



The Pit Stop



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February RE Report



Where did January go? Seems like we just celebrate new year's and now Valentine's Day is two weeks away.

That also means the competitions will be firing up soon, so folks will be tuning up their hot rods. I normally procrastinate till at least March; I like the excitement of not knowing if its all going to come together. SIR tried something new this year for the awards banquet. The banquet was combined with the January membership meeting at Smitty's. If you have opinions good or bad on the event, please reach out to me or anyone on the board, we would love to hear from you. Speaking of awards, we had some new faces taking home hardware this year.

Jarod Davis was our rookie of the year wheeling his Nissan around the track. I have a feeling he is going to be a top contender this coming season, he just keeps getting faster. Bob Sontag took home the big rally trophy with a perfect score if I remember right. Paul was another repeat winner this year in autocross. I am just glad it wasn't a perfect score. LOL!! I somehow ended up bringing home the Berry points trophy. To be honest when I joined this club 11 years ago, I had no idea about rookie points, meetings, or berry points at all. Once I learned about all the different points and things, I only really tried for the autocross trophies. I didn't have a rally partner, and I never expected to have a chance at the Berry points. I guess it was around the September pitstop that I noticed I was on top of the list, and at that point I knew I had to stomp on the pedal

and try and bring it home. I might never win it again but at least I was fortunate to win it once.

I hope to have plenty of new faces try out some events this coming year. We have plenty of fun activities to choose from. We have a full schedule ready to go for 2024. Why not try something new this year? Bring a friend or two, make some side bets, design a course, put on a rally, try to stump Bob. It's all fun!

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Ps. Bob has put together a drive to the Overlook Restaurant that'll be run like a rally. It starts at the McDonald's on Bartlett Ave. in Evansville. It will be a fun drive to a good restaurant. You can sign up for it [here](#). Make note of the early start time.

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SIR/SCCA Board of Directors Meeting, January 2nd, 2024

CALL TO ORDER by RE John Crowe at 6:35 pm

- No guests present.

OFFICER REPORTS

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales moved to accept December minutes as published.
 - Bob Sonntag amended the motion to “as shared/posted/edited.”
 - Motion and its amendment, second by Terry Davis.
 - Motion carried.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported a current balance of \$8550.60.
 - Review of 2023 financial summary showing expenses and income by program was shared.
 - 2023 showed a net gain of approx. \$3,345.
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg announced a deadline of Jan. 30th, 2024, and stated Pit Stop has not been published.
- **Activities Chair:** Steve Backer announced most 2023 event chairs have replied to his query about 2024 events.
 - Some discussion on new event chairs. No decisions.
 - Opportunities still exist for new event chairs to step forward.
- **Asst Activities Chair:** Jim Cannon, present, no report.
- **Women’s Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon, absent, no report.
- **Advisor:** Terry Davis present, no report.
- **Assistant Regional Executive:** Jarrod Davis present, no report.
- **Regional Executive:** Jr. Crowe, present, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Awards Banquet: Paul Dornburg and Jr. Crowe agreed to handle “The Game.”
 - There are sufficient prizes on hand.
 - The club will provide each person with a reservation 1 drink ticket and 1 dessert ticket.
 - Consensus for the club to not pay for Board member’s meals.
 - Reservations through Bob Sonntag via email to treasurer@sirsgcca.com or by phone 812-477-5936.
 - Bob Sonntag to send mass emails to membership.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob Sonntag proposed changes to the traveling autocross and rally trophies to allow for more names. With input from all:
 - Transfer the original trophies to the top of new trophies.
 - Transfer the older panels to the back of the new trophies.
 - Rebuild the more recent name panels to the front of the new trophies.
 - Plan agreed to by consensus.

NEXT MEETINGS

- Membership & awards - January 16th at Smitty’s. Gather at 5:45.
- Board - February 6th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.
 - Contact Bob Sonntag for the link.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:40 pm

SIR/SCCA December/January/Awards Banquet January 16th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

- RE Junior Crowe called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM with 33 souls present.

