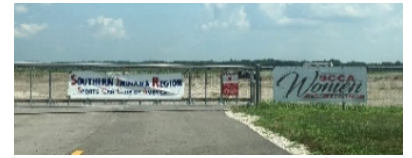




# The Pit Stop



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## October RE Report



The standard layout for my Southern Indiana Region Pit Stop articles has always been to put the next membership meeting reminder at the bottom as a part of my closing. I can't do that with this month's article because it needs to be the focus of this article.

The October SIR membership meeting will include the very important nominations for next year's Board officers, and we need your participation! I've had the pleasure of working on the SIR Board of Directors team for the last five years with individuals who have made managing the SIR a personal priority. Together we've updated our SIR By-laws, set event calendars, managed Patch Parties, and worked through approximately 6 to 10 issues in each month's BOD meeting. I believe our club is in pretty good shape right now, but it will need to have a strong BOD in place to continue the management of routine tasks and to deal with the "unpredictable surprises." We will need nominees! Please

consider who you might nominate and talk with your prospective nominees to confirm they want to serve. Consider self-nomination. The positions require time, effort, and patience but they can also be very rewarding. We need you to be a part of the nomination process.

That next membership meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021** by ZOOM®. We will start gathering at 6:30pm CST and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm CST. We need you to sign on and attend. There will also be a group at Smitty's restaurant if you want to gather in person.

I can't complete this edition of the Pit Stop without mentioning the 2021 SCCA Solo Nationals. We had 2 competitors compete, Dawn and Brent Sturgeon, this year which is amazing. I think they had an amazing time, and we hope to have even more SIRSCCA members attend next year. Hopefully, Covid is done and gone, and we can all get back to what we love.

MacKenzi Crowe  
Regional Executive  
Southern Indiana Region

The 2021 Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party has been postponed. A future date has yet to be determined.

## 2021 Board Members

Regional Executive	MacKenzi Crowe	812-719-7864 re@sirscga.org
Assistant Regional Executive	Jonathan Crowe	812-629-8237 are@sirscga.org
Secretary	Ernie Roales	618-544-1602 secretary@sirscga.org
Treasurer	Bob Sonntag	812-477-5936 treasurer@sirscga.org
Activity Chair	David Lehrsall	812-549-4598 events@sirscga.org
Assistant Activity Chair	Barry Beaman	812-453-5687 tech@sirscga.org
Women's Chair	Dawn Sturgeon	812-719-7864 women@sirscga.org
Advisor	Terry Davis	812-453-1376 advisor@sirscga.org
Newsletter Editor/Website	Paul Dornburg	270-314-9069 pitstop@sirscga.org

## SIR/SCCA Board Meeting, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, called to order at 6:45 PM

### Officer Reports

- **Secretary:** ERnie Roales, the minutes are in Pit Stop
- **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag, the balance on hand is \$6,912.02 with all monthly comparisons emailed
- **Activities Chair:** Dave, I'll share a video later
- **Assistant Activities Chair:** Barry Beaman has nothing to report
- **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon
- **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday, 9/29
- **Advisor:** Terry Davis, He has applied for sanctions and insurance for Hunt for Orange October rally and post-Thanksgiving autocross. We will need to have insurance in place before contacting City for permit

- **Assistant Regional Executive:** Jr. Crowe has nothing to report
- **Regional Executive:** MacKenzi Crowe has nothing to report

#### Old Business

- ZOOM<sup>(R)</sup> meetings - A motion was made by RE MacKenzi Crowe to resume ZOOM<sup>(R)</sup> membership meetings with option to attend from Smitty's. Second was by Dave, motion was carried
- Road Rally Safety Stewards- Dave says more RRSS are needed however the instruction system is in disarray.
- Trophies for past events - Bob made a motion the event trophies earned while membership meetings were held via ZOOM<sup>(R)</sup> (April 2020 through June 2021) will not be distributed. Event trophies that would normally be distributed at a membership meeting will not be distributed when the membership meeting is held online. Second by Terry, all in favor and motion is carried.
- Competition regulation updates are in process by Bob

#### New Business

- A cool video and pictures from street sweeper running by Dave and Bob were shared with the group
- Automatic Electronic Defibrillator - ERnie to research cost, location, training and if MAAC already has one
- Water for workers at autocrosses - Dave is willing to do this and the club will reimburse him
- 2020 BOD nominations- MacKenzi. and Jr. to swap places and all other members agree to continue next year if no one else volunteers, however, we need to encourage others and younger members to consider joining the board
- 2022 schedule similar weekends to 2021 for same events
- Nominations were taken for the Indian Award [REDACTED]
- Awards Banquet booked for 1st Friday in December Hold off on any COVID decision until closer to the date (**Editor's note: the banquet has been postponed and a future date has yet to be determined**)
- Be thinking about what maintenance needs done to the autocross equipment over winter

