



The Pit Stop



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December RE Report



Thanksgiving has come and gone. This is the slow time of the year, right? There is never a slow time in the SIR or The Crowe household.

The club has finished voting in the BOD for 2024 and has been working on a schedule for next season. I am sure it will be more competitive next year than the one we just wrapped up.

The Crowe household is working diligently on getting the

ridiculous Christmas display up and running. I had no idea when I started this mess it would take on a life of its own. The weather, Thanksgiving and the passing of my stepdad has slowed our progress at this point, but we are hitting it hard now. He always said, "I would never put all that up but damn it's pretty cool" I hope to have enough out this year so he can see it from beyond.

I believe the plan for the banquet this year will be at Smitty's in January so as to avoid all the hectic schedules in December. I hope to have plenty of members in attendance to watch and collect trophies. I think we will

have some folks collecting a trophy for the first time. I love seeing new people win for the first time, the reactions are priceless.

I look forward to seeing all of you over the next couple months at a meeting, banquet, or in front of my house looking at the Claridge and Crowe Christmas Show. Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all of you in case I don't see you before.

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Annual Awards Banquet & Holiday Party

NEW DATE!!

Still in January!

The 2023 awards and holiday party will be held in conjunction with the January 2024 membership meeting on **January 16**, 2024, at Smitty's on W. Franklin St., Evansville.

The meeting will also serve as the December 2023 membership meeting to allow for the proper (but belated) installation of club officers.

Arrive at 5:45-6:00

Order your dinner off the menu

Business meeting and Annual Awards after dinner

Then "The Game"

More info to be shared online in December.

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SIR/SCCA Board Meeting November 7th, 2023

Call to Order at 6:30 by RE Junior Crowe

Officer Reports

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales motions to accept minutes as published, 2nd by Jeff Jackson, motion carried. Ernie also gave a preliminary report on election ballots received to date. 42 returned out of 140 mailed out with 10 spoiled for not following instructions.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported a Balance of \$7,886.93 with revenue for rally #6 still to come.
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg announced a deadline for submissions of 11/28.
- All others absent or no report.

Old Business

- Cars and Coffee at Lawrenceville - 4 club members attended and gathered interest. We had participation from at least 1 family. It is probably a one of or 1 a year event.
- To make Elections work via electronic vote we need a By-Law change.
- Reviewed last autocross and rally.

New Business

- We discussed alternate Rally instructions for beginners or weekend entrants. Alternate Emergency instructions in a sealed envelope.
- Bob and ERnie are to put pylons in the storage trailer.
- 2024 Schedule, Bob to coordinate.
- 2023 Awards Banquet - Combine Dec and Jan meetings and move the date to the 16th pending Smitty's agreement. The Game is still up in the air.

Next Meetings

- Member- Nov. 14th at Smitty's, gather at 5:45, the meeting starts at 7:00
- Board- Dec 5th via ZOOM

Adjournment motion made by Jeff Jackson and all seconded it.

SIR/SCCA Member Meeting November 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER at 7 pm by Junior Crowe.

VISITORS: Jeremy Crowe (Happy Birthday!)

OFFICER REPORTS

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales
 - Motioned to accept minutes as published in Pit Stop. 2nd by Terry Davis; motion carried.
 - ERnie then announced the election results. The slate of candidates was elected.
 - Approximately 25% of the ballots did not correctly indicate a candidate or were missing the member's signature and thus not counted.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag
 - Balance of \$7,951.57.
 - We are still awaiting Rally #6 receivables.
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg
 - Deadline of 11/29
 - Announced birthdays and club anniversaries.
- **Asst RE:** Jeff Jackson DGTBH. (darn glad to be here)
- All others are absent or have no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Those interested in rally program rule changes met after the last membership meeting. No further updates after the good discussion and sharing of ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

- Event trophies were presented.
 - AX #7 "Boogedy Boogedy Boo"

- Rally #6 “Stars and Stripes Forever”
- Rally #7 “Crowe’s Circus”
- Results are available in Pit Stop and on the website.
- 2024 schedule in progress
 - April 7th & 8th, 2024 Solar Eclipse. We will be helping at the MAAC.
 - No patching work until after April 10th.
- The award banquet and officer installation will be on January 16th in conjunction with the January membership meeting. Ordering off the menu. Social 5:45, meeting at 7:00.
 - Still haven’t decided about playing “The Game” or not.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Board meeting: Dec. 12th at Smitty’s, 5:45 PM
- Membership Meeting: Jan. 16th at Smitty’s
- Attendance Drawing Bob Sonntag (again) [Oh Yeah!](#) - Bob

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Jackson; 2nd by all; motion carried.