GUESTS:

- Debbie Jackson, John Luke Crowe, Courtney Davis, Angie Schonberger, and Parker James

RETIREES:

- Junior Crowe acknowledged Jeff Jackson is retiring from the board (again).

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales started and then Jim Cannon moved not to read minutes; 2nd by Darlene Cannon; motion carried

- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported our balance of \$7,126.70 and passed out a 2023 financial summary.
- **Activities Chair** Steve Backer thanked everyone for the year and announced that all event chairs for 2024 are filled.
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg announced January 31 as the deadline for submissions.
- **Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive, Assistant Activities Chair, and Woman's Chair** were present and had no reports.
- The **Advisor** was not present and shared no report.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

- Bob Sonntag announced membership year pins.
 - 5 Years: Danny Woodard, George Day, Jacob Campbell, and Scott Campbell
 - 10 Years: Bill Hammac, Richard Grav, & MacKenzi Crowe
 - 15 Years: Yancy Smith
 - 25 Years: Harold Davis
 - 45 Years: Jeff Jackson and Barry Schonberger
 - 50 Yearer: Jim Butler
- Junior Crowe made the trophy presentations.
 - Road Rally and Gymkhana trophies were revamped for long future lives.
 - Championship trophies this year are victory cups.
 - Bob Sonntag was given a figurative pat on the back for the trophy work.
- Rookie of the Year Awards
 - 3rd: Jason Deutsch
 - 2nd: Keven Rector
 - Rookie of the Year: Jarrod Davis
- Rally Championship Awards
 - 3rd: Junior and Josie Crowe
 - 2nd: Terry Davis
 - Champion: Bob Sonntag
 - Special Award: Best Backseat Driver: John Luke Crowe
- Autocross Championship Awards
 - 3rd: Jon Schwartz
 - 2nd: Junior Crowe
 - Champion: Paul Dornburg
- Berry Points Awards
 - 3rd: Bob Sonntag
 - 2nd: Paul Dornburg
 - Champion: Jonathan "Junior" Crowe

Board Service Plaques:

- RE Junior Crowe thanked the 2023 board and distributed the service plaques.
- RE Junior Crowe gave a quick review of our 2023.
- The 2024 Board was recognized.

Drawings:

- Marci Backer won the attendance drawing for a free entry.
- \$50 SCCA Gear gift certificates were won by Steve Backer and Dave Lehrschall.

Next Meetings:

- Board: Tuesday, February 6th via Zoom. Contact Bob Sonntag at treasurer@sirscca.com for the link.
- Membership: Tuesday, February 13th at Smitty's. Gather for socializing and dinner at 5:45 P.M. The business meeting begins at 7:00.

Motion to adjourn by Sue Roales, with a second by Dave Lehrschall. The 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

Anniversaries and Birthdays

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 148 members as of 2/1/2024.

February Anniversaries

Jeffrey Jackson	02/01/1978	46 yrs.
Greg Goebel	02/01/1980	44 yrs.
Don Kelley	02/19/2004	20 yrs.
Robert Rothermel	02/14/2017	9 yrs.
Jacob Campbell	02/09/2018	6 yrs.
Scott Campbell	02/09/2018	6 yrs.
John Warren	02/20/2019	5 yrs.
Mark Otto	02/02/2020	4 yrs.
Rob Minton	02/26/2021	3 yrs.
Marcus Bittner	02/27/2022	2 yrs.
Mark Rife	02/12/2023	1 yr.
Steven Fulkerson	02/26/2023	1 yr.

February Birthdays

Caleb Scarbrough	2/2
Stacey Grav	2/4
Jason Epley	2/5
Shane Suits	2/7
Dr. James Butler	2/8
Ryan Pearsall	2/11
John Warren	2/11
Mark Rife	2/13
Carolyn Dornburg	2/16
Kurt Krodel	2/16
Don Kelley	2/17
Sean Lips	2/17
Ernest Roales	2/21
Bryce Scott	2/22
George Rector	2/23
Emma Schwartz	2/27
Gary Griffith	2/28
Morgan Metz	2/28

