



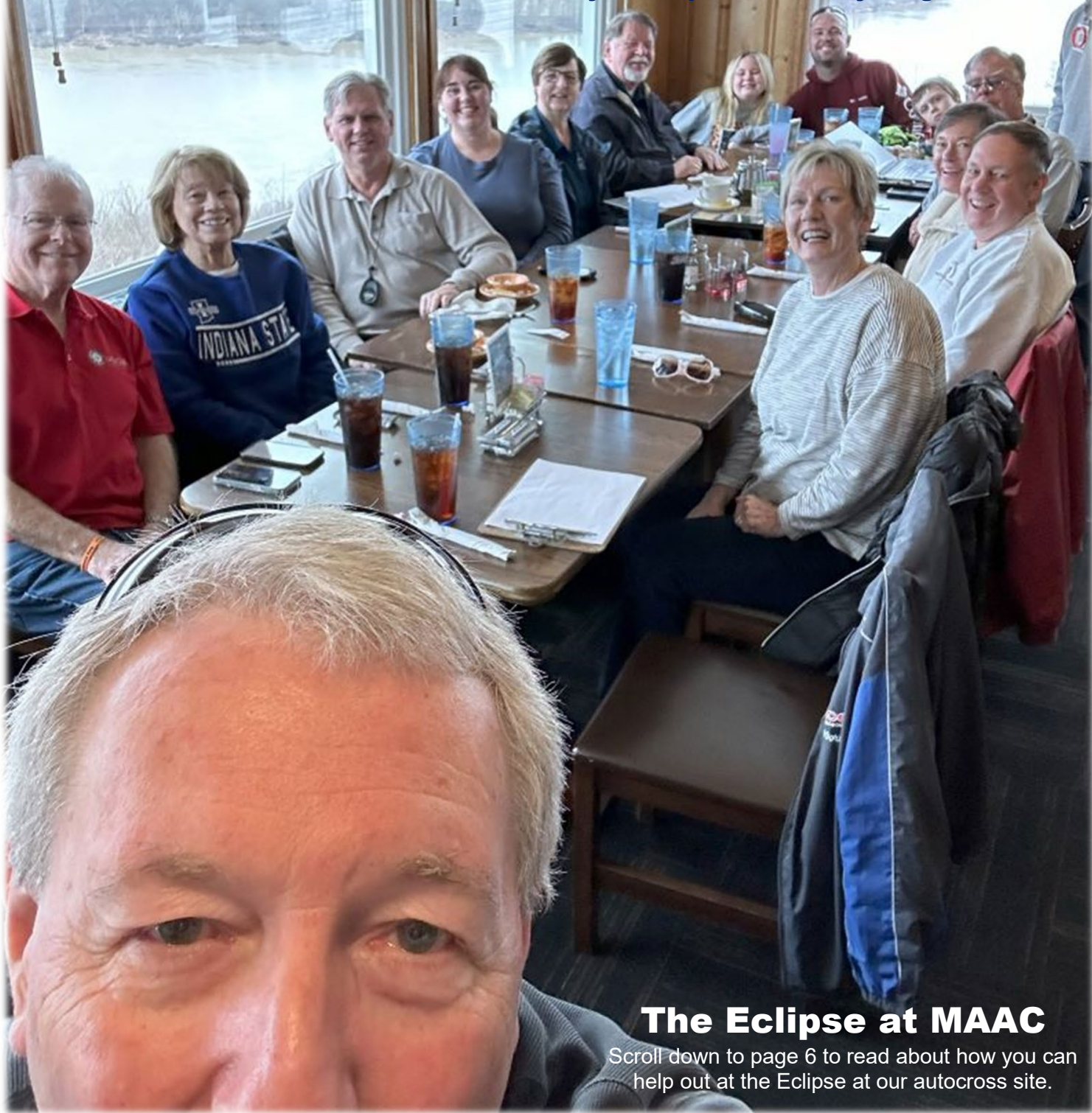
The Pit Stop



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Cabin Fever Vaccine Drive Rally

Who won? How hard was the route? How many check points? Did anyone get a zero?



