parlance). It's what we used to call "buying time."
 - Use a TA to get back on-time without fast/wild/risky/exciting driving...which frequently leads to missing other instructions, signs, and roads.
 - If you end up right behind another rally car, use a TA to drop back to just out of sight. This lets the car in front run without interference. It also lets you continue to work the rally, rather than devolving to just following the car you're right behind. Heck they could be wrong. For sure at least one of you is wrong.
- 7) If you deviate from the route ("get lost"), don't give up too quickly. Learn from the mistake. If you do give up, let the rallymaster know. Otherwise, you're assumed to still be working on the route. The Richta system provides the rallymaster a way to see the location of competitors while the app is running. If you close the app, the rallymaster is most likely to only see that you've stopped moving.
 - a. Recording your mileage at every route instruction is a best practice idea.
 - b. Ditto for the time if you can keep up with getting it all written legibly before missing the next instruction.
 - c. Having the mileage and time at checkpoint locations may help if there's a failure of your timing device to detect a control point.
- 8) Something to write with, a highlighter or second color pen/pencil, and something to make writing in a moving car are musts. A stopwatch (remember you can't use the one on the device running the Richta Competitor app) might be helpful too.

Our next road rallies are "Knox County Knock About" by Team Roales on April 16 (Vincennes, IN) and the Team Davis "Another May Day" on May 21 (Evansville, IN). Come play in the road with us.

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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
3.25	Sat	9:00 AM	Patch Party Day 1 - Cut, Dig & Patch Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.26	Sun	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 Day 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	12:30 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
5.10	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
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.

Sign up for the first Great Lakes Division Solo Series event at NCM at the end of April.
<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/glds-hosted-by-kyscca-pe1-pe2-ncm-motorsport-park-scca-kentucky-215131>

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
7.01	Sat		National Tour Bristol TN
7.02	Sun		National Tour Bristol TN
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	7:00 AM	Tennessee Region Autocross NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
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 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	9:00 AM	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
10.15	Sun	9:00 AM	Spare autocross date
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
December			
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 April 2023

March was a whirlwind for me with trips to Fort Wayne, IN for the divisional meeting and Kansas City, MO for a face-to-face Club Racing Board (CRB) meeting, I had a few nights away from home and a lot of miles on the highways in my EV.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (3/7): We finalized an agenda for the first of two face-to-face meetings in 2023 which would be held in March (3/17, 3/18). The group discussed the ongoing B Spec debate about class parity. An extended conversation was held about the definition of weights in the GCR. Base weight, minimum weight, starting weight all had different definitions depending on what category you were looking at. It caused some confusion (rightly so) and the committee took some time to clarify the language used across all classes. Other minutiae were handled such as (rain lights, FIA GT4 tire specs, etc.). The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (3/8): We are all excited because one of our EVAC members built an EV that campaigned at a race in CA. It finished all the sessions and ran extremely well for its maiden voyage. In addition, we've begun work on a memo to registrars for all programs to alert them to how to handle an EV when it signs up for an event. Our goal is to give registrars a unified path to follow so that an entrant using an EV can be dealt with in the same fashion. This allows the region to be aware of the entry and can be prepared. We're also exploring how to work with risk management so we can catalogue incidents that involve EVs. This will let us utilize 'best practices' so we learn from past events as we shape policy moving forward.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (3/27): An issue at the 2022 Runoffs warranted our attention. Language was changed in the GCR that bubbled into a disagreement between the Steward Corps and the CRB. The leaders of these groups met with us to make their case in this debate. The BoD heard from each of them and discussed how to proceed. After all of that (it took over an hour), we also got an update on the financials. We worked on some minutia like changes to the ERB rules, filling Court of Appeals (CoA) positions, some liaison changes, etc.

SCCA Events:

- GLDiv Spring Training (3/3, 3/4): This meeting will go down in the history books for a variety of reasons. One, the weather was REALLY nasty. Two, several members of national staff (eight?) came to the meeting to help us with our various programs and events. This included Mike Cobb who is the President of the SCCA. Three, I was made speechless....and those who know me know that this doesn't occur too often.
- My drive down from Lansing was pretty tricky for the last 30-40 miles. The ice and snow caked on to my windshield wipers and made the roads treacherous. Then it warmed up a bit and the ice was removed from my car by rain. The Friday evening social was punctuated by many visits with friends over some pretty good pasta dishes. Much fun was had by all.

- On Saturday, I tried to attend as many sessions as I could, so I was pretty busy all day. The meeting was highlighted by having all levels of leadership in attendance. Regional, divisional, and national program managers worked together to make our programs better for the members of GLDiv. This was truly a very educational experience for all involved.
- As for my “speechless” moment, I was extremely humbled, proud, and appreciative to hear that I was the recipient of the Steve Harris Dedicated Member Award from the division. I walked up to the podium, and I just didn’t know what to say. I was shocked and amazed that I would be considered worthy of such an award. The award is glass and very heavy, so I described it as “the perfect blunt object from a Perry Mason episode” (yes, a reference from a TV show from 60 years ago, I’m old, get over it). I want to thank everyone for this extremely high honor. I use Steve’s management style as the template for my directorship and how I appoint myself as I hold the position.
- The weather may have quenched the atmosphere outside but the camaraderie inside made the weekend very fruitful. We expect bigger and better next year so please make sure to attend the meeting in 2024. Details will be announced here when they become available.
- The divisional leadership should be praised for an outstanding meeting. Everyone in attendance told me they were very impressed. Val McCammon is the leader of the squad, but she couldn’t have done it without help from so many others. Velma and Raleigh Boreen, Tony Brown, the REs from the various regions and, of course, the folks from HQ who braved the inclement weather and travelled to the meeting. Mike Cobb’s story of his trip to Fort Wayne is priceless. Ask him about it the next time you see him.
- CRB Meeting (3/17, 3/18): This meeting was designed to discuss the long-term health and success of the Club Racing program. The Chair of the CRB (John LaRue) let us know that there would be no portion of the program (Runoffs, classes, run groups, venues, schedule, etc.) that would be off limits. The group met for eight hours on Friday and four more on Saturday. Many topics were brought up. We came up with several great ideas and various members are following through to see about their viability. The biggest takeaway is that there are no isolated variables in this conversation. Changes in one area have consequences in another. Reform of the program won’t be just in one area. It’s similar to turning an ocean liner on the high seas, it won’t happen easily or quickly.
- As details of our changes become tangible, we will let the membership know but for now this is all on a “need to know” basis. I assume everyone understands that this will be a long process and discussion of the conversations we had would not be prudent.

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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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ADULT ANNUAL WAIVERS

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

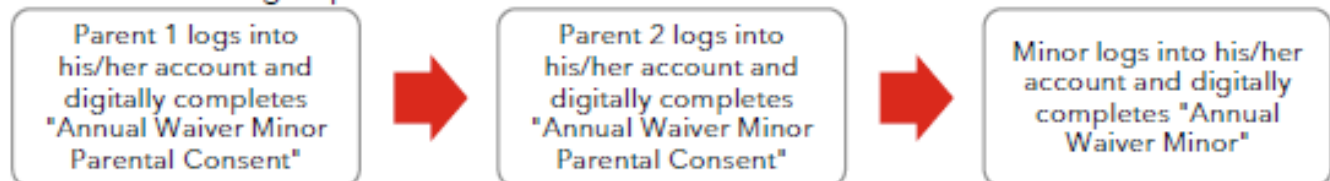
HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

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

MINOR ANNUAL WAIVERS

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

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



HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

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

Digital Annual Waivers

Questions? Email membership@scca.com

WHAT'S NEXT?