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 some autocrosses last year we only had 2 available SSS. We need more!
- Get your 2024 annual waiver online right now. Don't put it off!
- The Board is considering putting on a Divisional Road Rally. More details coming.
- SCCA program fees did not increase for 2024. That means our entry fees will stay the same as 2023.
- Our By-Laws need to be updated. ([SIR By-Laws](#)) A committee of 4 people has been formed to review the document and provide an update.
- There was some EV trash talking on our email list. Did you see it?
- It's likely the Patch Party reconnaissance visit to MAAC will take place in the week of March 25th, an email announcement will be made.
- The SCCA has announced 2 new [Spec Classes](#). [Spec Mustang \(CSM\)](#) and [Spec Miata \(CSX\)](#)
- The 2024 schedule is included in this issue. The dates for autocrosses at MAAC are provisional pending approval from the Illinois FAA. A Fun Autocross will be held in October.
- We are keeping a close eye on the Roberts Park lot in hopes of holding our Snow Buster event there.
- GET AN ANNUAL [WAIVER!!!](#) Instructions are near the end of this document. Currently just 21 members have their 2024 annual waiver.
- 2023 Banquet pictures are [here](#).

SIR/SCCA 2024 Calendar

NOTE: All autocross dates are provisional! (Awaiting FAA/ILDOT approval.)

Date	Day	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@sirscga.org for the link.
1.15	Mon		M L King Day	
1.16	Tue	5:45 PM 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	6:30 PM	SCCA National Convention - Highlight: Annual Meeting	Online
1.19	Fri	5:30 PM	SCCA National Convention - Highlight: Convention Kick Off	Online
1.20	Sat	3:00 PM	SCCA National Convention - Highlight: RoadRally Program Direction,	Online
1.21	Sun	3:00 PM	SCCA National Convention - Highlights: RoadRally Town Hall & all program awards	Online
1.22	Mon	11:00 AM	SCCA National Convention - Highlight: Solo Program Direction	Online
1.23	Tue	1:00 PM	SCCA National Convention - Highlight: Insurance/Risk Mgt & Solo Safety	Online
1.24	Wed	4:00 PM	SCCA National Convention - Highlights: Solo Rule Book Trivia & Solo Town Hall	Online
1.25	Thu	2:00 PM	SCCA National Convention - Highlights: SCCA Archives	Online
1.26	Fri	7:00 PM	SCCA National Convention - Highlight: Women on Track	Online
February				
2.06	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscga.org for the link.
2.13	Tue	5:45 PM 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 Vaccine Drive (Evansville, IN to The Overlook, Leavenworth, IN)	McDonald's Restaurant 1617 Bartlett Avenue, Evansville
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@sirscga.org for the link.
3.09	Sat	9:15 AM	Rally School	TBD, Evansville, IN
3.12	Tue	5:45 PM 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 - Team Davis/Sonntag	TBD
3.23	Sat	12:30 PM	Fun, Gimmick, or Game Rally?	TBD
3.23	Sat		Spring Break Begins -- EVSC Schools Spring Break Begins -- Warrick County Schools	
3.24	Sun		Palm Sunday	
3.25-29	TBD	9:00 AM	MAAC Patch Recon (one day this week)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
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@sirscga.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	5:45 PM 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 (Fallback Date)	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 (May be cancelled if the patching completed.)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
May				
5.04	Sat	8:00 AM	MAAC Patch Day 3 - Pouring Day (May be cancelled if the patching completed.)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
5.05	Sun	9:00 AM	Cars & Coffee	Washington Square Mall, Evansville, IN
5.07	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscga.org for the link.
5.11	Sat	8:00 AM	MAAC Patch Day 4 - Pouring Day (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
5.12	Sun		Mother's Day	
5.14	Tue	5:45 PM 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 - Team Roales	TBD
5.27	Mon		Memorial Day	
June				
6.01	Sat	9:00 AM	AX -- Test-n-Tune Event - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
6.02	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 1 of 7 - Dave Lehrschall	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
6.04	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscga.org for the link.
6.11	Tue	5:45 PM 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	
6.21	Fri	TBD	Hemmings Motor News "Great Race" National Event - Trophy Run	Owensboro, KY
6.22	Sat	TBD	Hemmings Motor News "Great Race" National Event - Departs for Gardiner, Maine	Owensboro, KY
6.23	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 3 of 7 - Team Davis	TBD
6.30	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 2 of 7 - Dawn Sturgeon	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL

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July				
7.02	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link.
7.04	Thu		Independence Day	
7.07	Sun	9:00 AM	Cars & Coffee	Washington Square Mall, Evansville, IN
7.09	Tue	5:45 PM 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 - "Quick & Dirty, v7.14.24" - Ernie Roales	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
7.28	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 4 of 7 - Jon Schwartz	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
August				
8.04	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 4 of 7 - Team Lehrschall	TBD
8.06	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link.
8.13	Tue	6:15 PM	Membership Meeting at The Log Inn. Reservations req'd. Email treasurer@sirsgca.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 - "WOOP DEE DO!" - Paul Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
8.27	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link.
September				
9.01	Sun	9:00 AM	Cars & Coffee	Washington Square Mall, Evansville, IN
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	5:45 PM 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 - Bob Sonntag	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
9.29	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Championship Event 7 of 7 - Jarrod Davis	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
October				
10.01	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link.
10.06	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Fun Autocross - "By the Board" - The Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
10.08	Tue	5:45 PM 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 - "World-Famous Ice Cream Rally" - Team Dornburg	TBD
10.27	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 6 of 7 - Team Davis/Sonntag	TBD
November				
11.03	Sun	9:00 AM	Cars & Coffee	Washington Square Mall, Evansville, IN
11.05	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link.
11.10	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 7 of 7 - Team Crowe	TBD
11.12	Tue	5:45 PM 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	5:45 PM 7:00 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	

All SIR/SCCA events are open to all (a weekend membership is available to non-SCCA members. Our championship events are simply those offering points towards our end-of-year championship trophies. There's no extra registration requirement. Email info@sirsgca.org your questions about our events.

2024 Schedule of Competitions and Meetings

This schedule is about finalized. We expect all the dates to stay as they are but there may be changes to the final draft. As always, we are waiting on the final word from the Illinois FAA to confirm our autocross dates at MAAC.

We have event marshals lined up for the year.

Currently there are 8 scheduled autocrosses and 8 scheduled rallies.

Thanks,

Steve B.

Activities Chair

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MAAC Attack 2024 (aka Patch Parties) Again

Each year our board makes plans and takes actions that commit the region's members and families to supporting those decisions with time and talent. In this article, I am sharing my own opinion and my insight as an insider. I'm not speaking for the board.

In 2023 the Board committed to providing labor to help the Mid-American Air Center (MAAC) with its Solar Eclipse 2024 activities. Our duties are still to be determined. Here's the link to what's been shared about the eclipse activities at the MAAC. [Mid-American Air Center Eclipse 2024](#) Stay tuned for more information on this activity. This effort will help strengthen and maintain our relationship with the MAAC. It will also increase the value we bring to the MAAC.

For many years the region's biggest commitments have been linked to our annual patching effort at the MAAC. The region commits significant funds to the effort and members and friends make significant contributions of time, effort, and for some a little treasure too. Mostly, it is time, effort, and Advil after the fact.

As in recent years, working patching days will qualify anyone (member or not) for the bonus program. The bonus program rewards those helping with the patching effort with an extra scored run in each of our autocross heats. Roughly, it's work half the patching events and earn one bonus run per event. Working the correct combination of two patching activities results in two bonus runs per event.

The board and patch party leadership strive to make the patching work schedule available as early as possible and accommodating to all. The latter part is a nearly impossible task! (Think of it as herding pigeons.) The patching is always subject to weather. We've learned that we can cut and dig in the cold and wet if we must. We cannot quick patch or pour concrete in rain or extreme cold. The amount of work that can be done on any given day is subject to the weather, the size of our workforce, and the ability and skills of the workforce present.

