



The Pit Stop



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October RE Report

What a crazy and surprising ending we had at our last points counting autocross this past Sunday. I hate it for the folks that weren't there to see the last battle of Jon's. This year Jon S. and I traded the top honors at 6 events going into Sunday. He won the most battles winning 4 events at this point compared to my 2. Going into the last event Jon S was holding a 12-point lead and a good set of tires. I only mention the tires because our Porsche was sitting on a little rubber and some cords. Our tire situation reared its head at the 6th event resulting in Kenzi driving Richards M2, and me attempting to pilot Barry's Supra. Needless to say, the two weeks between the events is when things started to heat up.

Jon and I not only race together, but we also work together so we see each other a lot. It gives ample time to trash talk or me to try and force him into work on days we have a race. Honestly neither of those happen. Jon and I continuously try and push each other to be better drivers and perform at our best. Getting tires on the Porsche in time wasn't working out and we had to race in a couple days what does a feller do? I called uncle Barry. Full disclosure Barry isn't my uncle.... hell we aren't event related but we have raced together long enough he might as well be.

Barry said I was more than welcome to pilot the Screaming Supra for a second time and try to catch Jon who is very hard to catch. Race day arrives and I am as nervous as I have ever been going into the event. I am driving a borrowed car and matching Jon's performance isn't enough I have to make up that 12 points I mentioned. The first set of runs in the books and Jon is on top and I have yet to make any runs. I proceed to climb into the Supra and see if I could manage at least equal time but know I have to push it to the limit. The racing gods were behind me and I was able to post a time better than Jon that put me in the lead for the moment.

Jon drives in the 3 heat and unfortunately had a cone in all his runs. I don't remember a time that has ever happened to my buddy. The competitor in me was obviously happy because it opened the door for a chance at a repeat championship but the friend in hated that he had hit cones and wasn't at his best.

I am now in my own head about my upcoming runs. Take it easy and don't hit the cone. What if the time is too slow and my time is worse? Slow and smooth is fast right? What if I hit the cones all four runs? Did I pay the water bill? The list goes on and on. My only option was to talk to my long time mentor Paul D. I walked up to him and rambled all this crap off and was like what should I do? He thought a quick second like he was going to have a wisdom filled answer, and he just simple said, "AHH, GO LIKE HELL". That's exactly what I did. I didn't match my fastest time but it was enough to pull off a victory for the day and win the war against some of the best drivers I know. I absolutely couldn't have done this without the support of my family and my racing family. I love this club because it always feels like an extension of family. Uncle Barry lending me a ride, Paul giving good advice, Jon S pushing me past my own limits to be a better racer, and everyone else who cheers when someone goes just a little faster. All I can say is thank you.

We have the Mirror cross coming this weekend on October 5, Board Meeting October 7th and membership meeting October 14th. I hope to see everyone soon
JR.

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SIR/SCCA BOARD MEETING September 9th, 2025

● CALL TO ORDER

- By RE Jr. Crowe at 6:31 P.M.
- 6 members present.

● OFFICER REPORTS

- **Secretary** Ernie Roales moved to accept minutes as published in the Pit Stop.
 - Second by Terry Davis.
 - Motion carried.
 - Ernie Roales stated he will not be at the next membership meeting.
 - Ernie Roales announced that the set-up for the 9/14 autocross will be on 9/13 at 10:00 A.M.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag announced a balance of \$3,726.08.
- **Activities Chair:** Steve Backer was absent, on vacation
- **Asst Activities Chair:** J. Schwartz was absent (at Solo Nationals).
- **Pit Stop Editor:** Paul Dornburg announced the deadline for submissions of 9/24.
 - Also will not be at the membership meeting.
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon was absent.
- **Advisor:** Terry Davis had no report.
- **Asst RE:** Jarrod Davis had no report.
- **RE:** Jr. Crowe had no report.

● OLD BUSINESS

- Log Inn thoughts:
 - Noisy, food great, service slow
- Feedback on "Round 'Em Up" autocross
 - Workers for set-up and tear down lacking

● NEW BUSINESS

- 2026 dues to be set at the September membership meeting.
 - Board to recommend no changes.
- Berry points for those attending the MAAC meeting that conflicts with the membership meeting?
 - Motion by T. Davis to allow; second by P. Dornburg.
 - Motion carried.
- Trophies are still in the works; currently out of stock; no set-up charge.
- Feedback on the SCCA Autocross Course Design course.
 - Very easy to complete.
 - It's a "must have" for course designers (event chairs) for 2026 and beyond.
- Autocrosses 9/14, 9/28, and 10/5 before the membership meeting.
- J. Crowe is looking into an alternate meeting site to boost attendance.

● NEXT MEETINGS

- Membership 9/9 at Smitty's; gather at 5:45, meeting at 7:00.
- Board 10/7 at 6:30 via ZOOM.

● ADJOURNMENT

- At 7:24 with 6 present.

SIR/SCCA Member Meeting September 9th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

- By RE Jr. Crowe at 7:00 PM
- 18 members present
- 4 members (Paul and Carolyn Dornburg and Bob Sonntag) not present but attending the Bi-state Authority (MAAC) board meeting which also served as a retirement dinner for Kurt Schwartz while Ernie Roales is off to the west coast visiting his new grandson.
- Two Guests Present: Phil Becher and Kathy Wheelock.