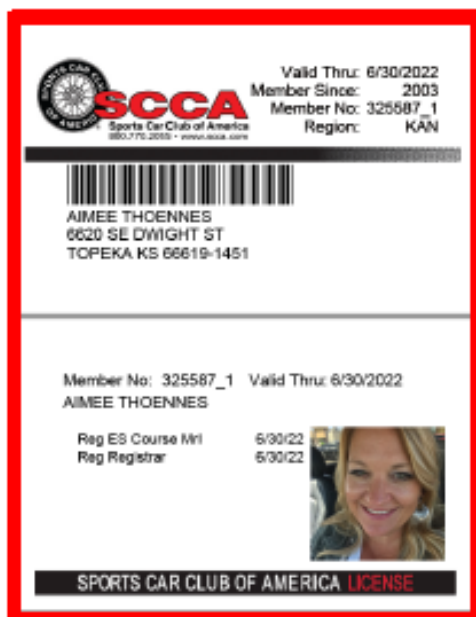
- Check inbox for email confirming "under review"
- Check inbox for email indicating status and next steps: active, incomplete or terminated (should arrive in less than 24 hours, not including weekends/holidays)
 - **Active:** waiver valid through December 31 - "ready to go!"
 - **Incomplete:** waiver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

PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL WAIVER AT EVENTS

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



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



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



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.

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TLDR:

- We didn’t find a place for the “new to us” trailer so we are going to move it the autocross site at Mid-American Air Center. It will be parked right next to our timing and scoring trailer.
- Attend the April membership meeting at Smitty’s and you will get 2 free fun runs at the end of the first points autocross on May 7th.
- 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. Also, motorsportreg is tacking on a \$2 fee at the end of your payment transaction that is not reflected in the fees on the next page.
- Event Trial memberships are only good for one use per person, ever.
- Autocross events listed on MSR will have a link for getting a paid weekend membership for an adult passenger.
- 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 2-day Great Lakes Divisional autocross at NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, KY at the end of April. Sign up here: [GL Division Solo Series at NCM](#)
- Patch Party information:
 - The Patch Party weather was miserable. Some sun here and there but temps in the 40-50 degree range with a howling wind all day long.
 - At lunch on day 1 we decided to come back the next day, Sunday, and finish all the digging.
 - We decided to move day 3 to April 1st.
 - By doing all the digging on one weekend we were able to cut our tool rental bill in half because the rental place only charges for Saturday.
 - Look for next year’s Patch Party schedule to be over 2 weekends.
- **The May club meeting is on Wednesday May 10th not Tuesday, May 9th.**

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.

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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Great Lakes Division 2023 Solo Series Schedule

2023 Solo Schedule

Great Lakes Division Solo Series Events

Event Date	Event Host	Event Location	MSR Link	Event Results	Event 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

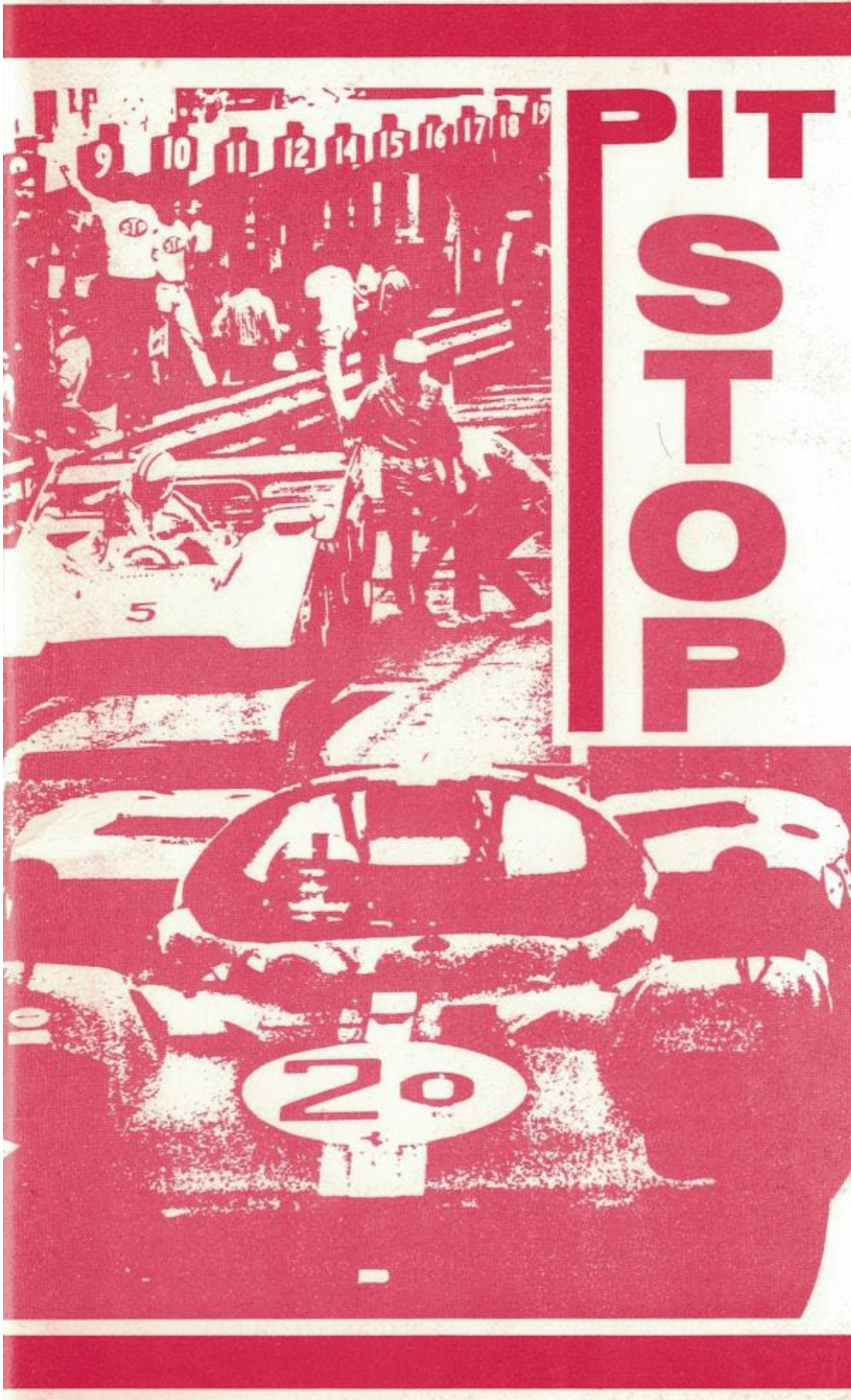
August 11th to 13th	SCCA	Grissom Aeroplex	Link	Results	Index
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Central & Great Lakes Division Area Championship Pro Solo Events

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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UPFRONT

The ball is in our court!