In 2023, in consultation with all that had registered to work a patching day, the schedule was changed on very short notice to accommodate those working and to take advantage of the weather forecast. Later, not everyone was pleased. Some had not yet registered to work a future weekend and were not present. Thus, those few not present were not included when those on-site discussed & agreed to push through and complete the job early. Hence, this big heads-up on the plan for this year's patching and what could happen again as the work proceeds.

As always, the plan is to reconnoiter the MAAC in early spring, mark what those present agree needs to be fixed, and return to fix the problems by replacing the concrete or covering bad spots with a quick patch material. If there's little work to be done or it goes very well, all the currently planned days may not be needed. A day not needed will likely be cancelled.

The short version: YOU must EVALUATE and PLAN ACCORDINGLY. What's more valuable to you? A few weekends in April and May or your year of potential bonus runs? The board cannot succeed in pleasing everyone. We can do no more than try and share the plan early.

So, all that said...

- 1) The region has yet to find a more motivating incentive to encourage participation in our patching effort. Got a better idea? Share it with me. My contact info is below. I will pass it along. The region has not found an alternative site either.
- 2) Make a serious effort to work the first weekend of cutting, digging, & patching. Work at least a full day that weekend and become qualified for one bonus run.
- 3) Make a serious effort to work the pouring day. April 27th or May 5th. There will be only one pouring day. Working the pouring day qualifies one for a bonus run. The rain date is May 11th. Reserve this date for SIR too. Do that just in case the first attempt to pour concrete is rained out.
- 4) Make a good plan to be able to work the second weekend of cutting, digging, & patching. If the first weekend finishes the planned cutting, digging, & patching then all or some of this weekend will likely be canceled and thus it may not qualify any one for a bonus run.
- 5) Register for each day you plan to work. The event sign up is available on MSR.

<http://msreg.com/2024-PATCH-PARTIES>

Please note that we do not measure the amount of work individuals perform. We only expect some reasonable effort aligned with individual abilities. We have a wide range of jobs. Jackhammering, mucking holes, shoveling rock, sweeping, mostly driving chores, & running backpack blowers, etc. We may not have a job for everyone; but, we will have one for you.

The thinking behind the schedule is that it's now January and the plan is for April. We will not learn how much patching will need to happen until mid-to-late March. Then we must wait until after the last MAAC solar eclipse activity (April 8) before we can attack the tasks.

Remember, we are all volunteers. If you have not been happy with how the patching efforts have been managed, step-up to a leadership role in the project. Help is available. Everyone will want you to succeed! Otherwise, show up, channel your servant heart (I can almost proofread that now without smirking) and vent life's frustrations into helping fix a hole in some concrete like your told! 😊

Have any questions? Email me directly via bob.sonntag@att.net or if you're concerned about getting the tone right in your email, call me via 812-477-5936.

Bob Sonntag

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 for my tires. Cross bars are not included.



The top one would cost you \$40, \$20 for each rack piece.