The Eclipse at MAAC

Scroll down to page 6 to read about how you can help out at the Eclipse at our autocross site.

March RE Report



The first driving event for the year is in the books. This past weekend Bob and Terry put on a Fun rally to Overlook

restaurant in Leavenworth, Indiana. This was a very different rally in that there were only a couple instructions for turns, and over 50 checkpoints. My Richta app was beeping so much I thought the phone was ringing. I truly think anyone

who has done a rally would have enjoyed this drive. This format might not be my favorite for scoring points, but this one didn't count so it all worked out. We have our first points rally coming in a couple weeks on March 17th so come out and play.

Our autocross season is getting a little bit of a later start due to the events at MAAC. There is this solar eclipse thing going on in April which is pushing things back a bit. Speaking of that we will need some workers to help at the MAAC with the Eclipse.

If working the eclipse isn't your thing, but concrete

is boy do we have a plan for you. We need a volunteer to manage our patch party efforts this year. The patch party efforts will begin soon after the eclipse has passed. This is how we can maintain our racing surface, help the airport, and get valuable bonus runs during the season.

The SIR calendar is starting to heat up, and there are a variety of events to meet everyone's taste. We have a zoom board meeting next week followed by a membership the week after. Come out and join in the festivities. Jr.

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SIR/SCCA BOD Meeting February 6th, 2024

Call to Order at 6:32 by RE Jr. Crowe with 9 members present.

OFFICER REPORTS

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales moved for the adoption of minutes as published in the Pit Stop newsletter, a 2nd by Steve Backer, and the motion was carried.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported a balance on hand of \$6,815.55
- **Pit Stop Editor:** Paul Dornburg announced a deadline of Feb. 28th for all newsletter submissions.
- **Advisor:** Terry Davis is absent
- All the others had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 schedule

- Women of SIR Chair Dawn Sturgeon stated no events are currently planned.
- Winter/spring fun solos: Bob Sonntag reports that the Roberts Park lot is not yet, but looks to soon be torn up, so we will lose our Evansville autocross site.
- A fun solo is planned for October on the spare event date at the MAAC.
- Fun/gimmick rally is not currently planned.
- Divisional rally interest: We decided someone needs to attend one and/or check with GLD leaders.

NEW BUSINESS

- SCCA Convention: Bob, Paul, and ERnie attended at least some of the online meetings.
 - Paul is mailing the last seven years of waivers to the SCCA National office.
 - Bob shared a recap of convention sessions with the board via email.
 - A sanction/insurance session (postponed from the convention) should happen in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Waivers: We are already electronic only.
- Patch Party: We need a leader. We will appeal to members for one to step up. Bob and Paul to describe duties and responsibilities. Jr to make the request.
- Trial Memberships: A paper document needs to be filled out, a particularly troublesome task at a rally. After a discussion of problems getting the document filled out at rallies, ERnie motioned that Weekend Membership be done via registration in MSR with SIR and that the club absorbs the \$15 cost of the Weekend Membership. Motion was seconded by Bob Sonntag. The motion was carried.
- The rally "Pay to Play" \$5 discount for attending the next consecutive rally was discussed and the consensus was to continue the program.
- The banquet at Smitty's was discussed.
 - All were happy with how it worked out in January.
 - January vs December.
 - Tuesday vs Friday.
 - Smitty is to be consulted regarding changing the month and the day.
 - All other considerations were tabled.

NEXT MEETINGS

- Board: March 5th via ZOOM at 6:30 PM
- Membership: February 13th and March 12th at Smitty's. Gather at 5:45 PM to socialize. Business meeting starts at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:23 PM with 9 members present.

Respectfully submitted, ERnie Roales, Secretary

Member Meeting SIR/SCCA, February 12th, 2024

Call to Order by RE Crowe at 7:02 with 18 members present.