Our bid for the 1979 Central Division Solo II Championship has been accepted, and the honor of hosting this most important event was bestowed upon SIR. We humbly accept this honor and, with it, the challenge to improve upon the superbly organized and executed event hosted by the Chicago Region in 1978!

Yet, knowledge of our acceptance is akin to the sighting of an iceberg---the part you see is only the beginning!! There is much work yet to be done. Without a doubt, the Central Division Committee recognized the eagerness, the sincerity, and the professionalism in which our bid was submitted. We must carry that same enthusiasm through the rest of the challenge! The basic committees have been formed---the chairpersons will be looking for lots of help. It's nice to volunteer first; but if asked to help, try very hard not to say no!

August 17th, 18th, and 19th will be here sooner than we think. Our committees will be functional by the June event to start working out the kinks.

Our Central Division Solo II will be a success! Please be a part of it!

Don Johnson



ACTIVITIES

I would like to start this months article by saying thanks to everyone in the club who helped at the car show. The club stirred the interest in many potential members, as evidenced by the attendance in the first two events. There were 37 cars in the Rally and a very impressive 62 cars in the Autocross. With that kind of enthusiasm, I don't see how SIR can go wrong for 1979.

Events for April will start with the membership meeting, April 10th, at the usual location and time. Next, is the Driver's School April 21st. The tentative location is the stadium. A point Autocross at Castle High School will be held April 22nd. Registration will be from 12:30-1:15 p.m. Mike Smith is the Event Marshall. Mike has provided some very good Autocrosses at Castle High School - so don't miss this one. April 29th is the date for a point Rally. The Rally master is Larry Head. The Rally will start at Oak Hill School, registration 12:30-1:15 p.m.

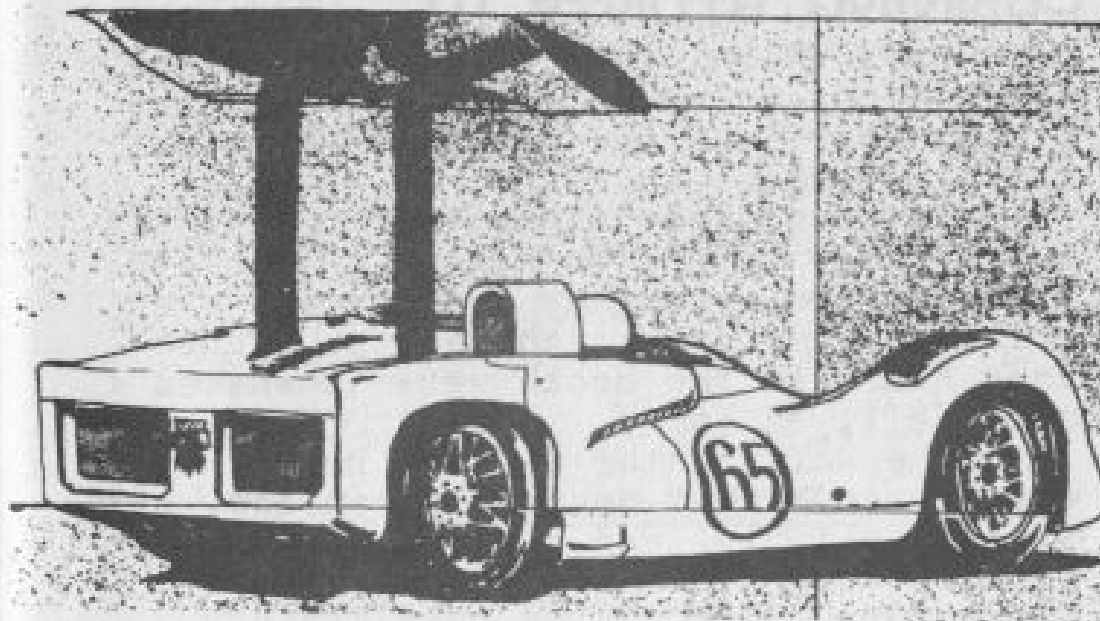
For those of you who are frantically looking for Berry points, stop, you won't find them. A complete listing of points will be in the May issue.

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MAP TO OAKHILL SCHOOL ON P. 30

Tom Bootz

FUTURE SHOCK

May 8	Club Meeting, Scorpio's
May 20	Point A-X, Civic Center
May 27	Indy 500
Jun 3	Point A-X, Stadium
Jun 10	INTERSERIE, S.C.C.C.I.
Jun 12	Club Meeting, Scorpio's
Jun 17	Point Rally, S. Wasion
Jul 1	F.Fest. A-X, Stadium



LINEAR CALENDAR

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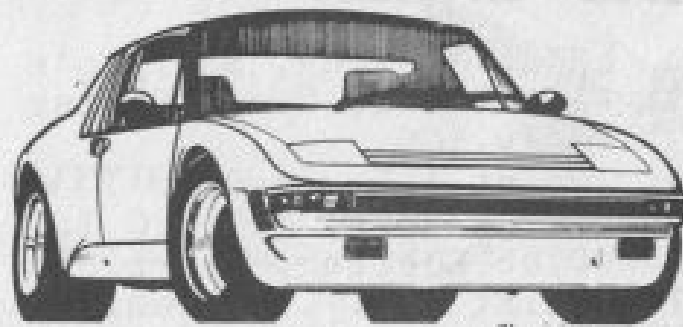
SUN. 1st--INTERSERIE, Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis

TUE. 10th--Club Meeting, Scorpio's

SAT. 21st--Driver's School, G. Groenert,

SUN. 22nd--Easter Seals Auto-X, M. Smith, Castle High, Newburgh

SUN. 29th--Point Rally, L. Head,



CUNNING STUNTS III

Well folks, it's finally that time again--the sun is out, the snow is gone (thank God), and the "Rally Bug" is out biting everyone in sight.

It seems that the little rascal bit quite a few people on Sunday, March 4th, 'cause there were many members and even a lot of guests that showed up. Those long hours in the booth weren't wasted after all, eh Tom?

The Rallymaster was Ron Brown, which proves that he really can add, subtract, multiply, and divide. But I want to know what happened to Bozo, the Tech Inspector. Just who is this Finicky Freddie character? I have to give him credit, he stood out in the cold, windy, Mall parking lot and checked out ALL the cars. Thanks, Fred.

The Rally itself was a good effort by Ron, considering the first course he laid out would have required a speed boat by rally day. I had fun, and I hope that all the guests enjoyed it and will show up for more events (hint, hint). However, who wants to pass Terry Davis that many times in one day?