- **OFFICER REPORTS**

- **Secretary: Terry** Davis moved to accept the minutes as published in Pit Stop
 - Seconded by Jeff Jackson
 - Motion carried
- **Treasurer:** Jr. Crowe reported that the treasurer, Bob Sonntag, reports a balance of \$3,701.08. Two free entries outstanding (one more to be issued at this meeting)
- **Activities:** Steve Backer, no report
- **Assistant Activities:** Jon Schwartze, no report
- **Pit Stop:** Jr Crowe for Paul Dornburg
 - Announced newsletter submission deadline of September 24th
 - Announced September birthdays and membership anniversaries
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon, absent
- **Advisor:** Terry Davis, no report
- **Asst RE:** Jarrod Davis, no report
- **RE:** Jr. Crowe, no report

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Bill Wheelock reported that David Wheelock should also be considered as eligible for Rookie of the Year consideration as David and Bill became members of the club on the same day. This should be investigated.
- Log Inn. Vast majority enjoyed the event but agreed that conducting business was difficult. We could emphasize the social aspect of the meeting and de-emphasize the meeting aspect, possibly deferring trophy presentation for applicable events to the September meeting.
- Investigating other venues for regular membership meetings. Fees to be considered.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Membership dues for upcoming 2026 year was proposed by Terry Davis to remain the same as those for the 2025 year. Seconded by Larry Pearsall. Motion passed
- A report was given by Jon Schwartze about his 2025 Solo Nationals event. He and Joel Wasser attended. Both competed in B Street. Jon finished in 21st. Joel finished in 25th. Very entertaining and informative.
- Dave Lehschall stated that all potential course designers/Autocross Event Marshals will need to take the SCCA's Course designer training. Course consists of videos and quizzes.
- Trophies presented for Mackenzi Crowe's "Round 'Em Up" autocross
 - Please see the website for results
- Autocrosses, upcoming
 - 9/14 "Quick 'n' Dirty" by Ernie Roales
 - 9/28 "Points Racing" by Bob Sonntag
 - 10/05 "MirrorCross" by BOD. Don Beaman throwing shade.
- Rally, upcoming by Team Harold and Karen Davis
 - October 19th, "INKY"
 - Watch your email for more info
- Rally, upcoming by Jim Cannon
 - October 26th, The "Cannon Ball"
 - Watch your email for more info

- **NEXT MEETINGS**

- Board 10/7 via ZOOM at 6:30
- Membership 10/14 at Smitty's, gather at 5:45 pm, meeting promptly at 7 pm.

- **ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

- Phil Becher (hmm)

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion by Dave Lehschall at 7:31
- 2nd by Jeff Jackson
- Motion Carried with 20 present

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 140 members as of 9/30/2025.

October Annivesaries

Bob Sonntag	10/01/1980	45 yrs.
Lauren Kincaid	10/05/1994	31 yrs.
Michael Kincaid	10/05/1994	31 yrs.
James Shade	10/11/2016	9 yrs.
Chris Hill	10/16/2021	4 yrs.
Jarrood Davis	10/03/2022	3 yrs.
George Lewis	10/09/2023	2 yrs.

October Birthdays

Charles Coleman	10/04
Tim Nygaard	10/05
Russell Lockett	10/14
Barry Beaman	10/16
John McCarthy	10/18
Michael Smith	10/19
Michele Whitaker	10/24
Courtney Fehribach	10/27
Eric Shade	10/30
Charity Davis	10/31

Results – AX6 – “Quick ‘n Dirty Ver. 9.14.25” by Ernie Roales

September 14th saw the SIR convene at Mid-America Air Center for the 2025 version of ERnie's Quick 'n Dirty autocross.

32 people enjoyed the warm temps and gentle breezes and complained about the course before the first car was even off. At the driver's meeting Jim Cannon and Dave Lehrescall challenged Ernie that he would DNF on his own course. A dollar amount was agreed on if Ernie should DNF.

Getting started the course flowed better than it looked from walking and times came down rapidly. However, the cones at the 2 walls did take a pretty good beating.

The course also seemed hard on cars. Stephen Vitale's Golf made one run and then would not start. The Crowe's Porsche corded a tire (Junior- Tire Rack delivers the next Day) and Bill Wheelock's 914 dropped the #2 cylinder.

Junior finished in Barry Beaman's Supra and McKenzi finished in Richard Grav's BMW (including an epic spin) while Bill finished in his son's MR2.

FTD went to Jarrod Davis at 44.627 closely followed by Jon Schwatze and Paul Dornburg. Top points place went to Jon Schwartz with a combined index time of 74.825 followed by Paul Dornburg and Junior Crowe. Jarrod fell to 4th (dang that XA index) Jacob Danielsen in a C1500 pickup took weekend member honors.