Motion to adjourn by ERnie, second by Jr. motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

### SIR/SCCA Member Meeting, September 14, 2021

Called to Order at 7 PM by Jr. Crowe via Zoom

#### Officer Reports

- **Activities Chair** - Dave Lehrschaal, upcoming rallies and autocrosses
- **Newsletter** - Pit Stop - Paul Dornburg, the deadline for newsletter submissions is 9/29
- **Treasurer** - Bob Sonntag, the balance on hand is \$6,841.79 with all income and bills reported and paid
- **Secretary** - ERnie Roales, after unsuccessfully trying to read July minutes, the minutes were accepted as posted in the Pit Stop
- **Women's Chair** - Dawn Sturgeon reported on activities of Women on Track at the Solo Nationals
- **Advisor** - Terry Davis, we have approval from the City of Evansville for the November fun autocross event and all the insurance and sanctions have been received

#### Old Business

- Paul Dornburg, Tri-Something, Again, autocross results read
- ERnie Roales, Quick and Dirty autocross results read
- Please see Pit Stop or web site for results

#### New Business

- 9/19 the "Art of Autocross" by Carolyn Dornburg
- 10/3 Autocross by the Winks
- 10/24 the "Hunt for Orange October" rally by Suellyn and Dave Lehrschaal
- 11/7 the "Windy Hollow Adventure" rally by Carolyn and Paul Dornburg
- 11/28 the Fun Autocross at Roberts Park on the Sunday after Thanksgiving
- 12/3 the annual awards banquet will (hopefully) be held at the Rolling Hills Country Club. (**postponed**)

- Mackenzi reminded us to use the Tire Rack link on our website, so we make a commission on the purchased items.
- Nominations for Board members will be made at the October membership meeting
- The elections results will be tallied at the November membership meeting
- Dawn and Paul shared some stories from the Solo Nationals
- Gabe Fehribach's next race will be at the Runoffs in Indy
- A reminder that Speed waiver will cost you \$2 if you are an SIR member and don't have an annual waiver.
- The renewals of 2022 Annual Waiver will be done with the SpeedWaiver process. The details will be released at the end of the year.
- Covid update, please mask and distance where needed. Masks are again needed in the airport terminal at Mid-American Air Center.
- The door prize was won by Bob Sonntag

**Next meetings**

10/5 Board meeting via ZOOM®

10/12 Member meeting via ZOOM®

Motion to adjourn by Terry Davis, second by Jeff Jackson, carried at 7:46 with 18 attendees.

Respectfully submitted, Ernesto Pablo Roales (aka ERnie)

**October Anniversaries**

Bob Sonntag	10/01/1980
Lauren Kincaid	10/05/1994
Michael Kincaid	10/05/1994
Evan Shade	10/11/2016
James Shade	10/11/2016
Tamara Shade	10/11/2016
Larry Ferguson	10/20/2016
John Mathias	10/13/2020
Philip Green	10/28/2020

**October Birthdays**

Michael Mounlio	10/5
Russell Luckett	10/14
Barry Beaman	10/16
John McCarthy	10/18
Michele Whitaker	10/24
Courtney Fehribach	10/27
Andrew Davis	10/30
Cooper Wink	10/30

**SIR/SCCA 2021 Calendar**

SIR/SCCA 2021 Calendar				
<b>October</b>				
10.03	Sun	9:00 AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7) - Cooper Wink	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.05	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM®
10.10	Sun		Spare AX date	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.12	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM® & Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
10.24	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7) - The Hunt for Orange October - Suellyn Lehrschaal	Penn Station Subs restaurant, 4827 Davis Lant Dr. Evansville, IN
<b>November</b>				
11.02	Tue	7:00 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	ZOOM®
11.07	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7) - Windy Hollow Adventure - Carolyn Dornburg	Windy Hollow Restaurant, 8260 KY-81, Owensboro, KY 42301, USA
11.09	Tue	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	ZOOM® & Smitty's Italian Restaurant, Franklin St. Evansville
11.25	Thu		Thanksgiving	
11.28	Sun	7:00 AM	Thanksgiving Autocross	Roberts Park, Evansville
<b>December</b>				
12.03	Fri	6:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Postponed
12.14	Tue	7:00 PM	Christmas Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD

**Road Rallies**

The "Hunt for Orange October" road rally, on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, will begin with registration in the Penn Station Subs restaurant located at 4827 Davis Lant Dr. Evansville, IN 47715 (In the strip-mall between Walgreen's and the Old National Bank at the intersection of Green River and Lynch in Evansville).