TOM BETZ

CUNNING STUNTS III

#	CLASS	DR/NAV	C1	C2	C3	C4	TOT.	PLACE
36	A	Chaney/Lee(Mr)	74	39	72	31	216	1*
28	A	Self/Self	28	608	481	202	1319	2
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9	B	Graninger/Pendley	4	26	72	17	119	1*
30	B	Ohl/Sutton	52	25	28	53	158	2*
35	B	Wilson/Lineback	18	47	76	41	182	3*
20	B	Burke/Burke	19	57	95	12	183	4*
5	B	R.Groenert/Betz	38	7	28	161	234	5
18	B	Boyd/Boyd	34	34	25	157	250	6
34	B	Roethemeler/Gentry	3	64	108	77	252	7
37	B	Chaney/Lee(Mrs)	114	17	46	114	291	8
21	B	Schonberger/Angl	8	66	179	40	293	9
16	B	Boetz/Boetz	8	66	182	103	359	10
6	B	Marlatt/Marlatt	44	42	210	69	365	11
23	B	Hughes/Hughes	133	103	13	116	365	12
27	B	Gould/Doctor	61	98	125	106	390	13
15	B	G.Groenert/Dot G.	11	114	281	77	483	14
17	B	Wasion/Wasion	2	242	183	70	497	15
31	B	Rosenthal/Perkins	127	308	52	21	508	16
2	B	Davis/Head	34	43	323	144	544	17
33	B	M.Burke/Rigg	67	108	201	203	579	18
29	B	Ancona/Cohoon	323	530	640	693	581	19
3	B	Meyers/Meyers	94	125	339	111	669	20
4	B	C.Freeman/Zehner	13	81	413	190	697	21
22	B	VanCleave/Diane	88	109	259	425	881	22
25	B	Wood/Wood	50	285	488	544	1367	23
1	C	Simpson	5	66	3000	3000	6071	24
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19	GT	S.Davis/Weber	34	41	48	208	331	1*
8	GT	Fortune/Fortune	38	166	199	78	481	2*
14	GT	Reaves/Reaves	32	149	381	104	666	3*
24	GT	Anderson/Hoefling	2	200	480	273	955	4
10	GT	P.Graninger/Walter	69	177	494	469	1209	5
12	GT	Poehlein/Floyd	46	255	581	447	1329	6
11	GT	Adams/Adams	118	303	664	538	1623	7
26	GT	V.Anderson/Creekmur	7	834	689	309	1839	8
29	GT	J.Ancona/D.Cohoon	323	530	640	693	2186	9
7	GT	Gibson/Horschel	5	215	3000	3000	6220	10
13	GT	Siegel/Siegel	2563	2268	2317	1803	8951	11

*denotes trophy



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AUTO-biography

This autobiography is going to have a little different twist, if Jeff doesn't mind. After much thought, I decided not to write about the '61 Corvette that I found junked out in a farmer's barn. I also aborted the idea of the X-19 that had a door kicked in by a drunk trying to hit a moving keyhole.

What am I writing about?? The cars I never bought!! Many times you have probably said, "Gee, I wish I had bought that car!" My first unpurchased gem was in 1966. I was shopping for a new car and had my eye set on a GTO (335 h.p., 20 mpg, 25 cents/gallon, --sigh!). I was an aspiring young college student at Western Ky. University with typical thoughts when a friend approached me about buying his car. The car had several bad attributes, like an aluminum body, an oversized 427 cu. in. engine, a \$3,500 price tag, and no back seat. After little consideration, I purchased the new GTO for \$300 less than my friend's car. The GTO is now worth about \$75 at the local junk yard and the car I passed up..... a Shelby Cobra...is worth \$\$\$.

Ten years later, I found I had learned nothing from past experiences. While shopping for a new sports car, I was attracted to a show room by a beautiful black (what can you expect?) machine. After close observation, I was ready to buy, but the sale price of \$15,000 turned me away. I didn't want to gamble on spending that much money on Porsche's new car, the Turbo Carrera (\$15,000??).

Unfortunately, those were not the only classic automobiles I let pass by. Others joining the ranks were a MG-TC, a '65 Mustang convertible, '55 T-bird,

NEXT PAGE

and several Corvettes. This AUTO-biography was written about the cars I didn't buy. The dreams of classic automobiles we never owned hopefully are overshadowed by the pleasure of the ones we have owned or currently drive. I hope this article brought back your own memories of the "ones that got away".

ALLEN SELF



FUND RAISER

Just a brief reminder to all-- keep hawking those Raffle Tickets!! Initial sales seem to be going well, but we do need to sell them all to help finance our up-coming events.

To re-cap the prizes, First will be a Quasar Micro-wave Oven, and Second place is a GE Food Processor. The drawing will be at the June 3rd event. Look for an up-date next month.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thanks to RON BROWN for the article on page 22 concerning the CEN-DIV RUNOFFS. Space limitations prevented adding his name to the article. SAVE this issue so you'll have all the committees and Committee Heads in one place for easy reference.

SKIP BARBER AT IRP

Does the thought of driving a Formula Ford make your clutch foot quiver and your shift hand sweat? Have recent Driver's School reviews in Sports Car, Road and Track, Autoweek, and Car and Driver left you dreaming about clipping apexes, trailing throttle, and watching the tell-tale on a tach? Got a few (hundred) extra bucks laying around with nothing to do?

If you answered yes to the above questions, the good news is that the Skip Barber Racing School will migrate to IRP in April for two three-day sessions: April 2-4, and April 16-18. While I realize time is short to make the second school - you can call (617) 263-3771 for further information, or contact Curt Freeman - any takers?



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WORKER LICENSES

RE Don Johnson currently has the latest communication from National concerning criteria for obtaining licenses for SCCA members who wish to work various regional race events. A number of SIR members either currently hold or did hold licenses qualifying them to work various tasks, such as: corners, timing and scoring, grid marshalls, registration, etc. I encourage members interested in working club races to check with Don about the requirements for various jobs. Workers at regional races not only get admission to exciting races, but also the satisfaction of putting something back into SCCA as well.

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SEBRING 79



Winners: Bob Akin/Rob McFarlin/Roy Woods



Brian Redman out of gas near the pit entrance at about the 4½ hour mark. Co-driver Charles Mendez ran up with a can of gas to get the 935 to the pits. The '78 Champions motored on to 2nd place



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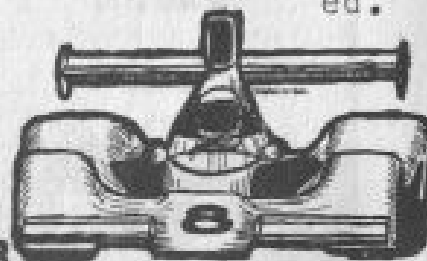
NEW MEMBERS

Since I seem to have temporarily run out of classy intros to this article, please welcome these new members to SIR:

ROBERT J. and ATTONIA (AJ) CHANEY, 2828 Brown's Drive, #14, Henderson, Ky. 42420
Phone: (502)826-8052. Bob wrote the article on the 100 Acre Wood, and is a Dispatcher at Atlas Van Lines. For trivia buffs, AJ was in your editor's high school homeroom.

MARK TOWNSEND, 19, 9 West Busey Dr., Evansville, In. 47710, 867-5681. Mark drives an MG and is a Service Writer at Vandever Dodge.

THOMAS G. and SHARON BURKE, P.O. Box 781, Mt Carmel, Il. 62863, (618)262-4473. Tom is Mike Burke's brother (is that a recommendation?), and is a Tool and Die Maker at B&B Manufacturing in Mt. Carmel.
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MAD PROGRAMMER

Barry Schonberger has lined up Geoff Overley from Vintasia Carriage Works for the program after the April business meeting. Geoff will have hints for spring clean-up and maintenance of your favorite chariot, and will touch on car restoration - his shop's specialty. Have your questions ready.