Reminder: Is your driver’s license up to date in MSR? Here’s how to update it.

- Sign in to MSR.
- Go to your account.
- Click on your Profile.
- In the area of the page titled “Memberships”, click on edit for the Southern Indiana Region (it’s on the extreme right)
- Update your Driver’s License expiration date.
- Update your annual waiver status.
- Update your cell phone number.
- Done

Don’t see your birthday? Maybe your information in the SCCA members access portal is not up to date.

You can update it at my.scca.com

The club has 149 members as of December 9th, 2023.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

December Birthdays

Sean Reising	4-Dec
Dennis Duke	5-Dec
Joely Evenson	8-Dec
Josie Crowe	12-Dec
Steven Fulkerson	15-Dec
Rob Minton	16-Dec
Jonathan McGregor	17-Dec
Eric Lookofsky	20-Dec
Michael Scott	23-Dec
Paul Dornburg	24-Dec

December Anniversaries

David Lehrschall	12/07/2004
John Whitaker	12/01/2016
Michele Whitaker	12/01/2016

2023 Final Point Tallys

Berry Points-Final Tally		Total Berry Points	Meeting Berry Points	Fun Berry Points	Work Berry Points	AX Berry Points	Rally Berry Points
1	Jr. Crowe	88	9	2	15	35	27
2	Paul Dornburg	79	8	2	15	35	19
3	Bob Sonntag	77	11	2	15	17	32
4	ERnie Roales	75	10	2	15	22	26
5	Jim Cannon	72	2	2	15	32	21
6	Terry Davis	53	8	2	10	6	27
7	Jarrold Davis (R)	50	1	2	15	32	0
8	Dave Lehrschall	49	6	2	10	16	15
9	Steve Backer	48	11	2	15	18	2
9	Larry Pearsall	48	7	2	15	10	14
11	Dawn Sturgeon	46	7	2	10	25	2
12	Barry Beaman	45	5	2	15	23	0
13	Carolyn Dornburg	44	8	2	15	14	5
14	John McCarthy	43	8	0	15	20	0
15	Jon Schwartze	41	3	0	5	25	8
16	Don Beaman	39	1	2	15	21	0
17	Jason Epley	34	5	0	0	29	0
17	Jeff Jackson	34	11	2	15	6	0
19	Scott Campbell	30	2	0	10	18	0
19	Josie Crowe	30	3	0	0	0	27
21	Susan Roales	26	0	0	0	0	26
22	Richard Grav	25	0	0	15	10	0
23	Harold Davis	24	1	0	0	0	23
23	Karen Davis	24	1	0	0	0	23
23	Sean Reising (R)	24	3	2	15	4	0
26	Michelle Deutsch	21	5	2	0	14	0
26	Daniel Evenson	21	1	0	0	20	0
26	Kevin Rector (R)	21	0	2	5	14	0
29	MacKenzi Crowe	19	1	0	5	13	0
29	Don Kelley	19	0	0	15	0	4
31	Eric Shade	17	8	0	0	9	0
32	Darlene Cannon	16	0	0	0	0	16
33	Drew Gerth	15	0	2	5	8	0
33	Kurt Krodel	15	0	2	5	8	0
33	Suellyn Lehrschall	15	2	0	0	0	13
33	Ryan Pearsall	15	1	0	0	0	14
37	Jacob Campbell	14	2	0	0	12	0
37	Brent Sturgeon	14	2	0	0	12	0
39	Gary Griffith	11	0	2	5	4	0
39	James Hurm	11	0	0	0	0	11
39	James Shade	11	9	0	0	2	0
42	Terry Lansdale (R)	9	0	0	0	7	2
43	Wanda Schwartze	8	0	0	0	0	8
44	Jason Deutsch (R)	7	1	0	0	6	0
45	Derek Griffith (R)	6	4	0	0	2	0
45	Randall Price	6	0	0	0	6	0
45	Barry Schonberger	6	1	0	0	5	0
48	Bradley Anderson	5	0	0	0	5	0
48	Jim Hurm (R)	5	0	0	0	0	5
48	David Moody (R)	5	3	0	0	2	0
48	Cooper Wink	5	0	0	0	5	0
52	Eric Lookofsky	4	0	0	0	2	2
52	Penny Orshovsky (R)	4	0	0	0	4	0
52	Danny Woodard	4	0	0	0	4	0
55	Donald Croxton II	2	0	0	0	2	0
55	Steve Cruise	2	0	0	0	2	0
55	Cameron Davis	2	0	0	0	2	0
55	Corey Marts	2	0	2	0	0	0
55	Brandon Porambo	2	0	0	0	0	2
55	Jamsheed Reshad	2	2	0	0	0	0
55	Caleb Scarbrough	2	0	2	0	0	0
55	Gary Scarbrough	2	0	2	0	0	0
55	Graham Wink	2	0	0	0	2	0
64	Cathy Condi	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	Paul Condi Jr.	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	Brittany Davis (R)	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	Courtney Fehribach	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	Dean Fehribach	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	John Warren	1	1	0	0	0	0