Registration will begin at 12:00 PM.

Road rally "basics" instruction will begin at about 12:15 PM and run approximately 30 minutes.

At 12:45 PM we'll begin our drivers meeting in the restaurant.

At 1:15 PM we'll head to the First Federal's parking lot at 4920 Davis Lant (East of Walgreen's, North side of Davis Lant Dr) to line up for the rally.

The odometer check will begin at the First Federal's lot exit.

The November 7<sup>th</sup> "Windy Hollow Adventure" road rally will begin with registration at the Windy Hollow restaurant located at 8260 KY-81, southwest of Owensboro.

Registration will begin at 12:00 PM along with a road rally "basics" instruction.

At 12:45 PM we'll begin our drivers meeting in the restaurant parking lot.

After the driver's meeting we'll line up the cars to begin the rally.

The odometer check will begin at the parking lot exit.



Car	Class	Driver	Car	Run 1		Run 2		Run 3		Run 4		Run 5		Run 6		Best Time	Index	Autocross		
				Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen			Time	Points	
<b>Member Division</b>																				
<b>C Street Prepared</b>																				
1	32	CSP	Eric Marts	Red Miata	53.922		52.210		50.673		49.833		48.246		48.148		48.148	.865	85.480	800
<b>E Street Prepared</b>																				
1	25	ESP	Andrew Davis	Black Chevy SS	48.265		47.171		46.868		48.804		49.177	DNF	46.443		46.443	.839	78.288	873
2	3	ESP	Jared Hatcher	Black Chevy SS	50.331		49.928		49.526		47.788		59.319		55.782		47.788	.839	81.646	838
<b>Super Street</b>																				
1	183	SS	Paul Dornburg	Gray Cayman	44.814	(1)	41.557		41.373		41.715		46.164		45.814		41.373	.823	68.381	1000
2	1	SS	Jeff Jackson	White Porsche	44.700		43.927		43.207		43.450		46.868		47.964		43.207	.823	71.319	959
3	92	SS	Jamsheed Reshad	Red Corvette	45.413	DNF	45.568	DNF	45.113		49.325	(1)	45.392		44.711		44.711	.823	73.925	925
4	21	SS	Gary Griffith	Blue Mustang	46.542	DNF	45.017		44.733		46.384	(1)	48.950		48.008		44.733	.823	74.989	912
5	83	SS	Carolyn Dornburg	Gray Cayman	46.723		47.546		45.592		45.349		45.661		44.744		44.744	.823	74.347	910
6	98	SS	James Shade	Gray Porsche	n/a	DNF	47.631		47.675		46.211		46.926		47.543		46.211	.823	77.232	885
<b>A Street</b>																				
1	90	AS	Graham Wink	Black Cayman S	43.864		42.379		43.799		46.756		46.319		43.461		42.379	.821	70.475	970
2	9	AS	Cooper Wink	Black Cayman S	43.699		42.935		45.318	(1)	43.957		43.015		43.185		42.935	.821	70.565	969
3	177	AS	John McCarthy	Yellow Corvette	44.700		44.023	DNF	45.923	(1)	45.902		45.422		44.812		44.700	.821	73.489	930
<b>Classic American Muscle Contemporary &amp; Classic American Muscle Traditional</b>																				
1	327	CMC	Bradley Anderson	Gray Mustang	54.869	DNF	43.683		45.960	DNF	44.000		44.422		56.557	DNF	43.683	.818	71.725	953
2	91	CMT	Drew Gerth	White Firebird	47.854		46.776		51.862	(1)	48.572		47.813		47.745		46.776	.817	77.224	885
<b>B Street &amp; C Street</b>																				
1	3	BS	Jr. Crowe	Red Cayman S	43.461		43.702		42.841		43.532		48.510		47.057		42.841	.814	70.308	973
2	20	CS	Barry Beaman	Red S2000	44.429		44.246		44.331		43.677		44.245		44.208		43.677	.809	71.130	961
<b>D Street</b>																				
1	51	DS	Ernie Roales	Black Civic	44.649		44.597		45.062		43.838		43.458		45.423	(1)	43.458	.807	71.060	962
2	5	DS	Danny Woodard	Purple Cooper S	46.012		45.593		45.691		45.041		44.337		44.625		44.337	.807	72.574	942
3	17	DS	Don Beaman	Red Mustang	44.666		44.926		44.414		46.273	(1)	49.871		49.231		44.414	.807	73.184	934
4	21	DS	Steve Backer	White Scion	46.435		46.641		45.986		45.622		45.835		45.713		45.622	.807	73.928	925
5	64	DS	Michelle Deutsch	White Subaru	57.019		61.425	DNF	52.392		51.732		53.415		56.414		51.732	.807	84.028	814
<b>F Street &amp; G Street</b>																				
1	42	FS	Jon Schwartze	Gray BMW	43.924		43.224		42.923		43.196		47.849		47.528		42.923	.806	69.412	985
2	9	FS	Richard Grav	Black Bullit	43.363		43.715		43.504		43.133		43.115		43.553		43.115	.806	69.701	981
3	163	FS	Brent Sturgeon	Blue Mustang	44.514		43.501		43.386		43.794		48.397		47.412		43.386	.806	70.267	973
4	63	FS	Dawn Sturgeon	Blue Mustang	46.398		46.087		45.292		45.058		44.964		44.300		44.300	.806	72.211	947
5	79	FS	David Lehrsall	Red Mustang	44.847		45.123		44.825		44.912		49.910		49.910	DNF	44.825	.806	72.328	945
6	47	GS	Jason Epley	Gray VW GTI	51.119		48.203		47.429		48.052		50.168		49.569		47.429	.794	75.812	902
7	23	FS	Samuel Reshad	White 335i	51.272		51.085		49.086		50.401		51.455		51.390		49.086	.806	80.187	853
<b>E Street</b>																				
1	182	ES	Scott Campbell	Black Miata	46.952		46.533		46.168		47.432		50.252		50.682		46.168	.793	74.225	921
2	82	ES	Jacob Campbell	Black Miata	6.108	DNF	49.567		47.864		47.219		46.488		46.940		46.488	.793	74.821	914
3	33	ES	Corey Marts	Red Toyota	47.837		47.027		46.700		46.892		51.906	(1)	50.491		46.700	.793	74.218	921
<b>H Street</b>																				
1	11	HS	Nathan Reshad	Silver Impreza	57.040	(1)	55.351	DNF	58.067	(2)	54.216		54.832	DNF	53.490		53.490	.782	86.434	791
2	5	HS	Larry Pearsall	Black Daytona	68.353	DNF	58.870		56.850		59.070		57.292		54.947		54.947	.782	87.425	782
<b>Weekend Member Division</b>																				
																		<b>Indexed Time</b>		
1	16	WES	Jake Lepper	Blue Miata	52.045		50.925		51.907		50.833		50.047		50.689		50.047	.793	39.687	
2	89	WCS	Eric Shade	Red Miata	62.772		61.231		52.753		52.510		58.161		55.715		52.510	.809	42.481	