After all was over ERnie put Jim and Dave's money in his pocket. The Blue Dragon rules.
Ernie

Car	Class	Driver	Car	Best Time	Autocross	
					Time	Pts

E Prepared

1	274	EP	Darion Vowels	Silver Cooper S	47.554	82.167	911	T
2	74	EP	Samantha Vowels	Silver Cooper S	53.445	91.960	814	

Xtreme Street A & Street Modified FWD

1	27	XA	Jarrold Davis	Grey 350Z	44.627	76.091	983	T
2	552	SMF	Stephen Vitale	Blue Golf	79.940	137.898	750	

Super Street & B Street Touring

1	6	SS	Jeff Jackson	White GT3	47.253	79.083	946	T
2	77	BST	Michael Lukens	White Focus RS	47.833	80.295	932	T
3	77	SS	John McCarthy	Org Corvette Z06	48.366	81.304	920	
4	36	SS	Terry Davis	Blue Carrera 4S	51.495	87.212	858	

A Street & Classic American Muscle Contemporary

1	183	AS	Paul Dornburg	Grey Cayman GTS	45.462	75.752	988	T
2	83	AS	Carolyn Dornburg	Grey Cayman GTS	48.186	80.596	928	
3	79	CAM-C	Dave Lehrschall	Red Mustang GT	50.533	84.984	880	

Classic American Muscle Traditional

1	82	CAM-T	Ron Davis	Blue Mustang GT	55.831	93.793	798	T
2	65	CAM-T	Chris Copp	Silver Chevelle	56.485	94.388	793	

B Street & B Street Ladies

1	42	BS	Jon Schwartze	White M2	45.094	74.825	1000	T
2	3	BS	Jr. Crowe	Red Cayman S	46.154	76.047	984	T
3	4	BS	Joel Wasser	Black Civic Type R	46.242	76.270	981	T
4	6	BS	Richard Grav	Red M2	47.918	79.341	943	
5	20	BS	Barry Beaman	Red GR Supra	47.966	80.228	933	
6	182	BS	Scott Campbell	Yellow Supra	48.263	79.179	945	
7	3	BSL	MacKenzi Crowe	Red Cayman S	50.766	84.062	890	

C Street & F Street

1	26	CS	Jim Cannon	Red Corvette	49.967	81.828	914	T
2	1	FS	Larry Pearsall	Silver Mustang GT	65.160	108.082	750	

D Street

1	71	DS	Don Beaman	Wr Blue BRZ-tS	47.248	76.949	972	T
2	51	DS	Ernie Roales	Blue Elantra N	48.247	78.309	956	T
3	21	DS	Steve Backer	White FR-S	50.574	82.537	907	
4	63	DS	Dawn Sturgeon	Red GR86	50.726	83.449	897	

G Street Touring & G Street

1	39	GST	Kevin Rector	Red GTI	51.314	83.506	896	T
2	80	GS	Bob Sonntag	Matte Gray GV80	52.531	84.108	890	

E Street & Historic Classic Street

1	12	ES	David Wheelock	Yellow MR2	50.410	80.588	928	T
2	14	HCS	David Moody	White 914	50.923	81.276	921	
3	73	ES	Bill Wheelock	Yellow MR2	52.104	85.011	880	

Weekend Member Division**Combined T Indexed Time**

1	63	CAM-T	Jacob Danielsen	Blue C1500	127.619	104.775		T
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Results – AX7 – “Points Racing” by Bob Sonntag

The title of this autocross lived up to its name as Jr. Crowe and Jon Schwartz battled to the last run for the 2025 Autocross Championship.

For the third consecutive autocross we were blessed with sunny warm conditions. 32 drivers took to the long winding course to finish out the points year. Three drivers had a realistic chance to be the champion this year with Jon leading Jr by about 12 points while Paul Dornburg lurked in third just 57 points out of first. Dornburg had the quickest first run of the three contenders but on second runs both Schwartz and Crowe were quicker. Third runs saw Crowe get into the mid 55s while Dornburg and Schwartz were a second slower. Bonus runs for the three saw Crowe get his quickest time of the day, a 55.28. Dornburg made the best of his bonus run and just barely got into the 55s with a 55.99. Schwartz also used his bonus run to improve to a 56.2 but he needed to beat Crowe to win the title, and he wasn't there yet.

Second heat runs for the trio saw Crowe with a 56.1 on run one, Dornburg had an almost off course 72.9 when he screwed up about 2/3 of the way through the course. Schwartz had a decent run but got a cone. Crowe had a 56.04 on his second run while Schwartz hit a cone to mar his 55.5. Dornburg recovered with a not so good for him 57.2. Third runs saw Crowe slow a bit to a 54.4 while Schwartz coned twice to ruin his 55.6. Dornburg improved a bit to a 56.4. Last runs of the year were next, and Crowe laid down a 56.1 which was enough to give him the lead in the event autocross points as Schwartz coned twice and slowed to a 66.3. Dornburg made a 56.1 run on his last run which put him in second place for the event but nowhere near enough to catch Crowe for the yearlong title. The final event results listed Crowe in first, Dornburg in second and Schwartz third with the fast time of day driver Jarrod Davis in fourth, and the man who lent his car to Jr. to drive for the last couple of events, Barry Beaman, in fifth.

To sum it up, Jr. Crowe drove a borrowed front-engine car, his normal car is mid-engined, to win the 2025 Autocross points championship by 10 points over Jon Schwartz. Paul Dornburg, Jarrod Davis, and Don Beaman rounded out the top 5 in autocross points respectively.

Here's the top 10 in the final 2025 Autocross points.

		AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	AX6	AX7	Low Score	Total
1	Jr. Crowe	989	1000	998	986	1000	984	1000	984	5973
2	Jon Schwartz	1000	0	1000	1000	985	1000	978	0	5963
3	Paul Dornburg	977	986	993	965	984	988	984	965	5912
4	Jarrod Davis	965	983	978	966	977	983	970	965	5857
5	Don Beaman	935	957	958	964	967	972	930	930	5753
6	Barry Beaman	934	967	968	938	938	933	955	933	5700
7	Scott Campbell	924	0	965	960	940	945	943	0	5677
8	ERnie Roales	933	947	944	944	938	956	0	0	5662
9	Richard Grav	932	935	947	959	945	943	919	919	5661
10	Jeff Jackson	943	950	0	934	913	946	896	0	5582

Class Results Summary

Points Racing
Mid-American Air Center
 Bob Sonntag

September 28, 2025

Car	Class	Driver	Car	Best Time	Autocross	
					Time	Pts

Xtreme Street A & E Prepared

1	27	XA	Jarrod Davis	Grey 350Z	55.214	93.949	970	T
2	274	EP	Darion Vowels	Silver Cooper S	61.067	106.522	856	
3	74	EP	Samantha Vowels	Silver Cooper S	62.946	110.929	822	

Super Street & B Street Touring

1	77	SS	John McCarthy	Org Corvette Z06	59.519	101.001	903	T
2	6	SS	Jeff Jackson	White GT3	59.893	101.792	896	
3	77	BST	Michael Lukens	White Focus RS	60.674	101.500	898	

A Street

1	183	AS	Paul Dornburg	Grey Cayman GTS	55.998	92.668	984	T
2	83	AS	Carolyn Dornburg	Grey Cayman GTS	61.617	101.976	894	

Classic American Muscle Contemporary

1	79	CAM-C	Dave Lehrschall	Red Mustang GT	60.416	102.677	888	T
2	5	CAM-C	Daniel Evenson	Blk Mustang Cobra	65.692	110.392	826	

Classic American Muscle Traditional

1	821	CAM-T	Cameron Davis	Blue Mustang GT	61.108	101.708	896	T
2	82	CAM-T	Ron Davis	Blue Mustang GT	66.524	110.457	825	
3	65	CAM-T	Chris Copp	Silver Chevelle	68.822	113.234	805	

B Street

1	120	BS	Jr. Crowe	Red GR Supra	55.282	91.174	1000	T
2	42	BS	Jon Schwartze	White M2	56.271	93.259	978	T
3	20	BS	Barry Beaman	Red GR Supra	57.614	95.452	955	
4	182	BS	Scott Campbell	Yellow Supra	58.796	96.676	943	
5	6	BS	Richard Grav	Red M2	60.513	99.263	919	

C Street & F Street

1	26	CS	Jim Cannon	Red Corvette	62.342	101.659	897	T
2	1	FS	Larry Pearsall	Silver Mustang GT	75.702	126.244	750	

D Street & G Street

1	71	DS	Don Beaman	Wr Blue BRZ-tS	58.941	98.037	930	T
2	21	DS	Steve Backer	White FR-S	61.394	100.660	906	T
3	63	DS	Michelle Deutsch	Red GR86	64.717	107.496	848	
4	80	GS	Bob Sonntag	Matte Gray GV80	66.067	105.172	867	

E Street & Historic Classic Street

1	12	ES	David Wheelock	Yellow MR2	62.695	100.866	904	T
2	11	HCS	Bill Wheelock	Blue 914	68.010	107.856	845	

Weekend Member Division**Combined T Indexed Time**

1	91	SST	Thomas Domsic	Silver Supra	124.811	104.467	T
2	16	SST	Kailey White	Silver Supra	131.660	110.199	T
3	1	SST	Manan Singh	Silver Supra	143.179	119.841	
4	11	SST	Xander Townsend	Silver Supra	145.817	122.049	
5	19	SST	Evan Colando	Silver Supra	147.712	123.635	
6	9	SST	Shani Hui	Silver Supra	152.423	127.578	

SIR/SCCA 2025 Calendar

NOTE: All autocross dates are provisional! (Awaiting MAAC & FAA/IDOT approval.)

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
October				
10.04	Sat			
10.05	Sun	9:00 AM	AX -- Fun "Mirrorcross" Autocross / Rain Date	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL
10.07	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link.
10.09	Fri	10:30 AM	USRRC -- 2025 Johnny Appleseed	Canton, OH
10.10	Sat	9:00 AM	USRRC -- Ohio Milk Run	Marietta, OH
10.11	Sun	11:00 AM	USRRC -- Cleveland Alley Rally	Copely, OH
10.14	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.	
10.19	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 5 of 7 "INKY Roads" by Team Davis	Arby's, 8055 Highway 66, Newburgh, IN
10.26	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 6 of 7 "The Cannonball" by Jim Cannon	Casey's, 304 East Main St, Petersburg, IN
November				
11.02	Sun	9:00 AM	Cars & Coffee	Washington Square Mall, Evansville, IN
11.04	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link.
11.09	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 7 of 7 "Crowe Circus" by Team Crowe	Hardee's Restaurant 4033 Bell Road, Newburgh, IN
11.11	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, IN
11.16	Sun		*** Last usable weekend day for a Points Event. (Time needed to prepare EOY awards.) ***	
11.27	Thu		Thanksgiving	
11.29	Sat		*** If needed, the Awards Bqt reservation cut-off day is about here. ***	
December				
12.02	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirsgca.org for the link.
12.05	Fri	6:30 PM	December Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet	Rolling Hills Country Club, Newburgh, IN
12.06	Sat			
12.07	Sun	9:00 AM	Cars & Coffee	Washington Square Mall, Evansville, IN
12.09	Tue	5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet -- Perhaps? 2026 Planning?	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.