Officer Reports

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales, Motion by Dave Lehrschaal to accept minutes as published, 2nd Steve Backer- Carried
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag, reported a balance of \$6,815.55
- **Activities Chair:** Steve Backer states DHTBH (Darn Happy to Be Here)
- **Asst Activities Chair:** Jim Cannon-absent
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon-absent
- **Pit Stop:** Paull Dornburg announced a deadline of the last Wednesday of the month and announced Birthdays and Member anniversaries for February.
- **Advisor:** Terry Davis-absent
- **Asst Region Exec:** Jarod Davis states DGTBH (Darn Glad to Be Here)
- **Region Exec:** Jr. Crowe, no report

Old Business

- Women of SIR chair Dawn Sturgeon has stated no events are currently planned.
- Winter/Spring fun Solo events at Roberts Park may not happen due to parking lot renovations.
- A Fun Solo is planned for October on the spare autocross date at MAAC.
- A fun/gimmick rally not currently planned.
 - Dave Lehrschaal volunteered to make one.
- There is some interest in putting on a Divisional Rally, but the consensus is to attend on first.
- We will help at the MAAC on the day of the eclipse. No details of what yet

New Business

- SCCA Convention attendees, Bob, Paul, and ERnie attended at least some sessions.
 - Bob shared a recap of sessions with the Board via email.
 - A sanction/insurance session is still in the works.
- Paul is mailing the last 7 years of written waivers to the National office.
- Waivers are electronic only now.
- Patch Party
 - We need a new leader, Jr. to send out a list of duties.
 - Sign up on MSR. [2024-PATCH-PARTIES Signup](#)
 - April 20th, 21st, and April 27th. Possibly the 28th if needed.

- Trial Memberships
 - A paper document needs to be filled out because an electronic version is not available, this is a problem at Rallys.
 - Rally Weekend Memberships are to be done upon registration on MSR. SIR will not charge the navigator entrant for the \$15 cost.
 - Trial Memberships at Solo can be done electronically or on paper at the event.
- The rally "Pay to Play" \$5 discount will continue.
- 2023 Awards Banquet at Smitty's:
 - All were happy with how it worked out in January.
 - January vs December is under discussion.
 - Bob will discuss with Smitty's regarding the change of Month/Day.
- Registration for all autocrosses is now open on MSR.
- Registration for the "Cabin Fever Vaccination Drive" on 2/24 is now open on MSR.

Next Meetings

- Board: March 5th via ZOOM at 6:30 all welcome
- Membership: March 12th at Smitty's. Gather at 5:45 PM for social/food. The business meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Attendance Drawing: Dave Moody wins free entry.

Adjournment: Motion by Dave Lehrschall 2nd All passed at 7:28 pm with 18 members present.

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 149 members as of 3/6/2024.

March Birthdays

Phil Gilbert	3/5
Lauren Kincaid	3/8
Noah Fehribach	3/10
Barry Schonberger	3/14
Donald Croxton	3/17
Cameron Metz	3/21
Samuel Reshad	3/26
Bradley Anderson	3/27
Darlene Cannon	3/28
Paul Condi	3/28
John Freeman	3/30

March Anniversaries

Tom Bootz	03/01/1972	52 yrs.
Harold Davis	03/17/1998	26 yrs.*
Karen Davis	03/30/2009	13 yrs.*
Dennis Duke	03/08/2011	13 yrs.
Drew Gerth	03/14/2012	12 yrs.
Russell Luckett	03/11/2017	7 yrs.
Darwin Graham	03/23/2017	7 yrs.
Danny Woodard	03/12/2018	6 yrs.
Shane Suits	03/01/2021	3 yrs.
Deaton Grove	03/13/2021	3 yrs.
Caleb Scarbrough	03/25/2021	3 yrs.
Kristoffer Griffin	03/01/2023	1 yr.
Sean Reising	03/09/2023	1 yr.
Josh Huff	03/16/2023	1 yr.
Michelle Huff	03/16/2023	1 yr.
Donald Croxton	03/24/2023	1 yr.*
Erik Fritts	03/24/2023	1 yr.
Derek Griffith	03/27/2023	1 yr.

* not an accurate number, was a member from an earlier year.

2024 Cabin Fever Vaccine Drive Rally – Paul Dornburg

Bob Sonntag put together a very interesting and fun rally that covered nearly 80 miles across southern Indiana and visited, albeit briefly, Chandler, Boonville, Gentryville, Dale, St. Meinrad, St. Croix, Sulphur, and finally ended at the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, IN where the 6 teams and the rally-masters enjoyed a fine luncheon.