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THE ERASER'S EDGE

TWO ITEMS AGAIN THIS MONTH:

I. Interested in reading another good rag besides Pit Stop? If so, you might take a glance at the Indy Region/SCCA's monthly publication, CLUTCH CHATTER. CLUTCH CHATTER is printed in tabloid format like AUTOWEEK, and covers Rallying, Autocrossing, Club and Pro Racing. In addition, CLUTCH CHATTER has carried several articles of interest to SIR/SCCA members; including one on SIR in general, a front page article on the Freedom Festival Autocross, and several articles about the Interserie, the State Autocross Championship.

People interested in receiving CLUTCH CHATTER should drop a line to:

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II. Competitors in our Guest Class (non-SCCA or organized car club members) who earned trophies but didn't stick around following the completion of the event to receive their award, may pick up their trophy at our next membership meeting.

Remember, results of each event must be published in Pit Stop before trophies can be awarded to those competing in the Members Class. (this is to allow for, Heaven forbid, protests, etc.) So, trophies will be awarded at the April meeting for the Car Show Rally and Autocross. We will make arrangements for out-of-town, non-SIR people, who compete in the Member's Class, to receive their trophies.

WIZARD

TALE OF THE 100 ACRE WOOD

On a night when even Christopher Robin's mother would have made him stay home, we should there in the Coleman's glaring light relating our adventures to a captive audience of course workers. Piglet's enthusiasm was still with us, but it was now diluted with the water of reality. Somewhere out there, in the forest of Millner's imagination, had lurked a creature he never dreamed existed. A creature who, with one passive touch, had quelled all our hopes of finishing the night's appointed rounds. I speak of the ever deadly and dangerous "Yump."

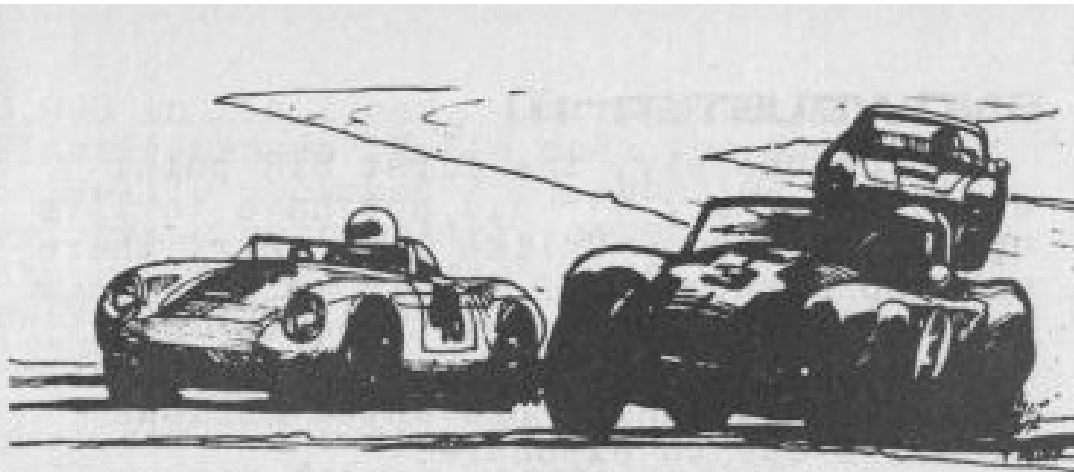
...The warnings of the mysterious Murph, the cautions of the mind, and the vision of the way--all for naught.

...The search for Pooch Corner cut abruptly short.

...A slamming blow to our defenseless metal chariot, throwing it, and us, high into a night ablaze with stars--the return to earth accomplished with all the grace of Tigger Too--on our nose.

We dragged in with all the aplomb of Eore in a rainstorm, only to find the ladies of our service crew misguided, misdirected, and missing. "You sent them where!?" The nightmare returned as we saw our service vehicle trying to tackle the stage from which we had only just barely emerged. The dreaded Yump and his nasty friends "hole," "mugwump," "ice ledge," "wash-out," and "no road" all waited there ready to swallow our service vehicle as a main course after a night of appetizers.

Meanwhile, the inhabitants of the Hundred Acre Woods scrambled in their search, hoping to avoid the disaster of a vehicle stranded on course. The minutes



passed slowly, each assessing its penalty as surely as "MPL" and "MPE" (max points late and early, respectively). The two denizens of this trial could spell "disqualified" easily as we had been struck from the rolls of the contest.

Finally, even as the midnight camp was breaking to move on to its next sanctuary within the wood, our friends arrived from their search for the way through the cold darkness of confusion. We rejoiced at being rejoined. And, as we watched John Buffum disappear into the darkness, the wisdom of Owl became clear to us: "There is nothing like excess to make one aware that there has to be a better way."

Bob Chaney

EDITOR'S NOTE:

SIR was well represented at the 100 Acre Wood. Tony Lee drove the Chevette that Bob Chaney navigated. As you gathered, they DNF'd. George Beckerman and his Navigator/Wife, Doris, had better luck. Their machine finished 11th overall and 2nd in Production. Their skill was rewarded by \$115.00, which is to be matched by National. I suspect SIR will have representation at future Pro-Rallies, based on these early results.

SNOWBUSTER III

Fortunately, the first SIR point autocross, Mar. 11th did not have to live up to its name. Unlike last year, there were no mountains of slowly melting snow to complicate the course layout. And, although the weather was chilly, the intermittent sunshine prevented serious miseries due to exposure.

How was the turnout? Glad you asked! The entry list was great, fantastic, and unexpectedly large! Perhaps it was the sunny weather, interest generated by the Car Show, or just autocrossers chomping at the bit after a long hiatus; in any event (no pun intended) 62 drivers, including 15 guests, were entered for the Sunday romp. Even Bob Hayes, SCCA National Solo II E Stock Champion, driving co-competitor Ed Patterson's Fiat 124, arrived to test his mettle.

Due to space limitations, the course was short and tight...two laps were de rigueur to keep things challenging. A slow-down lane lined with "DNF" pylons was implemented after the finish line to ensure each competing machine could brake sufficiently in the abbreviated "shut-down" area.

SIR RE Don Johnson's jitters calmed when the first runs began. As the Central Division Solo II E Stock Champion, Don knew he'd have a battle on his hands against Nat'l Champ Hayes. Sprite vs 124, the battle lines were drawn. Running in numerical order, Don had first shot, and he promptly ripped off a 53.288. Hayes, number 10, was just a tick behind at 53.496.

While the early attention was focused on E Stock, SIR's perennial D Stock hot-shoe, Tom Bootz, stole the show in Round One by powering his way to then FTD of

50.908 in his Z car. Jerry Meier's "Plastic Menace" Vette made the opener, Bob Wall's decammed 356, sounding and performing much better, appeared; Chuck Zehner and Curt Freeman unveiled their newly liveried F-Vee to the tune of a 53.799 by Chuck.

A short course is often a great equalizer. Horsepower was supplanted by handling and driver concentration. Time gaps in the various classes began to shrink in the Second Round. In the "Championship Challenge", Bob Hayes cranked out a 50.773 to turn the tables on ol' DJ. Since a 914 doesn't run in E Stock, I hope to see this friendly rivalry continued over the course of the '79 season. Also, special congratulations should go to Mark Roethemeier for slipping into second in E Stock while we weren't looking.