Rookie Percent

2023 Rookies-Final Tally		Points	Percent Captured	Meeting	Autocross	Rally
1	Jarrold Davis	21	47%	1	20	0
2	Kevin Rector	8	18%	0	8	0
3	Jason Deutsch	5	11%	1	4	0
4	David Moody	5	11%	3	2	0
5	Sean Reising	4	9%	2	2	0
6	Derek Griffith	4	9%	2	2	0
7	Terry Lansdale	0	0%	0	0	0
8	Jim Hurm	0	0%	0	0	0
9	Penny Orshovsky	0	0%	0	0	0
10	Brittany Davis	0	0%	0	0	0
11	Erik Fritts	0	0%	0	0	0
12	Bill Fulk	0	0%	0	0	0
13	Steven Fulkerson	0	0%	0	0	0
14	Philip Gilbert	0	0%	0	0	0
15	Kristoffer Griffin	0	0%	0	0	0
16	Josh Huff	0	0%	0	0	0
17	Michelle Huff	0	0%	0	0	0
18	Linda Reising	0	0%	0	0	0
19	Mark Rife	0	0%	0	0	0
20	Michael Scott	0	0%	0	0	0
21	Randy Syring	0	0%	0	0	0
22	Braydon Vaal	0	0%	0	0	0
23	Stephen Vitale	0	0%	0	0	0
24	Kent Young	0	0%	0	0	0

Rally Points- Final

Rally Points- Final		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Tot.-Lo
1	Bob Sonntag	5	5	5	2	5	5	5	32	30
2	Terry Davis	5	0	5	2	5	5	5	27	27
3	Jr. Crowe	5	2	4	4	3	4	5	27	25
4	Josie Crowe	5	2	4	4	3	4	5	27	25
5	ERnie Roales	2	5	2	5	5	5	2	26	24
6	Susan Roales	2	5	2	5	5	5	2	26	24
7	Harold Davis	5	2	5	5	2	2	2	23	21
8	Karen Davis	5	2	5	5	2	2	2	23	21
9	Jim Cannon	3	5	2	2	2	2	5	21	19
10	Paul Dornburg	0	5	2	0	5	5	2	19	19
11	Darlene Cannon	0	5	2	2	2	0	5	16	16
12	Dave Lehrschall	2	2	2	5	2	2	0	15	15
13	Larry Pearsall	2	2	0	2	2	2	4	14	14
14	Ryan Pearsall	2	2	0	2	2	2	4	14	14
15	Suellyn Lehrschall	2	0	2	5	2	2	0	13	13
16	James Hurm (R)	4	0	5	0	0	0	2	11	11
17	Jon Schwartze	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	8	8
18	Wanda Schwartze	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	8	8
19	Carolyn Dornburg	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	5
20	Jim Hurm	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	5
21	Don Kelley	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	4
22	Steve Backer	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
23	Terry Lansdale (R)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
24	Eric Lookofsky	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
25	Brandon Porambo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
26	Dawn Sturgeon	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2