Carolyn Dornburg's "The Art of Autocross" was the penultimate points autocross event of the 2021 season. Running in a clockwise direction it utilized a Nationals type start which negates the advantage of a quick accelerating car by putting a corner before the timing lights. On this course the start was "Van Gogh" and the finish was "Get off Degas" with "Manet Cones", "Monet's Moans", and others in between.

Paul Dornburg had the quickest run of the day a 41.3 and the quickest total for autocross points with a 2 run indexed time of 68.3. Jon Schwartze was second in autocross points with a 69.4 total indexed time and narrowed Jr. Crowe's yearlong points lead from him to 16 points from 28 setting up a final event shoot out between the two. Jr. had a quick run of 42.8 and a 2 run indexed total of 70.3 to put him fifth in the event totals.

Between Jon and Jr. were Richard Grav and Brent Sturgeon both driving F Street Mustangs. Richard's best run was a 43.1 while Brent managed a 43.3. Richard was third in event results with a 2 run indexed time of 69.7 followed by Brent's 70.2. The rest of the top 10 were Graham Wink (42.3 – 70.4), Cooper Wink (42.9 – 70.5), Ernie Roales (43.4 – 71.0), Barry Beaman (43.6 – 71.1), and Jeff Jackson (43.2 – 71.3).

There were 35 entrants and 24 had autocross points scores higher than 900!