The Second Round also saw Barry Kington get his Super Seven cooking as he rolled to a 51.425 clocking in A Prepared. FTD honors were snatched from Bootz by C. Freeman in the F-Vee with a very hot 49.526. Mike Johnson's Lotus 7, newly bonnetted, served notice it would be a future FTD threat, unfortunately, it "ate" a bunch of DNF pylons at the finish--so we'll have to wait til the next event for developments.

I'm sure SNOWBUSTER III only served to whet our appetites for the longer courses, two cars on course simultaneously, and 3-4 runs per event. When the first A-X of the year draws 62 entrants, just think of the possibilities for Spring and Summer!

Special thanx to all the members and guests in attendance at SNOWBUSTER III.

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'BUSTER 3

* denotes pylon, + denotes PTD, ° denotes trophy

A PREPARED

NO.	DRIVER	CAR	R1	R2	BEST	PLACE
46	B Kington	Lotus 7	DNF	51.425	51.425	1°
53	J Sutton	914/6	53.579	52.134	52.134	2°
59	P Pendley	Mustang	54.491	53.786	53.786	3°
8	B Wall	356	55.499	53.844	53.844	4
1	M Johnson	Lotus 7	54.441	DNF*	54.441	5
33	B Schonberger	Tiger	59.537	54.561	54.561	6
36	W Lineback	Midget	57.154*	54.561	54.561	7
54	G Groenert	240Z	59.305*	55.054*	55.054	8
28	J Becker	TR7	101.059	55.792	55.792	9
44	J Meier	Vette	57.910	58.272	57.910	10

MODIFIED

6	C Freeman	F Vee	DNF	49.526	49.526+	1°
5	C Zehner	F Vee	53.799	51.637	51.637	2
34	M Freeman	M Built	DNF	55.773	55.773	3
16	R McIntyre	Buggy	105.723	59.357	59.357	4

C STOCK

3	R Brown	914	54.263	52.001	52.001	1°
4	B Brown	914	55.037	53.572	53.572	2
7	B Majors	911	DNF	54.495	54.495	3
35	J Jackson	914	59.309	55.829*	55.829	4

D STOCK

38	T Boots	240Z	50.908	50.314	50.314	1°
39	T Davis	240Z	108.103	56.793	56.793	2°
18	J VanCleave	NGB/GT	58.419	59.868	58.419	3
31	S Wasion	Capri	108.103	100.381	100.381	4
25	T Betz	NGB/GT	107.720	105.698	105.698	5

E/G STOCK

10	B Hayes	Fiat 124	53.496	50.314	50.314	1°
35	M Roethmeier	Sprite	DNF	53.028*	53.028	2°
11	E Patterson	Fiat 124	57.220*	53.133	53.133	3°
2	D Johnson	Sprite	53.496	53.257	53.257	4
51	H Winslow	Spitfire	DNF	53.818	53.818	5
49	M Burke	Mazda	56.430	53.875	53.875	6
22	S Wasion	X1/9	58.117	55.633	55.633	7
29	R Williams	Opel GT	103.189*	56.581	56.581	8
48	D Wilson	Capri	100.360	57.453	57.453	9
27	B Rothermel	X1/9	101.226*	58.619	58.619	10
12	T Burke	Civic	101.690	58.655	58.655	11
23	M Roberts	X1/9	103.677*	105.577	103.677	12

F STOCK

45	D Wright	Scirocco	57.819	102.073*	57.819	1°
42	C Marlatt	Vette	104.352	59.684	59.684	2°
41	A Self	Vette	59.868	105.613*	59.868	3
14	T Groenert	Corvaair	DNF	102.643*	102.643	4
43	D Doctor	Vette	110.199*	104.140*	104.140	5

MORE RESULTS ON P 23

KUDOS, no. 3 & 4

III Thanx to Ron Groenert for marshalling Snow Buster III, and to Dot and George G. - Wienie Roast hosts.

Also, a tip of the clipboard to Ron Brown, ably assisted by Bobbie, for Cuning Stunts III, and to Don and Sharon Johnson for once again allowing their home to be "invaded."

Special thanx also go to the Washington Square Mall Merchants Association for allowing SIR to utilize the "back lot" for both events.

Finally, to all the members and guests who participated in the events, See you in April!

IV Special congratulations are due to the members of SIR's Runoffs Committee, now that we have been chosen to host the 1979 SCCA Central Division Solo II Runoffs. The committee prepared the bid, obtained the go-ahead for the site, and submitted a duplicate to the Division when the original bid was misplaced. Special thanx also to Events Steward Elsie Haninger for backing SIR all the way. We accept the responsibility very seriously - every effort will be made to make the '79 runoffs a rousing success!



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CEN-DIVISIONALS

As everyone should know by now, SIR will be hosting the SCCA CENTRAL DIVISION SOLO II CHAMPIONSHIP in Evansville on the weekend of August 18 and 19, 1979.

We have already put together most of the basic organization to run the event. Committees have been formed and committee heads have been named. Our target is to have all preparations completed by Terry Davis' autocross in June. This would give us two events to practice our procedures and iron out our problems before the DIVISIONAL.

In order to meet our deadlines, we must now fill our committees with workers. We fully expect every member of SIR to pitch in. You do not, however, have to be a member to work. Any help will be welcomed and appreciated.

Jobs will generally fall into two categories. There are preparatory jobs that must be fundamentally completed well in advance of the event. And, there are jobs which will require your efforts immediately before, or on the days of, the DIVISIONAL. There is no reason why one person cannot volunteer for both, and also run the event. Care will be taken to schedule your assignments so this will be possible.

The following list contains the names and phone numbers of the committee heads. Please call them and get involved early. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Co-Chairman-George Groenert	476-6535
Co-Chairman-Ron Brown	479-3811
Chief of Course-Don Johnson	479-7349
Registrar-Sharon Johnson	479-7349
Timing & Scoring-Jim Sutton	476-0942
Tech Inspection-Chuck Zehner	867-5395
Trophies & Dash Plaques--Mike Smith	853-7420
Communications-Barry Schonberger	424-1595
Social-John & Katie Kathmann	424-4167

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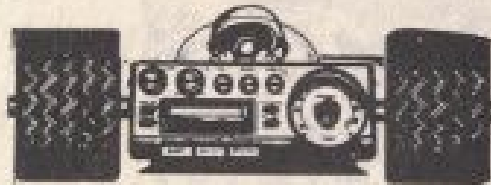
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58	G Perkins	Vega	101.004	59.616	59.616	2
57	M Rosenthal	Firebird	104.778	102.108	102.108	3
50	B Hughes	Fiat 850	DNF	DNF	DNF	4
<u>FUN</u>						
32	S Wasion	Capri	55.710	55.286	55.286	1
24	C Marlatt	X1/9	103.677	105.517	103.677	2
<u>GUEST</u>						
40	K Mooney	RX7	56.382	54.610	54.610	1°
60	G Bray	X1/9	101.685	55.413	55.413	2°
37	B Kimmel	T-Am	55.801	55.662	55.682	3°
56	S Rhoades	Buggy	101.213	56.405	56.405	4
20	C Cohoon	Fiat 850	DNF	57.590	57.590	5
62	D Brooks	914	57.693	58.709*	57.693	6
61	E Sullivan	Buggy	102.648	58.723	58.723	7
15	K Wood	Fox	58.927	59.230*	58.927	8
17	L Hill	Buggy	101.417	59.154	59.154	9
52	B Eggebrecht	Rabbit	59.405	116.029*	59.405	10
21	D Grubb	Scirocco	59.532	DNF	59.532	11
9	B Schofield	Vega	105.359*	101.231	101.231	12
47	S Donaldson	Lotus 7	117.689*	101.611*	101.611	13
13	J Weddle	Vega	DNF	103.190	103.190	14
30	B Siegel	Fiat	DNF	DNF	DNF	15