Autocross Points - Final		AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	AX6	AX7	Total	Total - Low
1	Paul Dornburg	987	1000	1000	978	996	1000	989	6950	5972
2	Jr. Crowe	985	992	993	981	990	973	1000	6914	5941
3	Jon Schwartz	998	0	981	992	950	985	968	5874	5874
4	Jim Cannon	1000	999	963	881	987	945	964	6739	5858
5	Barry Beaman	967	986	956	952	958	936	0	5755	5755
6	Jason Epley	957	984	952	959	953	930	945	6680	5750
7	ERnie Roales	958	972	930	929	965	933	936	6623	5694
8	Jarrold Davis (R)	952	952	934	946	953	925	939	6601	5676
9	Don Beaman	922	962	0	940	973	923	944	5664	5664
10	John McCarthy	938	945	918	924	949	949	945	6568	5650
11	Scott Campbell	874	940	957	0	969	917	959	5616	5616
12	Steve Backer	924	0	918	944	965	887	919	5557	5557
13	Carolyn Dornburg	921	910	862	891	912	894	914	6304	5442
14	Dawn Sturgeon	918	899	845	888	882	897	919	6248	5403
15	Kevin Rector (R)	873	930	876	880	889	876	875	6199	5326
16	Michelle Deutsch	890	863	835	853	893	827	0	5161	5161
17	Daniel Evenson	945	951	0	910	943	0	906	4655	4655
18	MacKenzi Crowe	0	924	889	0	933	925	942	4613	4613
19	Dave Lehrschall	941	923	857	918	927	0	0	4566	4566
20	Jacob Campbell	862	933	897	0	931	913	0	4536	4536
21	Bob Sonntag	883	901	835	875	894	0	0	4388	4388
22	Larry Pearsall	790	750	0	750	777	0	750	3817	3817
23	Kurt Krodel	892	921	874	0	911	0	0	3598	3598
24	Drew Gerth	882	900	865	861	0	0	0	3508	3508
25	Brent Sturgeon	0	0	0	0	934	935	950	2819	2819
26	Jeff Jackson	928	862	0	908	0	0	0	2698	2698
27	Terry Davis	919	0	0	844	0	0	883	2646	2646
28	Eric Shade	0	861	0	859	0	0	858	2578	2578
29	Randall Price	825	885	844	0	0	0	0	2554	2554
30	Richard Grav	974	0	0	0	1000	0	0	1974	1974
31	Terry Lansdale	0	907	872	0	0	0	0	1779	1779
32	Danny Woodard	0	0	0	0	0	868	900	1768	1768
33	Gary Griffith	889	0	0	0	0	0	831	1720	1720
34	Jason Deutsch (R)	0	0	750	0	0	861	0	1611	1611
35	Sean Reising (R)	848	0	0	760	0	0	0	1608	1608
36	Penny Orshovsky	0	750	750	0	0	0	0	1500	1500
37	Cooper Wink	0	0	970	0	0	0	0	970	970
38	Graham Wink	0	0	960	0	0	0	0	960	960
39	Bradley Anderson	0	956	0	0	0	0	0	956	956
40	James Shade	0	889	0	0	0	0	0	889	889
41	Donald Croxton II	875	0	0	0	0	0	0	875	875
42	Steve Cruse	0	0	0	0	0	0	874	874	874
43	Eric Lookofsky	0	0	0	837	0	0	0	837	837
44	Derek Griffith (R)	0	0	0	813	0	0	0	813	813
45	Barry Schonberger	0	0	0	0	796	0	0	796	796
46	Cameron Davis	0	0	0	0	765	0	0	765	765
47	David Moody (R)	0	0	0	750	0	0	0	750	750

Points:

After a years' worth of club activities including 11 club meetings, 7 rallies, 7 autocrosses, 1 fun autocross, and our Patch Parties Jr. Crowe (88) is the 2023 Berry Points Champion. Paul Dornburg (79) is second. Bob Sonntag (77) is 3rd followed by (Ernie Roales 75) and Jim Cannon (72). Terry Davis (53), Rookie Jarod Davis (50), Dave Lehrschall (49), Larry Pearsall (48), and Steve Backer (48) round out the top ten.