The next event is the October 3<sup>rd</sup> "Quicker than a Wink" autocross. Will anyone be quicker than a Wink? Who will prevail in the final points standings?

Car	Class	Driver	Car	Run 1		Run 2		Run 3		Run 4		Run 5		Run 6		Best Time	Index	Autocross		
				Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen			Time	Points	
<b>Member Division</b>																				
<b>Street Touring Roadster &amp; C Street Prepared</b>																				
1	26	STR	Richard Kenney	Red Miata	47.088		45.670		47.089		44.712		44.871		49.864	(1)	44.712	.827	74.746	974
2	32	CSP	Eric Marts	Red Miata	57.226		54.176	DNF	56.599		53.264	DNF	54.435		53.147		53.147	.865	94.930	767
<b>Super Street</b>																				
1	183	SS	Paul Dornburg	Gray Cayman	45.385		45.244		44.906		44.976		43.554		46.142	(1)	43.554	.823	72.803	1000
2	1	SS	Jeff Jackson	White Porsche	50.519		48.313		46.229		46.822		46.295		46.230		46.229	.823	76.094	957
3	83	SS	Carolyn Dornburg	Gray Cayman	51.511		50.342		49.734		50.099		50.731	(1)	49.267		49.267	.823	81.478	894
<b>A Street &amp; Classic American Muscle Traditional</b>																				
1	9	AS	Cooper Wink	Black Cayman S	46.622		46.725		45.975		45.737		45.573		45.640		45.573	.821	75.161	969
2	177	AS	John McCarthy	Yellow Corvette	48.993		48.938		48.421		48.676	DNF	49.378		47.362		47.362	.821	78.638	926
3	98	CMT	Caleb Scarbrough	Red Transam	80.733	DNF	52.257		53.843	(1)	63.156		65.944		51.605		51.605	.817	84.855	858
<b>C Street &amp; B Street</b>																				
1	20	CS	Barry Beaman	Red S2000	48.446		47.566		47.109		46.307		47.200		46.488		46.307	.809	75.574	963
2	3	BS	Jr. Crowe	Red Cayman S	47.841		47.208		46.669		47.314		46.586		46.560		46.560	.814	75.888	959
<b>D Street &amp; D Street Ladies</b>																				
1	51	DS	Ernie Roales	Black Civic	48.848		48.382		48.975		47.196		46.876		47.071		46.876	.807	76.873	947
2	9	DS	Danny Woodard	Purple Cooper S	51.037		50.633		49.929		49.440		48.433		48.318		48.318	.807	79.285	918
3	17	DS	Don Beaman	Red Mustang	48.510		48.676		48.575		49.432		48.662		49.023	(1)	48.510	.807	78.418	928
4	21	DS	Steve Backer	White Scion	49.792		49.345		50.049		49.857		49.679		49.011		49.011	.807	79.373	917
5	86	DSL	Dawn Sturgeon	White Subaru	52.869		52.313		52.645		52.807		51.714		51.465		51.465	.807	83.749	869
6	186	DSL	Michelle Deutsch	White Subaru	61.635	(1)	61.704	(2)	59.352	(1)	61.019	(2)	61.176	(3)	60.195	(2)	59.352	.807	96.474	755
<b>F Street &amp; G Street</b>																				
1	42	FS	Jon Schwartze	Gray BMW	48.283		46.752		46.127		46.451		46.534		45.781		45.781	.806	74.078	983
2	4	FS	Cindy Duncan	Blue Mustang	47.665		46.067		48.670	(1)	46.191		46.477		46.233		46.067	.806	74.360	979
3	163	FS	Brent Sturgeon	Blue Mustang	48.418		47.353		46.929		47.233		46.905		47.178		46.905	.806	75.630	963
4	9	FS	Richard Grav	Red Mustang	49.319		49.244		48.769		48.483		47.792		47.414		47.414	.806	77.523	939
5	79	FS	David Lehrschall	Red Mustang	50.207		48.930		48.515		51.714		48.277		49.270		48.277	.806	78.014	933
6	11	FS	Graham Wink	Black Jaguar	50.365		49.213		50.194		DNF		DNF		DNF		49.213	.806	82.260	885
7	47	GS	Jason Epley	Gray VW GTI	54.035		52.493		51.554		52.752		51.255		52.272		51.255	.794	81.630	892
8	16	FS	Rob Minton	Black Mustang GT	56.699		55.081		55.538		54.526		55.264		54.145		54.145	.806	88.036	827
<b>E Street &amp; H Street</b>																				
1	33	ES	Corey Marts	Red Toyota	51.707		52.543	(1)	50.210		49.800		48.258		48.502		48.258	.793	78.085	932
2	182	ES	Scott Campbell	Black Miata	50.048		49.661		50.206		49.430		49.273		48.963		48.963	.793	78.209	931
3	82	ES	Jacob Campbell	Black Miata	52.706		50.573		52.251	(1)	60.963	(1)	50.470		52.228	(1)	50.470	.793	80.127	909
4	5	HS	Larry Pearsall	Black Daytona	65.081	(1)	57.372		59.837		59.979	DNF	65.841	DNF	70.133	DNF	57.372	.782	97.758	750
<b>Weekend Member Division</b>																				
																		<b>Indexed Time</b>		
1	7	WFS	Jerry Guffy	Red Mustang	91.018	DNF	56.019	DNF	53.497	DNF	56.179	(1)	53.650		51.717		51.717	.806	41.684	
2	89	WCMT	Curtis Scarbrough	Red Transam	59.081		55.580		52.818		52.803		52.407		51.443		51.443	.817	42.029	
3	90	WAS	Chuck Pate	Black Cayman	79.296		55.704		55.117	(1)	53.156		54.062		51.504		51.504	.821	42.285	
4	16	WES	Jake Lepper	Blue Miata	55.690		54.327		55.421	(1)	53.448		53.830		53.328		53.328	.793	42.289	
5	64	WXSA	Jeremy Crowe	Black Miata	55.010		53.978		51.839		52.880		57.168	(1)	54.713		51.839	.846	43.856	
6	12	WSTU	Mofan Zhang	Blue Subaru	55.285	DNF	55.626		54.672	DNF	54.701		54.937		54.769		54.701	.828	45.292	
7	90	WFS	Logan Wink	Black Jaguar	68.658		61.092		61.113		DNF		DNF		DNF		61.092	.806	49.240	
8	21	WAM	Karl Yetka	Black Miata?	72.872	DNF	71.287		68.244	DNF	59.508		55.630		52.878	DNF	55.630	1.000	55.630	