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Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for October 2025

It has been a VERY busy couple of months. But it's been a good kind of busy. Between the CRB duties, preparing for the Runoffs, volunteering and competing at Club Racing events, etc., I have been enjoying all of what the SCCA has to offer.

When I say "preparing for the Runoffs", my new role as CRB Chair has me involved in all sorts of facets of the event. I've been invited to countless ZOOM calls on various topics hosted by various groups (Tech, Specialty Chiefs, Exec Stewards, etc.). For example, while not directly involved with Tech, as CRB Chair they invited me to hear how they are going to scrutinize the cars during the week. CRB may make the rules, but these folks check for compliance and, if necessary, report their findings to the Stewards. This is a great example of how different groups can work together to make the event run smoothly and make sure we're all on the same page. The lead up to the event is time-consuming but we all know that the end product must serve the driver and volunteer worker corps as effectively as possible.

Here's what I did since my last report.....

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (9/2): We discussed several facets of our data collection program. With cars becoming more and more complicated and computer controlled, the SCCA needs to have a more advanced and robust data plan. We have several options on how to move forward and we are weighing them based on a variety of aspects. We continued preparation for the Runoffs. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (9/10): As a part of National EV Week, Melinda and I were invited to the Gilmore Museum for an EV car show. As a result, I needed to cancel the regularly scheduled, monthly, Zoom meeting.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (9/22): With "Championship Season" underway, we did not have our regularly scheduled, monthly, Zoom meeting.

SCCA Events:

- OVR @ MidOhio (8/9, 8/10): I attended this race for a couple of reasons. One, this was the "bonus major" for the small formula cars (F6, FF, FV) since they could not attend the Hoosier Super Tour (HST) event at MidOhio in May. As CRB Chair, I wanted to see how that played out. I would talk with several of the drivers from this group to gauge their sense of the event. Two, my colleagues in H Production were having their annual HP Invitational as a part of this event. The HPI coordinator (Jason Stine) added an HP Hall of Fame ceremony to the agenda, and I was invited to speak on behalf of the Club. It was great to see all of these folks again. I spent a lot of time schmoozing with them, and many tales were told. The field was huge (28 cars), and drivers came from all over the country to drive and watch the races. This is the largest HP field the SCCA will see this season.....even larger than the Runoffs. Jason negotiated a single class race group if they cleared an entry hurdle, so the group got to run solo all weekend.
- WMR Major @ Grattan Raceway (8/23, 8/24): While I enjoy being an F&C volunteer, it was quite nice to be asked to be the Pace/Safety car pilot this weekend. This is literally the best seat in the house. Having been paced scores of times over the years, I knew what was needed to pace a field of race cars. Once those two laps were over, I would sit in the shade of the tower and wait to be dispatched as the Safety Car and collect the field. If the race ran smoothly, I got to watch from the cockpit of my air-conditioned car. The view was spectacular. The good news is that my duties as Safety Car were only required once during the weekend. There was a lot of Green to Checker (G2C) racing.
- WMR Time Trail Track Sprint @ Grattan Raceway (9/1): In years past, this event was a Solo. But a couple of incidents made the region think about reclassifying it to increase safety. As a result, it's now a Track Sprint event held under the Trime Trials banner. The idea is simple, remove the cones that may cause drivers to steer wildly (and potentially spin off course) and have folks attack the course. It was the first of its kind held by WMR and so it was an experiment to see how it would work. And it worked well. There were no incidents and lots of fun had by all. Like last year, I competed in my BMW i4 in A Street. I was inhaled by several cars that were lighter and had wider tires. But the experience I have at this track (hundreds of laps) helped out a great deal. The margin of victory was MUCH less than last year. It was a blast and I look forward to competing again at the 10/26 event. In addition to my fun on the track, I met the GLDiv Time Trials Manager (Adam DeLong) as he was there to help supervise. He'll be able to take this experience and guide other regions into hosting events like this.

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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.

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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2025 Rookies

Rookie Percent
Points Captured Meeting Autocross Rally

1	David Wheelock	27	44%	0	27	0
2	Bill Wheelock	17	28%	2	15	0
3	Samantha Vowels	12	20%	0	12	0
4	Chris Copp	11	18%	1	10	0
5	Robert Chapin	2	3%	0	2	0
6	Dennis Duncan	0	0%	0	0	0

As we draw closer to the end of the year the fight for the Rookie of the Year award is close between David Wheelock and his dad. Bill will have to do well in the final three road rallies and attend the final two club meetings to have a chance to claim the award. Samantha Vowels could overtake the Wheelocks if she wins her class in the remaining

rallies and attends both meetings. There is a maximum of 17 points available for the rest of the year.