EAR-otica

If you didn't compromise with your home stereo system, and want the same quality in your chariot, Mike Caufield at AUDIOTREND, 8 S. Weinbach, Evansville, has the sound system for you. As you may know, AUDIOTREND specializes in state-of-the-art audio components such as Audio Research, Lux, Bang & Olufsen, and Magnepan. However, for the automobile, Mike has access to the Nakamichi 350 cassette deck. The 350 is a playback and record system with performance and sound quality that once was expected in only the best home or studio equipment.

An under-dash, rather than in-dash, unit that weighs 6.5 lbs, the 350 features the following: Dolby Noise Reduction, an equalization switch for tapes of different bias; 3 microphone inputs, headphone input; recording level meter, and an adapter for indoor AC use. Indoor use? You bet, the sound and recording capability of the 350 will outstrip many tape decks sold for home systems. With a carrying case, the deck can be used for portable recording tasks. Of course, if you only need a playback system, Nakamichi offers the 250S, essentially the twin of the 350, but without the record function.

OK, you've got a super deck, but what speakers can do it justice? Simple, just hook up the ADS compact speakers. The 2001 series by ADS feature enclosures that measure 6.85X4.25X4.65, which is comfortable for automotive applications. Each enclosure features a 4" woofer and a 1" tweeter with high density, high temperature voice coils to help accommodate their 80 watts RMS per channel power capacity. Bi-amplified through a separate power source, the clarity of these speakers has to be heard to be believed!



As the ADS literature states, the large power capacity of the system is for clarity and "unclipped" sound,--but if you like your tunes loud, built-in protection circuits will help prevent "frying" the investment. The 2001's are designed to be surface-mounted, but an optional flush-mount kit is available.

Like the Nakamichi products, the ADS speakers compare most favorably with home stereo components. Should you need less power, the ADS 2002 speakers provide 40 watts RMS without the separate power amplifier.

One might be led to believe this sound system is perfect, but Mike is straightforward when he says, "There are two drawbacks to this system." "First, obviously, is the price of the Nakamichi and ADS components"(see below). "Second, the tape deck is less convenient because it cannot be mounted in-dash." (Note, however, that the deck is easily released from the mounting bracket for security.)

The Nakamichi/ADS system has to be the premiere automotive sound system--and is the only car system AUDIOTREND offers. But, if you want and need the very best, stop by and ask Mike for a demonstration--I promise you'll be amazed.

Nakamichi 350	sugg. retail	440.00
Nakamichi 250S	sugg. retail	335.00
ADS 2001 Speakers(pr)	sugg. retail	598.95
ADS 2002 Speakers(pr)	sugg. retail	469.95

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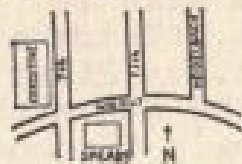
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ADDITIONS

Point standings for the Berry, Rally, Rookie, and Autocross year-end trophies begin in the May issue. A brief review of how points are accumulated will also appear-but 'til then-get 'em early or you'll be hard pressed to catch up later.

EARotica will continue with another review of automotive sound systems. AUTO-biography will also return.

A report on the first Interseries will appear - hopefully with complete results. Look for Gallery to begin in the May issue. New member Bob Chaney has a talent for sketches of sports, and especially racing cars. He has promised a drawing a month, so be looking for "his" page.

RALLY-SPRINT

I have just received a preliminary communique' concerning a Rally/Sprint event to be held in Muncie, In., Sept. 8th. A Rally/Sprint is similar to a Special Stage on a Pro-Rally or like a field trial, only longer and faster.

The course will be five miles long--on roads, paved and otherwise, I believe. The event will be conducted according to 1979 SCCA Pro-Rally rules and will include two classes: Unlimited Prepared and Production Class.

Practice will be Friday, the 6th, timed elimination runs Saturday and Sat. nite, with Finals on Sunday. The sponsor will be J. A. Murphy and Company, same as the 100 Acre Wood event noted elsewhere in this issue. Here's the kicker, tho--prize money will total 55,000. I'll have further details at the Club meeting, or give me a buzz at home. This event should be worth planning ahead for.

GEORGE BECKERMAN

CART

More developments in the SCCA-sanctioned CART season:

1. A. J. Foyt returned to the USAC fold in disagreement with the intention of CART to promote, organize, and run their own races. Rumors that several other drivers would follow A. J. thus far have not developed.

2. Dan Gurney indicated in the April 12th issue of Autoweek that the new group had tried on several occasions to give USAC an opportunity to respond to CART's complaints, but that their pleas seemed to fall on deaf ears. Emphasizing that the sport of motor racing should be viewed as a business just like Major League Baseball or other major league sports, Gurney looks to CART as the chance to increase not only revenues but competition as well.

3. CART's first race of the season was the JIMMY BRYAN 150 in Phoenix, Arizona on March 11th. The top 5 finishers were: Bobby Unser 1st, Tom Sneva 2nd, Johnny Rutherford 3rd, Danny Ongais 4th, and Rick Mears 5th. Stay tuned boys and girls.

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WHAT'S A SIR?

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 often have National participants, but in any case, each club will have a full schedule of Autocrosses and Rallies.

SIR is proud to be a part of the Evansville Freedom Festival with our annual Gemütlichkeit Autocross. Typically, it will feature entrants from cities such as Indianapolis, St. Louis, Louisville, and Lexington. In 1979, we will also host the 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 the annual March of Dimes Autocross, Red Cross blood donations, and as volunteers for WNIN, Channel 9's, fund raising events.

If you're still reading along, you probably are interested enough to enter an up-coming event. Check the events calendar elsewhere in this issue for details. Or, join us at our monthly meeting at Scorpio's Restaurant--we gather the second Tuesday of each month. Should you want further info, contact a member or call Terry Davis, Membership Chairman, at 853-2875.

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

JEFF JACKSON, Editor

COMP. REG. CHANGES

The following changes were made to the SIR Competition Regulations at the Board meeting, March 21, 1979. The changes take effect with Mike Smith's event, April 22, 1979.