Our Rally and Autocross Champions are determined using the best 6 event scores from the 7 events.

In the Rally competition Bob Sonntag is the 2023 Rally Champion with a score of 30. Terry Davis finished 2nd with a score of 27 while Jr. and Josie Crowe finished their year with 25 points to garner the final podium position.

In the Autocross contest Paul Dornburg has secured his 6th consecutive championship and 12th overall. His second place in the last event gave him a 31-point advantage over Jr. Crowe for the final autocross points standings.

Jarrod Davis is the 2023 Rookie of the Year winner. He accumulated 21 points, which is 47% of the available points, to beat Kevin Rector. Dave Moody, Jason Deutsch, Sean Rising, and Derek Griffith, were the other active contenders for the Rookie of the Year Trophy.

In case you didn't know, our crop of Rookies came from those members who joined the club between July of 2022 and June of 2023. Members that joined in July of 2023 or later will be eligible for the 2024 Rookie of the Year award.

TLDR

- Solo Safety Steward Training is available online. Follow this link: [Solo Safety Steward Training](#) and sign up. We always need Solo Safety Stewards. At the last autocross we only had 2 available SSS. We need more!
- You can get your 2024 annual waiver online right now.

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Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for December 2023

This is a bit late this month but that was deliberate for a change. I wanted to include details about my trip to Kansas City for the BoD meeting. I drove out on 11/29, visited some family who live near there and went to the site on 12/1. We met on 12/2 and I drove home on 12/3. Whew! 1767 miles in five days.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (11/7): The CRB reviewed the strategy for data collection for 2024. Which tracks, what races, etc. They also had an involved discussion on the future of the Club Racing program. In the end, it was obvious that we need to have a strategic planning meeting in the spring. This will allow us to focus on the long-term planning of the program. I have already started working with John LaRue (CRB Chair) on this. Like every other monthly meeting, the open letters were reviewed as well. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (11/8): Final revisions of the latest SCREV update were discussed. These would be passed on to the BoD for review and promulgation. We reviewed pending letters. We also discussed hosting a town hall type meeting for our December time slot so folks could query us about the committee and its work.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (11/27): With a face-to-face meeting coming up next week, we cancelled this particular meeting.

SCCA Events:

Board of Directors (BoD) (12/2): Once again, our face-to-face meeting was very productive. Just so you know, I'll share a bit about how they work. We receive updates and forecasts from all the senior

national staff. This includes Mike Cobb (President), Eric Prill / Deanna Flanagan (Club Racing), Heyward Wagner (Experiential), Jeff Dahnert (Business Operations), Robey Clark (SCCA Enterprises), Kristen Poole (Marketing) and Chris Robbins (Regional Development). During each report the members will pepper the presenter with questions, so we have a better understanding of the topic. These presentations take most of the morning and may drift into the afternoon. After that, we then hear from the various program board liaisons and act upon any rules changes that may be pending.

Mike showed us his proposed budget for 2024 and it looks very encouraging. We are in a pretty good financial position. We will be able to take on new personnel and work on new projects for the members. In addition to updates about Solo, RallyCross and HillClimb, Heyward gave us more details about the Club Spec idea. It looks very promising with the S197 Mustang and NC Miata as options. I encourage everyone to investigate it by clicking [here](#) for more details.

This particular meeting also had a wide-ranging discussion about various SCCA yearly awards (Wolff Barnato, Member of Excellence, etc.). We concluded the day by closing the 2023 meeting and opening the 2024 meeting. This involved welcoming the two new members, selecting officers for the 2024 Board, and making committee assignments. As for me, I will continue to be a liaison with the CRB as well as Chair the EVAC.

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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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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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This schedule is not finalized. We expect all the dates to stay as they are but there may be changes to the final draft.