A traveling "Rookie Trophy" will be awarded to the new member attaining the highest point average during his or her first year of competition. The "year" for rookie points runs from June through November. The Rookie of the Year award is presented to the member earning the greatest percentage of Berry Points in the member's first full calendar year of SCCA membership while seventeen years of age or older. Berry Points reflect participation and performance and cover all of our club's activities. Those that join the Southern Indiana region in the last half of the year (July through December) are considered rookies in the following calendar year. New members are encouraged to enter events and gain some experience prior to their rookie "year."

The highest point average will be calculated by dividing the total number of Participation and Event points (Berry Points) accumulated by the rookie by the number of point events and meetings in which the new member was eligible to participate. To be eligible, a new member must have been able to compete in at least four (4) point competition events. New members who do not meet this requirement will be considered "rookies" for the following calendar year. Points shall be accumulated according to Section II paragraph C of the SIR Competition Regulations.

2025 Road Rally Points

Competitor	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1 Jr. Crowe	5	5	5	4	0	0	0	19
2 Terry Davis	5	2	4	5	0	0	0	16
2 Bob Sonntag	5	2	4	5	0	0	0	16
4 Jim Cannon	4	2	5	2	0	0	0	13
4 ERnie Roales	2	4	5	2	0	0	0	13
6 Steve Backer	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	9
6 Josie Crowe	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	9
6 Dave Lehrschall	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	9
9 Susan Roales	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	8
10 Suelyn Lehrschall	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	7
10 Larry Pearsall	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	7
10 Ryan Pearsall	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	7
10 Dawn Sturgeon	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	7
10 Daniel Whited	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	7
15 Paul Dornburg	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
15 Carolyn Dornburg	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
17 Harold Davis	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
17 Karen Davis	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
19 James Hurm	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
19 Jim Hurm	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

TLDR

- Rally points haven't changed since the last newsletter.
- Paul Dornburg did not score 1000 points in any 2025 autocross. The last time that happened was in 2016 when Tom Bootz won his last autocross championship.
- 11 drivers made every autocross event in 2025, and 11 more drivers made 6 of the 7 events.
- Cone killer of the year was Larry Pearsall. He hit 28 cones in 7 events. Tied for second with 22 were John McCarthy and Jeff Jackson. Don Beaman had 19 while Jim Cannon, Jarrod Davis, and Jon Schwartz had 18 each. One can see these results [here](#).
- There's a Masters group in the scoring and it includes all club drivers 65 or older. It can be seen on the same page with the Cones as linked above.
- There's also a Ladies group that can be seen on the Groups page of [results](#).
- 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!

- Solo Course Designer Training is now available. In 2026 you will need to complete this course in order to design an autocross course. More information here: [SCCA Course Design](#)
- 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.
- The region has been asked to participate in an event on November 15th. See page 14.

2025 Final Autocross Points

	Driver	AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	AX6	AX7	Low Score	Total
1	Jr. Crowe	989	1000	998	986	1000	984	1000	984	5973
2	Jon Schwartze	1000	0	1000	1000	985	1000	978	0	5963
3	Paul Dornburg	977	986	993	965	984	988	984	965	5912
4	Jarrold Davis	965	983	978	966	977	983	970	965	5857
5	Don Beaman	935	957	958	964	967	972	930	930	5753
6	Barry Beaman	934	967	968	938	938	933	955	933	5700
7	Scott Campbell	924	0	965	960	940	945	943	0	5677
8	ERnie Roales	933	947	944	944	938	956	0	0	5662
9	Richard Grav	932	935	947	959	945	943	919	919	5661
10	Jeff Jackson	943	950	0	934	913	946	896	0	5582
11	John McCarthy	908	927	945	938	917	920	903	903	5555
12	Michael Lukens	896	895	923	934	0	932	898	0	5478
13	Carolyn Dornburg	903	913	917	0	916	928	894	0	5471
14	Steve Backer	880	910	915	914	0	907	906	0	5432
15	David Wheelock (R)	0	850	923	881	935	928	904	0	5421
16	Jim Cannon	849	0	902	906	934	914	897	0	5402
17	Kevin Rector	876	886	881	891	903	896	0	0	5333
18	Bob Sonntag	873	878	886	878	887	890	867	867	5292
19	Bill Wheelock (R)	888	918	891	790	867	880	845	790	5289
20	Darion Vowels	790	866	877	864	901	911	856	790	5275
21	Samantha Vowels (R)	0	763	842	833	805	814	822	0	4879
22	Joel Wasser	941	0	962	952	905	981	0	0	4741
23	Larry Pearsall	750	750	750	758	750	750	750	750	4508
24	David Moody	879	918	0	879	899	921	0	0	4496
25	Dave Lehrsall	855	0	892	0	918	880	888	0	4433
26	Drew Gerth	826	861	866	859	886	0	0	0	4298
27	Ron Davis	0	0	750	764	750	798	825	0	3887
28	Chris Copp (R)	0	750	752	775	0	793	805	0	3875
29	MacKenzi Crowe	0	0	934	927	930	890	0	0	3681
30	Dawn Sturgeon	0	913	0	879	884	897	0	0	3573
31	Cameron Davis	893	866	852	0	0	0	896	0	3507
32	Daniel Evenson	872	0	909	0	892	0	826	0	3499
33	Jacob Campbell	0	0	930	943	916	0	0	0	2789
34	James Nichols	0	931	0	967	0	0	0	0	1898
35	Brent Sturgeon	0	0	0	925	923	0	0	0	1848
36	Terry Davis	0	844	0	0	0	858	0	0	1702
37	Michelle Deutsch	0	848	0	0	0	0	848	0	1696
38	Jeff Metz	0	0	0	0	953	0	0	0	953
39	Jason Epley	0	0	0	0	946	0	0	0	946
40	Corey Marts	883	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	883
41	Malachai Mackay	876	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	876
42	Chase Reising	0	866	0	0	0	0	0	0	866
43	Sean Reising	0	0	0	851	0	0	0	0	851
44	Jeff Reising	0	799	0	0	0	0	0	0	799
45	Robert Chapin (R)	0	797	0	0	0	0	0	0	797
46	Dennis Duncan (R)	775	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	775
47	Stephen Vitale	0	0	0	0	0	750	0	0	750
48	Karl Yetka (R)	0	0	0	750	0	0	0	0	750