We left the McDonald's near the intersection of Morgan Avenue and IN41 at about 10 am on an overcast Saturday morning. The only Main Road Rule by my reckoning was to stay on IN62 going East and I followed that rule except for one turn where we recovered quickly after a U-turn. It turns out that we were in a free zone and our times were not being recorded so no harm no foul, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

We motored out of Evansville going east on 62 changing speeds as described in the route instructions through Chandler and into Boonville where we had to stop to check our mileage against the rally master's. It appeared that our mileage matched exactly what was on the instructions so no trying to adjust our speed beyond what was called for.

After a few minutes we headed east again on 62 and got the beep from the Richta rally app that told us we were on the right course. Not too much time went by, and we had our first scored control, 6.6 seconds early! I had to slow down. That turned out to be our largest score of the event. Total score so far, 6.6.

Another beep for a restart after a freezone and we were on to control #7 where we scored a 0.7 (late). Bob's instructions called out signs where we would hear a beep and Carolyn read out the sign names as we started collecting lots of beeps. Two 1.3s, a 2.1, and a 2.4 told us we were late, so I sped up a little. Now we were early, 2.0, 2.3, 5.3, 4.8, and a 1.3, so I had to slow up and our next two scores were better, a 0.7 and a 0.9. We scored a 25.1 on that leg and our total score was now 31.7. This is where I made the wrong turn going south on 161 instead of left staying on 62. We drove less than a mile before making a U-turn and getting back on course. Thankfully we were in a free zone and our excursion didn't cost us anything.

I won't bore you with numbers so over the next 6 controls we were less than 2 seconds off at each one. By now we were past Gentryville and coming up to US231. If you know the intersection of 62 and 231 you know you can't drive straight across 231, you have to turn right, drive a piece and the execute a U-turn. All that was done in a freeze zone and led us up 231 for a bit before turning right on 62 and heading east into Dale where we made our only Pit Stop. We got a few looks from some people inside the Marathon gas station when we both came out of the uni-sex bathroom. A "we're married" didn't seem to change the expressions on their faces. Our total score at this point, not quite halfway, was 39.0

Back in the car we head east getting the "restart" beep as we cleared Dale and made our way toward St. Meinrad. We hit the first control going too fast and then we went through 3 CAST changes before the next control where we were a bit late. We accumulated 11.5 seconds of penalties through the 5 controls on this leg of the rally hitting the last control just 0.3 seconds early. Our score was up to 50.5.

Over the next 12 controls we averaged a 1.4 second penalty for a total of 16.5 with a 3.6 being our highest and a 0.1 being our lowest. Our score was now 67.0.

The last leg, the longest and most curvy, had 16 controls and we had a score of 23.9 for an average of 1.5 per control. And for good measure we zeroed the last 2 controls. After 80 miles we ended up with a total score of 90.9 and averaged 1.7 seconds of penalties at each control. Our competition, in A Class, Jr., Josie, and John Luke Crowe, and Suellyn and Dave Lehrsfall had scores of 140.0 and 564.7 respectively.

In B Class the visiting team of Greg and Terri Wilkens squeaked out a victory by just 0.7 over Jim Cannon and Carrie Moore. Their scores were, respectively, 115.1 and 115.8. Not far behind were Sue and Ernie Roales with a 135.4.

There we 52 scored controls over the length of the 80-mile rally.

The food at the Overlook Restaurant was very good. We had enough left over to make a meal the next day.

Greg and Terri Wilkins drove from Findlay, Ohio to compete. It appears to be about a 6-hour drive, one way.

Bob gave out ZERO candy bars for every 0 scored by a team. In all he handed out candy to 4 teams. Team Dornburg got 2. Team Crowe, Team Lehrsfall, and Team Roales all got 1.