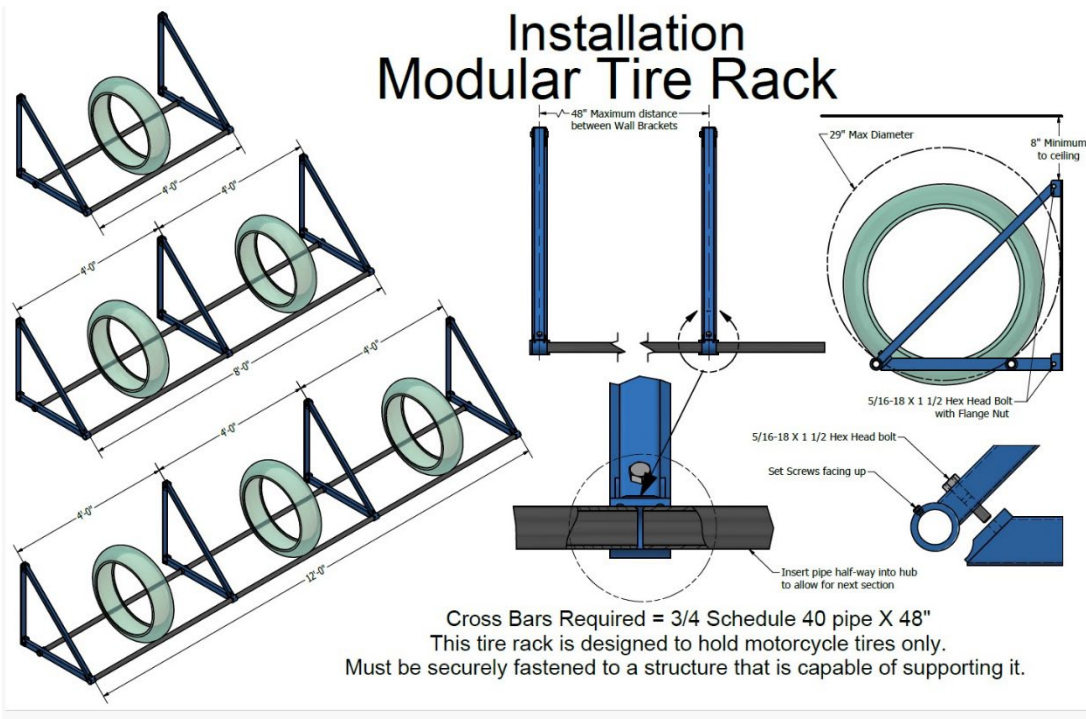


This one would be \$60 for 3 rack pieces.



And this one would be \$80 for 4 rack pieces.

Let me know if you want a set. a911sc@gmail.com



Dayle Frame
Area 4 Director
Great Lakes Division
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Notes from the Director's Chair - Area 4 Director Update for February 2024

With no report for January, this one has a bit more content. The divisional leadership is gearing up for the upcoming season.

So, here's what I did this past couple of months.....

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (12/5): Due to a scheduling conflict, I was unable to attend this meeting. That said, the committee reviewed letters as usual and prepared for the upcoming season. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (12/13): The Chair of the CRB requested that all of the sub committees host a "Town Hall" style Zoom meeting to allow constituents a chance to interact with the committee members. We would host that meeting as our regularly scheduled monthly meeting for December. We tried to reach out to members who would be interested in joining us. Several folks joined our meeting and we had a nice discussion with them on a wide range of topics.
- CRB (1/2): 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](#).
- GLDiv BoD meeting (1/8): We met to discuss how the division could support the introduction of the Flagtronics system at our race events. This is coming in a couple of years and we need to be prepared so regions will be properly equipped to support the program. No decisions were made as this was just an informational meeting. We will discuss it further with the broader membership at our GLDiv Convention in March.
- EVAC (1/10): 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) (1/29): As we were busy with the convention on our usual date (4th Monday each month), we slid this back meeting a week. We discussed a few items and received reports on a couple more. The financials for the past year are almost complete. Even with a poor start to the year (bad weather holding down car counts at big events), we managed to come out ahead of projections. Even SCCA Pro was ahead of the curve. A select committee was formed to update the BoD handbook and its output was reviewed. We will have a couple of weeks to look through it and offer comment.

SCCA Events: None

The new year also means it's time for your GLDiv BoD to start working on the Convention. This year's event will be held at The Summit in Fort Wayne on March 2nd with a social portion held the evening before. Event details and registration information can be found [here](#). Many of our colleagues from the National Office will be in attendance. Please reach out to [Val McCammon](#) if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

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.

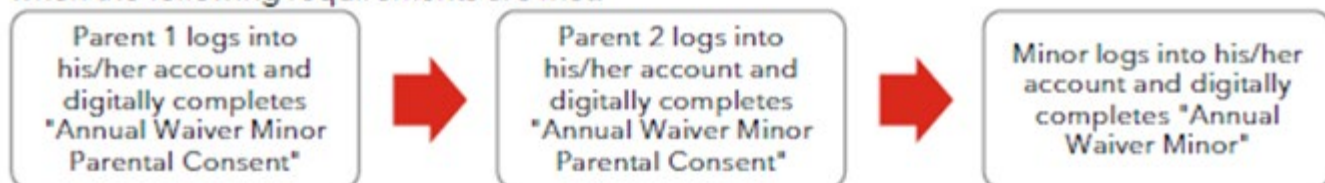
HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

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?