SIR/SCCA 2024 Calendar					
Dat	Da	Time	Event	Location	
January					
1.01	Mon		New Year's Day		
1.02	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.	
1.15	Mon		M L King Day		
1.16	Tue	7:00 PM	December & January Membership Meetings w/ 2023 Awards Banquet Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville	
1.18	Thu		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
1.19	Fri		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
1.20	Sat		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
1.21	Sun		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
1.22	Mon		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
1.23	Tue		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
1.24	Wed		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
1.25	Thu		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
1.26	Fri		SCCA National Convention - Subj ?	Online	
February					
2.06	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.	
2.13	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville	
2.14	Wed		Valentine's Day		
2.19	Mon		President's Day		
2.24	Sat	9:00 AM	Cabin Fever Vaccination Drive (Evansville, IN to The Overlook, Leavenworth, IN)	TBD	
March					
3.01	Fri		Great Lakes Division Convention - Travel Day		
3.02	Sat		Great Lakes Division Convention	Ft Wayne, IN	
3.03	Sun		Great Lakes Division Convention - Travel Day		
3.05	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.	
3.09	Sat	9:15 AM	Rally School	TBD, Evansville, IN	
3.12	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville	
3.17	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 1 of 7	TBD	
3.24	Sun		Palm Sunday		
3.31	Sun		Easter Sunday Spring Break Ends -- EVSC Schools Spring Break Ends -- Warrick County Schools		
April					
4.02	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.	
4.07	Sun	TBD	Solar Eclipse - Arrival Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
4.08	Mon	TBD	Solar Eclipse - "The" Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
4.09	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville	
4.13	Sat	9:00 AM	MAAC Patch Recon	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
4.20	Sat	9:00 AM	MAAC Patch Day 1a - Cut, Dig, & Patch	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
4.21	Sun	9:00 AM	MAAC Patch Day 1b - Cut, Dig, & Patch	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
4.27	Sat	9:00 AM	MAAC Patch Day 2a - Cut, Dig, & Patch OR Pouring Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
4.28	Sun	9:00 AM	MAAC Patch Day 2a - Cut, Dig, & Patch - this won't be needed if work is done by 4.27	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
May					
5.04	Sat	8:00 AM	MAAC Patch Day 3 - Pouring Day - this won't be needed if work is done by 4.27	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
5.07	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.	
5.11	Sat	8:00 AM	MAAC Patch Day 4 - Pouring Day (Rain Date) - this won't be needed if work is done by 4.27	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
5.12	Sun		Mother's Day		
5.14	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville	
5.19	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 2 of 7	TBD	
5.27	Mon		Memorial Day		
June					
6.01	Sat	9:00 AM	AX -- Test-n-Tune Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
6.02	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 1 of 7	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	
6.04	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.	
6.11	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville	
6.16	Sun		Father's Day		
6.23	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 3 of 7	TBD	
6.30	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 2 of 7	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL	

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
July				
7.02	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.
7.04	Thu		Independence Day	
7.09	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville
7.14	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 3 of 7	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
7.28	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 4 of 7	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
August				
8.04	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 4 of 7 -- "World-Famous Ice Cream Rally"	Owensboro, KY
8.06	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.
8.13	Tue	6:15 PM	Membership Meeting at The Log Inn. Reservations req'd. Email treasurer@sirscca.org. Business meeting to follow dinner.	The Log Inn 12491 County Road 200 East, Warrenton, IN
8.25	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 5 of 7	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
8.27	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.
September				
9.02	Mon		Labor Day	
9.03	Tue		2024 Solo Nationals	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
9.04	Wed		2024 Solo Nationals	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
9.05	Thu		2024 Solo Nationals	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
9.06	Fri		2024 Solo Nationals	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
9.10	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville
9.15	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 6 of 7	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
9.29	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 7 of 7	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
October				
10.01	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.
10.06	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Spare Date	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
10.08	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville
10.12	Sat	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 5 of 7	TBD
10.27	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 6 of 7	TBD
November				
11.05	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.
11.10	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 7 of 7	TBD
11.12	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting at Smitty's Italian Restaurant Dinner and socializing at start at 5:45 PM. Business meeting at 7:00 PM.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville
11.28	Thu		Thanksgiving	
December				
12.03	Tue	6:30 PM	Christmas Board Meeting - All members welcome.	TBD
12.10	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet - All members welcome.	TBD
12.24	Tue		Christmas Eve	
12.25	Wed		Christmas	
12.31	Tue		New Year's Eve	

FOR SALE:

Mike Kincaid has donated some tire racks he made to the club. Each end piece is \$20.