Cabin Fever Vaccine Drive

Bob Sonntag, Rallymaster

Terry Davis, Road Rally Safety Steward

February 24, 2024

	Driver / Navigator	Class	Total	
1	Paul Dornburg / Carolyn Dornburg	A	90.9	T
2	Jr Crowe / Josie Crowe	A	140.0	
3	Dave Lehrsfall / Sue Lehrsfall	A	564.7	
1	Greg Wilkins / Terri Wilkins	B	115.1	T
2	Jim Cannon / Carrie Moore	B	115.8	
3	Ernie Roales / Sue Roales	B	135.4	

2024 Eclipse at MAAC

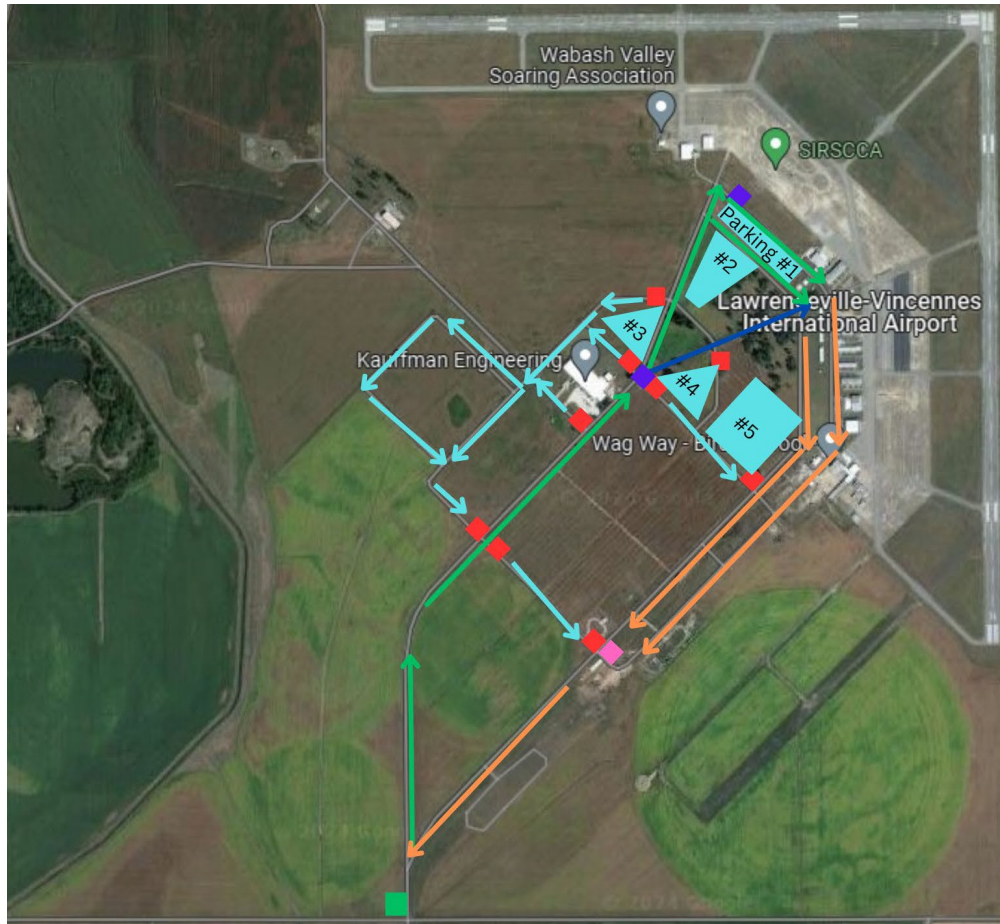
Next month we are helping the MAAC with their Eclipse event. We estimate that we will need about 20 people to help out. You can find more details here and sign up for the days you can help out.

2024-ECLIPSE Work

Please volunteer to help out.

The Eclipse at MAAC map:

- Where we normally park for using the terminal is the handicapped parking area.
- The viewing area is between Parking #1 and the autocross area.
- The autocross area is to be airplane parking.
- The crossover at the gate (the big sign) is so that the flow to parking does not have parks passing the kids area, food trucks, etc that as I understand it are to be up near the terminal.
- The RV parking is to be along one side of the road, leaving the other side for passage and exiting.
- It's our cones that will be used to block the side roads.
- We will use our grid cones to mark the ends of parking in the grassy areas.