2025 Berry Points

		Total	Meeting	Fun	Work	AX	Rally
		Berry	Berry	Berry	Berry	Berry	Berry
	Member Name	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
1	Jr. Crowe	74	9	0	15	31	19
2	Paul Dornburg	63	8	0	15	35	5
3	Bob Sonntag	62	9	5	15	17	16
4	ERnie Roales	58	6	2	15	22	13
5	Jim Cannon	55	1	2	15	24	13
6	Steve Backer	47	8	0	15	15	9
6	Jarrold Davis	47	7	0	5	35	0
8	Jon Schwartz	44	8	0	10	26	0
9	John McCarthy	41	3	0	10	28	0
10	Carolyn Dornburg	40	8	0	15	12	5
10	Bill Wheelock (R)	40	5	0	15	20	0
12	Don Beaman	39	2	0	5	32	0
12	Larry Pearsall	39	8	0	10	14	7
14	Jeff Jackson	38	7	0	10	21	0
15	Terry Davis	37	7	0	10	4	16
16	Drew Gerth	35	0	0	10	25	0
16	Dave Lehrschall	35	5	5	0	16	9
18	Kevin Rector	33	0	0	10	23	0
19	Darion Vowels	31	0	0	5	26	0
20	Richard Grav	29	0	0	10	19	0
21	David Wheelock (R)	28	1	0	0	27	0
22	Barry Beaman	26	2	0	10	14	0
22	David Moody	26	5	0	5	16	0
24	Scott Campbell	24	1	0	10	13	0
25	Cameron Davis	23	4	0	5	14	0
26	Michael Lukens	20	1	0	5	14	0
27	Samantha Vowels (R)	19	0	0	5	14	0
28	Ron Davis	18	3	0	0	15	0
29	MacKenzi Crowe	17	1	0	5	11	0
29	Dawn Sturgeon	17	0	0	0	10	7
31	Josie Crowe	14	5	0	0	0	9
31	Daniel Evenson	14	0	0	0	14	0
33	Chris Copp (R)	11	1	0	0	10	0
33	Joel Wasser	11	0	0	0	11	0
35	James Nichols	10	0	0	0	10	0
35	Susan Roales	10	0	2	0	0	8
37	Suellyn Lehrschall	8	1	0	0	0	7
38	Jacob Campbell	7	1	0	0	6	0
38	George Lewis	7	2	0	5	0	0
38	Malachai Mackay	7	0	0	5	2	0
38	Ryan Pearsall	7	0	0	0	0	7
38	Daniel Whited	7	0	0	0	0	7
43	Harold Davis	6	2	0	0	0	4
43	Karen Davis	6	2	0	0	0	4
43	Jason Epley	6	1	0	0	5	0
46	John Luke Crowe	5	5	0	0	0	0
46	Brent Sturgeon	5	1	0	0	4	0
48	Michelle Deutsch	4	0	0	0	4	0
48	Jeff Metz	4	0	0	0	4	0
50	Sean Reising	3	1	0	0	2	0
51	Darlene Cannon	2	0	2	0	0	0
51	Robert Chapin (R)	2	0	0	0	2	0
51	Paul Condi Jr.	2	2	0	0	0	0
51	Dennis Duncan (R)	2	0	0	0	2	0
51	James Hum	2	0	0	0	0	2
51	Jim Hum	2	0	0	0	0	2
51	Corey Marts	2	0	0	0	2	0
51	Chase Reising	2	0	0	0	2	0
51	Jeff Reising	2	0	0	0	2	0
51	Emma Schwartz	2	2	0	0	0	0
51	James Shade	2	2	0	0	0	0
51	Stephen Vitale	2	0	0	0	2	0
51	Karl Yetka	2	0	0	0	2	0
64	Marci Backer	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	Charity Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	Courtney Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	Barry Schonberger	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	Eric Shade	1	1	0	0	0	0
64	John Warren	1	1	0	0	0	0

For Sale: Price Reduction! \$22,510 Jimmy Wooldridge Datsun.

It has been some time since I have chimed in to the group - but I wanted to share that I believe it is time to find the next custodian of my 1971 Datsun 510. There is a lot that could be said of this car and a lot of you probably know quite a bit of the history to it already. I have made a dedicated page for the car on my own website with images and as many details as possible. The link is below.