I have 7 rack pieces left. These are really well made. I used 3 this weekend for my tires. Cross bars are not included.



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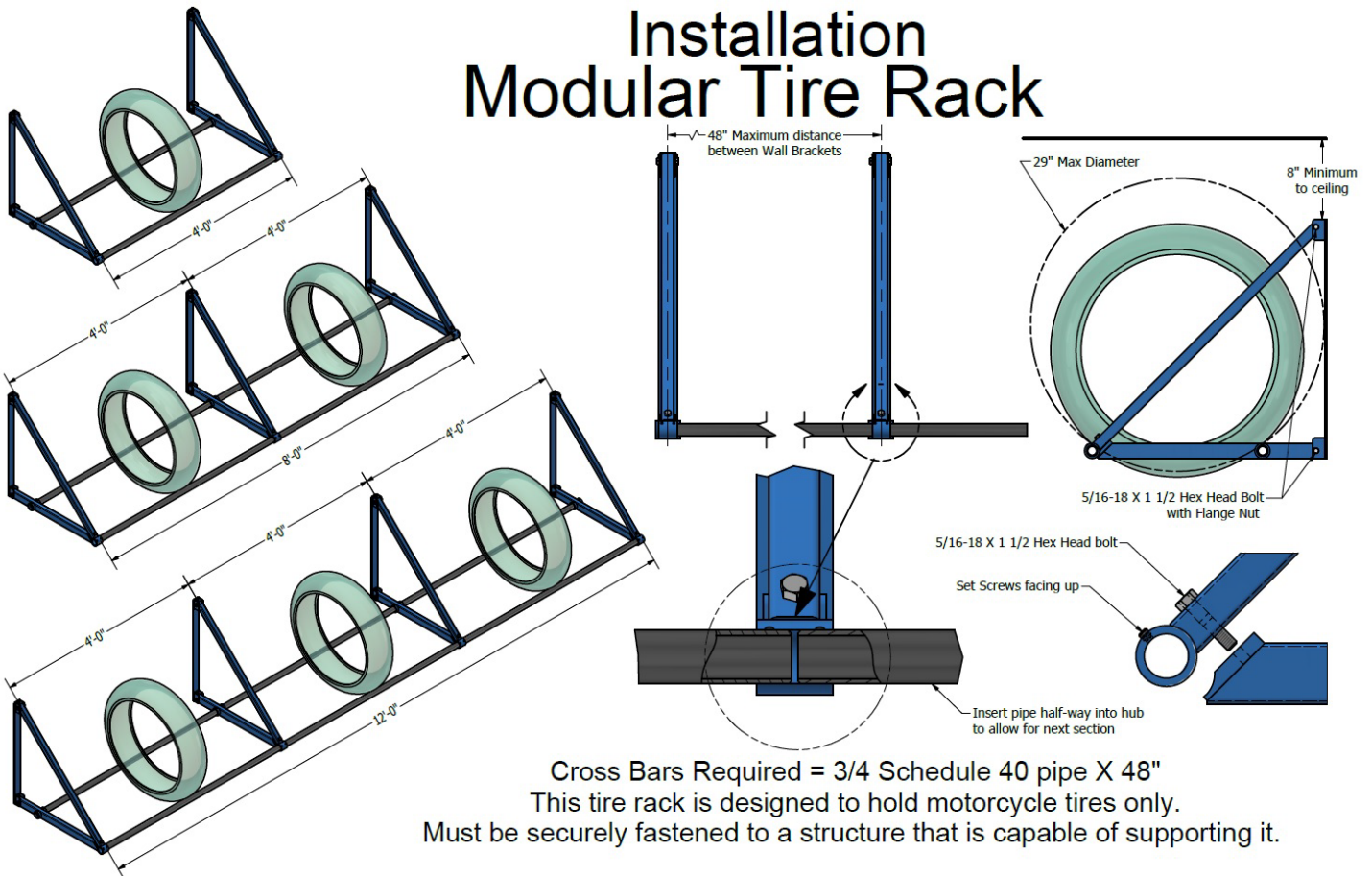