- Gate - Entrance: 3 to 4 collecting Gate Fee and directing traffic.
- Follow of Traffic entering the air center to parking lots.
- Follow of Traffic entering the air center to handicap parking lots.
- Stop Sign - 2-way stop sign to help with exit flow.
- Traffic Cones to block road. Plan is to move these as we need more parking
- Follow of Traffic exiting the air center.
- Volunteer directing traffic.
- RV Parking, one side of the road

SIR/SCCA 2024 Calendar

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@sirsrcca.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@sirsrcca.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, 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@sirsrcca.org for the link.
3.09	Sat	9:15 AM	Rally School This event has been cancelled.	
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 - "The Terry Davis Rally" Hardee's, 4033 Bell Rd, Newburgh, IN	Hardee's - Newburgh 4033 Bell Rd, Newburgh, IN
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@sirsrcca.org for the link.
4.07	Sun	12:00 PM	Solar Eclipse - Work Day - Arrival Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
4.08	Mon	8:30 AM	Solar Eclipse - Work Day - "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 2b - 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@sirsrcca.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 - Knox County Knock About - Team Roales Arby's, 2565 Hart Street, Vincennes, IN	Arby's, 2565 Hart Street, Vincennes, IN
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@sirsrcca.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

812-639-8103

MAAC Attack 2024 (aka Patch Parties) One more time!

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.

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Notes from the Director's Chair - Area 4 Director Update for March 2024

Our GLDiv program managers and regional leaders are gearing up for the coming season. Competition is just around the corner, folks. Please consider joining us at the Convention in Fort Wayne this weekend.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (2/6): The group reviewed the locations for data collection at some of the Hoosier Super Tour events. The use of using a spec ABS system in BSpec was discussed. As the XCRB face to face meeting was approaching, conversations about topics and the agenda ensued. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (2/22): I brought up two "out of left field" conversations I had over the previous month. One with a fellow from Texas who wanted to electrify a formula car. The other was from the manager of a race track who wanted to investigate if the SCCA could help him host EV only track sessions. We also discussed writing a 'fact sheet' to pass out to regions and venues who might be interested in having events that would host EVs. There's a lot of misinformation about EV safety and we need to educate our member regions and event venues on the true issues.
- Board of Directors (BoD): Due to scheduling issues, we postponed the February meeting.

SCCA Events:

Cincinnati Region Banquet: Once again, our good friends at the Cincinnati Region invited me and my wife Melinda to attend their annual banquet. We had a great time last year so we enthusiastically accepted.

Like last year, the agenda was packed so I kept my remarks to a couple of minutes. I applauded the region membership and pointed out that the region's leadership provided the space to allow the members to enjoy a wide variety of well run events in many programs. The meal was excellent, and the awards ceremony portion of the evening was very nice. Melinda and I offer many thanks to the Region leadership for the invitation.

Melinda and I have also been invited to the Detroit Region banquet and we are looking forward to that event on 3/10. I attended that soiree last year and thoroughly enjoyed myself.

I have one last chance to promote the GLDiv 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 at the Hilton Garden Inn. 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.

The BoD has proposed a Bylaws change. You can view the details of the proposal by following this [link](#). Voting has already begun (it started 2/13) and will close on 3/14. The proposed Bylaws change would strengthen term limits on members of the Club who are elected to the National SCCA Board of Directors. Currently, a member in good standing can hold a Director position for two consecutive elected terms before having to step down. However, after being off the Board for a term, the current Bylaws allow that same person to then run for election to the SCCA Board of Directors again at a later date. The Bylaws proposal would limit members' eligibility to serving a maximum of two elected terms total. I encourage everyone to vote for this proposal. Voting for this follows the same path as any other vote.

1. Go to my.scca.com and log in.
2. In the horizontal menu, hold your mouse over "Member Resources" and select "Surveys and Voting".
3. Click on the button and cast your vote.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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. *Dayle Frame*

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.