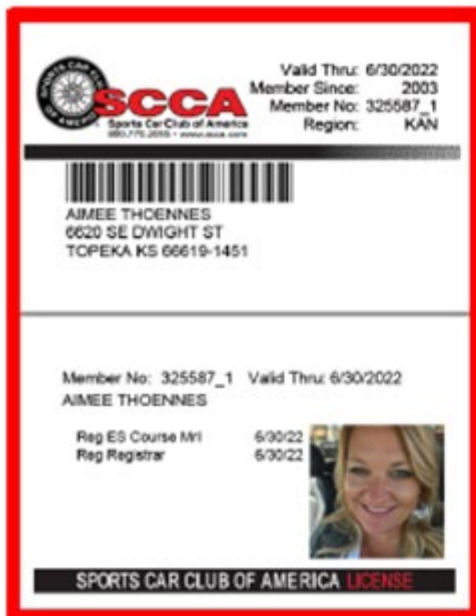
- Check inbox for email confirming "under review"
- Check inbox for email indicating status and next steps: active, incomplete or terminated (should arrive in less than 24 hours, not including weekends/holidays)
 - **Active:** waiver valid through December 31 - "ready to go!"
 - **Incomplete:** waiver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

PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL WAIVER AT EVENTS

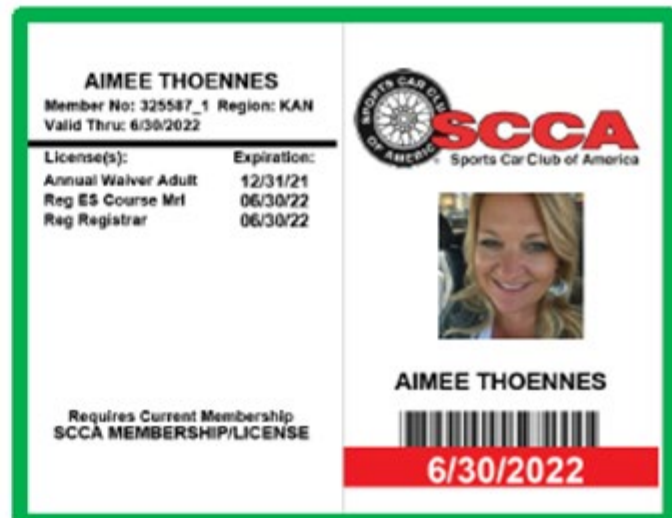
- An Annual Waiver is valid with an active membership
- Acceptable forms of proof of membership at events include physical or digital membership cards with 'Valid Thru' date equal to or after the event date:
 - Physical membership card prints when membership renews (once per year)
 - Digital membership 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



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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Time It Takes For Hacker To Crack Your Password

Number of characters	Numbers Only	Lowercase Only	Upper and Lower Case	Number, Upper, Lower	Number, Upper, Lower, Symbols
8	Instantly	Instantly	2 minutes	5 minutes	3 hours
9	Instantly	9 seconds	2 hours	5 hours	12 days
10	Instantly	4 minutes	2 days	14 days	3 years
11	Instantly	2 hours	132 days	3 years	279 years
12	Instantly	2 days	19 years	159 years	26.5 thousand years
13	Instantly	6 weeks	995 years	10 thousand years	3 million years
14	3 minutes	3 years	51 thousand years	608 thousand years	239 million years
15	26 minutes	82 years	2 million years	37 million years	22.7 billion years
16	5 hours	2136 years	140 million years	3 billion years	3 trillion years
17	43 hours	56 thousand years	8 billion years	145 billion years	205 trillion years
18	18 days	2 million years	379 billion years	9 trillion years	20 quadrillion years
19	6 months	38 million years	20 trillion years	557 trillion years	2 quintillion years
20	5 years	977 million years	2 quadrillion years	35 quadrillion years	176 quintillion years
21	49 years	26 billion years	54 quadrillion years	3 quintillion years	17 sextillion years
22	490 years	660 trillion years	3 quintillion years	133 quintillion years	2 septillion years