<https://www.james-wooldridge.com/blog/1971-datsun-510-solo-racer>

Please feel free to share or reach out. It would be fastest to email me through the website form, the email below, or feel free to send me a text at the listed number (but please let me know if you heard about it via SIR)

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Thanks,

James Wooldridge



Long time SCCA member Barry Schonberger is our local Koni Dealer. Let him know if you need shocks for your car. teamtiger21@aol.com

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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RIP: Forrest Lucas and Humpy Wheeler



The EAJ (Evansville Area Jeepers) has reached out to invite SCCA-SIR to participate in a special event supporting Cops Connecting with Kids – the 2025 EAJ Backs the Blue Rally, happening on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

This year's rally kicks off at North High School, staging beginning at 9:00 AM, and the drive beginning around 10:15AM. It ends at Audubon Chrysler in Henderson around 11:45AM (all times are CST). We'll have police escorts throughout the cruise, with officers blocking intersections to ensure a smooth and safe drive.

At North High School, you will find:

- Merchandise to further support our cause (Hoodies, Shirts, Stickers)
- A welcoming Jeep group
- *Potentially Look Alive Coffee Truck*

At the final stop, you can look forward to:

- Food trucks
- Live music
- A Jeep off-road course

In the past, the Jeep group hasn't reached out to other local organizations/groups, but this year we're excited to expand! We've already connected with the Tundra Group in Evansville and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Club. We'd love to have SCCA-SIR join us to help make this the biggest rally yet.

Cost to participate is \$25 per vehicle (maybe less, waiting on final confirmation), and all proceeds go toward supporting the Cops Connecting with Kids program.

Jeep Group will lead the pack and we are working on a way to make everyone happy with how the line up goes. There will be more information as time gets closer.

Thanks so much for considering, and we hope to see you there!

Contact Samantha Vowels/EAJ for more information. samanthavowels@gmail.com

AX2	Heat Time	Changeover	Lunch	Drivers	Runs	Total Run Time for Runs	Run Avg	Avg Runs/Driver
H1S	11:30:00			39	270	4:37:00	0:01:02	7
H1E	12:18:00	0:48:00						
H2S	12:38:00	0:20:00						
H2E	13:30:00	0:52:00						
			0:50:00					
H3S	14:20:00							
H3E	14:56:00	0:36:00						
H4S	15:17:00	0:21:00						
H4E	16:07:00	0:50:00						
AX3	Heat Time	Changeover	Lunch	Drivers	Runs	Total Run Time for Runs	Run Avg	Avg Runs/Driver
H1S	11:26:00			35	239	4:21:00	0:01:06	7
H1E	12:08:00	0:42:00						
H2S	12:23:00	0:15:00						
H2E	13:16:00	0:53:00						
			0:53:00					
H3S	14:09:00							
H3E	14:51:00	0:42:00						
H4S	15:02:00	0:11:00						
H4E	15:47:00	0:45:00						
AX4	Heat Time	Changeover	Lunch	Drivers	Runs	Total Run Time for Runs	Run Avg	Avg Runs/Driver
H1S	11:21:00			41	283	4:11:00	0:00:53	7
H1E	12:09:00	0:48:00						
H2S	12:25:00	0:16:00						
H2E	13:08:00	0:43:00						
			0:48:00					
H3S	13:56:00							
H3E	14:34:00	0:38:00						
H4S	14:48:00	0:14:00						
H4E	15:32:00	0:44:00						
AX5	Heat Time	Changeover	Lunch	Drivers	Runs	Total Run Time for Runs	Run Avg	Avg Runs/Driver
H1S	11:30:00			37	256	4:20:00	0:01:01	7
H1E	12:24:00	0:54:00						
H2S	12:38:00	0:14:00						
H2E	13:22:00	0:44:00						
			0:46:00					
H3S	14:08:00							
H3E	14:52:00	0:44:00						
H4S	15:03:00	0:11:00						
H4E	15:50:00	0:47:00						
AX6	Heat Time	Changeover	Lunch	Drivers	Runs	Total Run Time for Runs	Run Avg	Avg Runs/Driver
H1S	11:20:00			32	231	3:17:00	0:00:51	7
H1E	11:52:00	0:32:00						
H2S	12:07:00	0:15:00						
H2E	12:44:00	0:37:00						
			0:45:00					
H3S	13:29:00							
H3E	13:59:00	0:30:00						
H4S	14:09:00	0:10:00						
H4E	14:37:00	0:28:00						
AX7	Heat Time	Changeover	Lunch	Drivers	Runs	Total Run Time for Runs	Run Avg	Avg Runs/Driver
H1S	11:18:31			32	223	4:34:04	0:01:14	7
H1E	12:15:16	0:56:45						
H2S	12:31:24	0:16:08						
H2E	13:23:02	0:51:38						
			0:50:25					
H3S	14:13:27							
H3E	14:55:17	0:41:50						
H4S	15:08:28	0:13:11						
H4E	15:52:35	0:44:07						

Some stats from our new autocross software.

- It includes the start and end times of each of the 4 heats.
- The time it takes to change drivers and workers between heats.
- The time for lunch.
- Total run time of the event.
- There are some calculated items like the Run Average and the Average number of run per Driver.
- The Total number of runs came from Bob's reports.
- There are no stats for autocross 1 because we used the old system.
- No heat all year took more than 57 minutes.
- The shortest heat was 28 minutes.