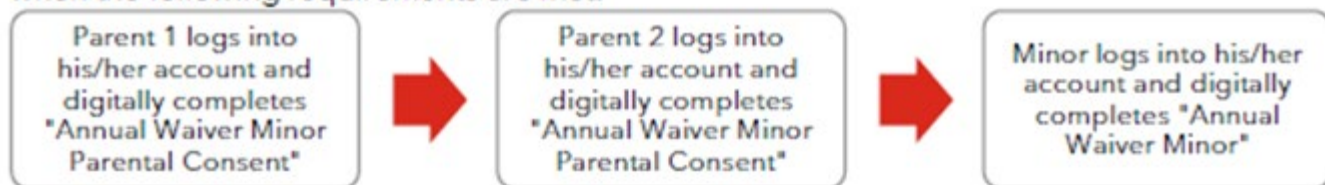
HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

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?

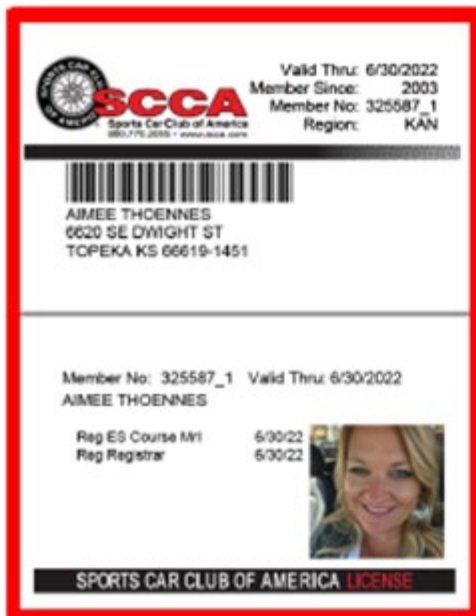
- Check inbox for email confirming "under review"
- Check inbox for email indicating status and next steps: active, incomplete or terminated (should arrive in less than 24 hours, not including weekends/holidays)
 - **Active:** waiver valid through December 31 - "ready to go!"
 - **Incomplete:** waiver 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



Points

		Total Berry Points	Meeting Berry Points	Fun Berry Points	Work Berry Points	AX Berry Points	Rally Berry Points
1	Bob Sonntag	7	2	5	0	0	0
2	Terry Davis	5	0	5	0	0	0
3	Jr. Crowe	4	2	2	0	0	0
3	Paul Dornburg	4	2	2	0	0	0
3	Carolyn Dornburg	4	2	2	0	0	0
3	Dave Lehrsall	4	2	2	0	0	0
3	ERnie Roales	4	2	2	0	0	0
8	Jim Cannon	3	1	2	0	0	0
8	Josie Crowe	3	1	2	0	0	0
8	Suellyn Lehrsall	3	1	2	0	0	0
8	Susan Roales	3	1	2	0	0	0
12	Steve Backer	2	2	0	0	0	0
12	John Luke Crowe	2	2	0	0	0	0
12	Jarrold Davis	2	2	0	0	0	0
12	Jeff Jackson	2	2	0	0	0	0
12	John McCarthy	2	2	0	0	0	0
12	Larry Pearsall	2	2	0	0	0	0
18	Marci Backer	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Barry Beaman	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Darlene Cannon	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Cathy Condi	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Paul Condi Jr.	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	MacKenzi Crowe	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Michelle Deutsch	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Jason Epley	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Eric Lookofsky	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	David Moody	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Ryan Pearsall	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Sean Reising	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Barry Schonberger	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Eric Shade	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Dawn Sturgeon	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	Brent Sturgeon	1	1	0	0	0	0

2023 Club Champions



2023 Berry Points Champion
Jonathan "Jr." Crowe



2023 Rally Champion
Bob Sonntag



2023 Autocross Champion
Paul Dornburg

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!
- SCCA program fees did not increase for 2024. That means our entry fees will stay the same as 2023.
- 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 but it's not looking good. We may have lost the only place in the Evansville area large enough to host an autocross.
- GET AN ANNUAL [WAIVER](#)!!! Instructions are near the end of this document. Currently 37 members have their 2024 annual waiver.
- Soon, on our website, sirscca.org, clicking on the red Calendar icon at the top of the page will take you to a page that has all our competition events listed with an icon that will take you to the registration site, MotorSportReg.com.
- There are 4 more tire racks for sale. Ernie bought three and in 2 hours had his rack in place.



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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