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Auto enthusiasts hold rally across Spencer County Sunday

BY DON STEEN

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The Southern Indiana Region of the Sports Car Club of America held its last points rally of the year in Spencer County Sunday afternoon. Teams from Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois gathered in Rockport to register their vehicles for the event. Drivers were accompanied by navigators, who would advise of upcoming turns and landmarks, set speeds for various stretches of the route, and help keep time to give an accurate read of their performance in the rally. After a lengthy jaunt through various back roads leading through Rockport, Reo, Chrisney, Gentryville, and Santa Claus the competitors finally mustered at River City Brew Works for supper while their scores were tallied.

Points rallies, unlike races or auto cross events featuring obstacle courses, are determined by a driver's ability to maintain a consistent (legal) speed on public roads as they progress through a series of checkpoints. Sunday's drivers were monitored via the Richta Competitor app, which determined how efficient the driver was in navigating the established course. A single second or 100th of a mile off from the set goal could determine the ultimate winner.

The latest points rally was named Crowe's Circus, after Regional Executive for the SCCA Jonathan Crowe. While a sports car capable of accelerating quickly from a slower set speed on a curve to a straightaway certainly has advantages, a skilled driver can make do in just about anything street legal.

"You can rally in anything," said Crowe.

Most of the drivers in the regional club are over the age of 40, with the oldest participant on Sunday being 86. Models used in the rally included everything from a Prius to a Porsche.

Organizing a points rally is far from a simple matter. One cannot simply set ideal checkpoints and routes ahead of time. Road construction and less predictable issues can arise that force last-minute changes, which dramatically shifts the impeccably measured mileages at play. Crowe noted that farm equipment is often found on the roads this time of year, and any private business or home undergoing renovations could yield dust and debris that most sports car owners would want to avoid.

The final route for Sunday's rally came together only after Crowe himself had driven it earlier that day to check out conditions and make changes on the fly. Even then, the rules of the rally offer drivers some leeway if they happen to fall behind slow-moving equipment.

"That's why it's called Crowe's



Above, Paul Dornburg of the SCCA drives his 2018 Porsche onto the pre-established route to follow participating rally cars and monitor their progress. Below, cars of all models lineup in Rockport ahead of their county-spanning journey. Each car had a navigator to keep track of time and (hopefully) avoid becoming lost on the back roads.

— Photos by Don Steen

Circus," he said.

Paul Dornburg, Pit Stop Newsletter Editor for the SCCA, pointed out that Spencer County is about as far east as the organization has held a points rally in recent years. Scouting for these events tends to take one off the beaten path, looking for ideal back roads and notable landmarks.

"We find some nifty roads when we're out scouting," he said.

A tutorial run took drivers and navigators on a brief journey below the Rockport Bluffs then through county roads on the way to Reo. This was to give drivers and navigators a chance to get their bearings, and ensure their vehicles were in working order. The first "official" checkpoint pinged once participating vehicles headed west down State Road 66 toward Richland.

In many cases, drivers and navigators are also lifelong friends or married couples. Some even had their first dates at these events.

Dornburg himself was following the convoy in his 2018 Porsche to keep things running smoothly. That car has also seen him to several championships in club events since its purchase almost exactly six years ago. He joined the SCCA in 1996, and finally decided to purchase his Porsche for its improved handling, acceleration, and digital amenities that allow him to "keep up with the kids."

Dornburg's favorite club activity is auto cross, but it can be a chal-



lenge to find a suitable location for such competitions. Airports remain a reliable location, when room can be reserved, but other old venues have become fewer and farther between. Larger shopping centers that once sported massive parking

lots are now generally open 24/7, making them generally off-limits.

Nevertheless, the club usually maintains a steady schedule of seven auto cross and seven other rallies per year across the region. Those interested in checking out

future events, or becoming a dues-paying member of the SCCA, can visit www.sirscca.org. The website also features numerous tips for up-and-coming auto enthusiasts to prepare themselves and their vehicles for various events.

**Happy New
Year!**