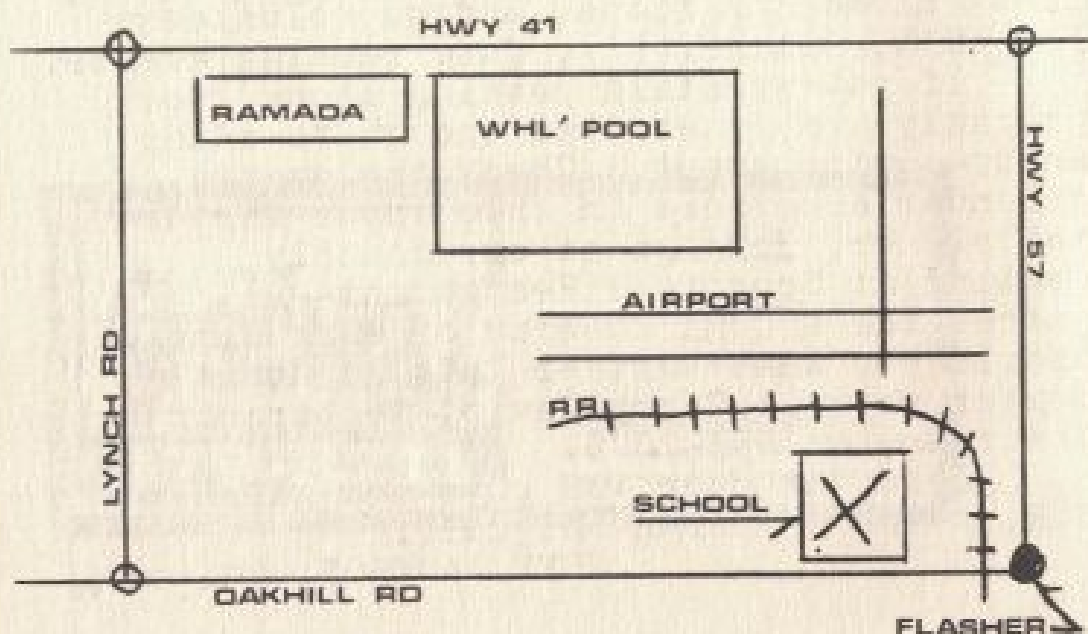
Section II sub-para. E is amended to read:
"13 through 19 entries, 4 trophies, 20 or more, 5 trophies."

Section I, sub-para. A shall read:
"Solo II events and Rallies, both point and fun, shall comply with National Regulations with the additions and exceptions noted in Section IV and V of these regulations."

Section I, sub-para. T, is deleted.

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NEW...different color from previous design

EXCLUSIVE..imported products

ALL NEW..parts not interchangeable with previous design

UNMATCHED..almost as good as the competition

DESIGN SIMPLICITY..cost cut to the bone(mfg)

FOOLPROOF OPERATION..no provision for adjustment

ADVANCED DESIGN..copy-writer doesn't understand it

IT'S HERE AT LAST..nobody knew it was coming

FIELD TESTED..manufacturer lacks test equip.

HIGH ACCURACY..all parts fit

RUGGED..too heavy to lift

LIGHTWEIGHT..lighter than rugged

YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT..finally got one that worked

UNPRECEDENTED PERFORMANCE..nothing we had before ever worked this way

REVOLUTIONARY..different from the competition

BREAKTHROUGH..we finally figured out a way to sell it

FUTURISTIC..can't figure out another reason it looks the way it does

ENERGY SAVING..when power switch is "off"

DISTINCTIVE..different color or shape than the competition

NO MAINTENANCE..impossible to fix

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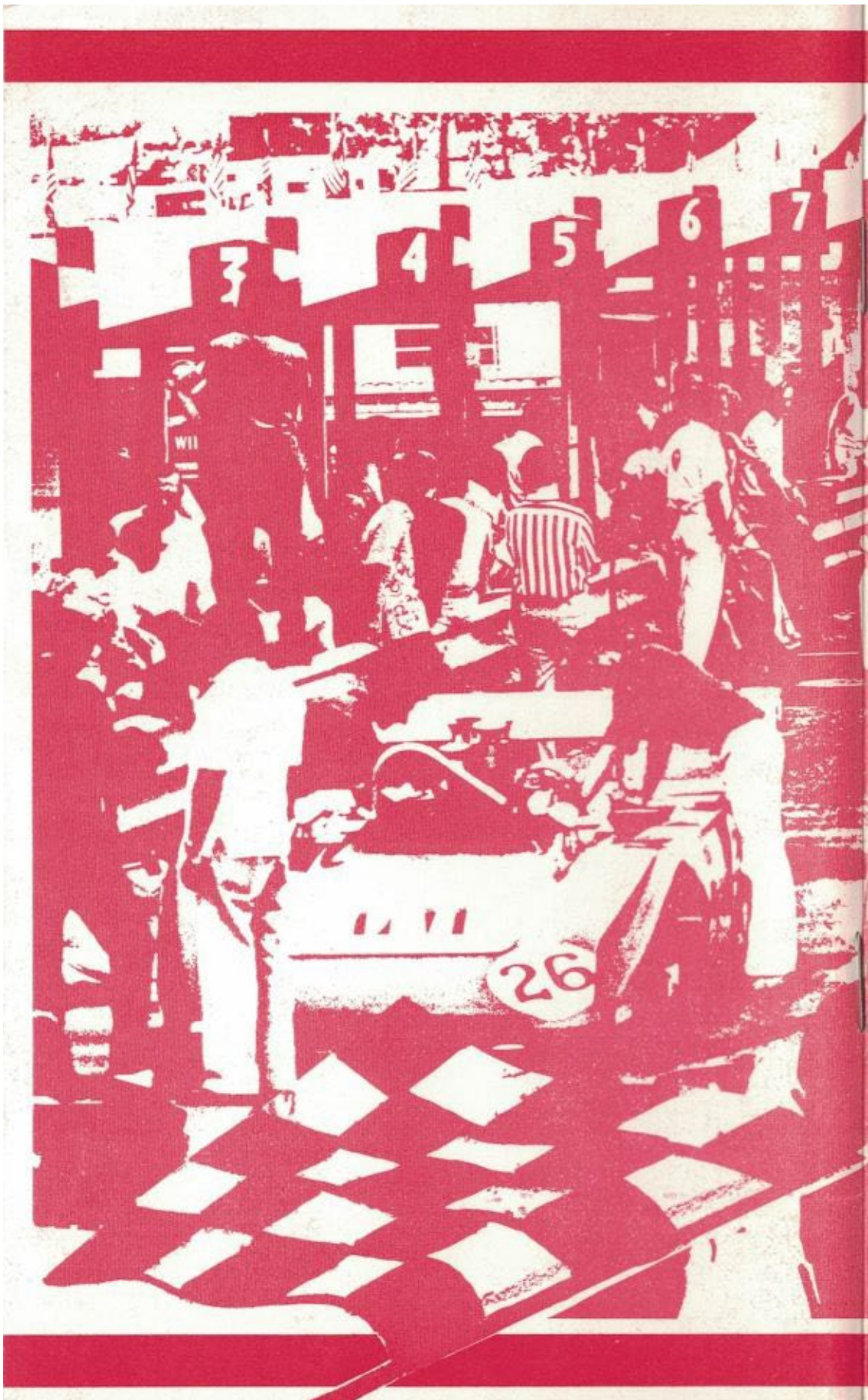
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Your editor takes this opportunity to
say the unexpected---NOTHING!!!
See you next month,



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