The season ending "Quick as a Wink" autocross could not have had better weather. Despite a gloomy start and being surrounded by heavy downpours, the event was a dry and partly sunny with temperatures right at 80 degrees. The course designers were Graham and Cooper Wink who made good use of areas we hadn't run before.

The first heat saw Kentucky region visitor, Richard Kenney, post a quick 45.6, which would be his fastest time of the day. Also visiting from the Central Kentucky region was 3 time and current F Street Ladies National Champion, Cindy Duncan. She managed a 46.0 which was her quickest run of the day. Heat 2 saw quick time go to Paul Dornburg who ran a 44.9.

Two other heat 2 drivers were gunning for good event times but also to beat each other in the final point standings. Jr. Crowe and Jon Schwartze were locked in a race for second in the autocross point standings. Jr. had led by as many as 35 points at the fourth event but since then Jon had whittled it to just 16. Jon needed to beat Jr. by 17 points to secure second place in the standings and he started that quest with a 46.1 in his first runs. Jr. answered with a 46.6 which would keep the results tight. It would come down to the last heat runs to see who would win out.

In heat 3 Duncan and Kenney could not improve and would end the day third and fourth in the results, respectively. Cooper Wink (45.7) and Barry Beaman (46.3) put in their quickest runs in their last heat and snagged fifth and sixth in the event results.

Heat 4 rolled to the line with Jr. and Jon looking for the times that would give them second place in the 2021 results. Jon laid down his best run on his last run with a 45.7. Would it be enough? Jr. made his last run his quickest run too with a 46.5. Now the results had to be tabulated. Jon ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> in the event with 983 points. Jr. was 8<sup>th</sup> with 959 points. Jr. had an event score to drop, Jon did not. In the final tally Jr. Crowe prevailed by just 2 points to take second in the 2021 final standings, 5874 to 5872. The top 5 in the 2021 autocross standings are Paul Dornburg, his 10<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in a row, Jr. Crowe, Jon Schwartze, Barry Beaman, and Ernie Roales.

BTW, on his 3<sup>rd</sup> run Dornburg put down a 43.5, a 1.4 second improvement over his previous run and 1.2 seconds quicker than the next quickest competitor.

## Gabe Fehribach Racing

A full year of racing his Formula Enterprises 2 (FE2) race car has come to a close. Gabe Fehribach completed his 2021 Runoffs event in his Thermwood-LSAM sponsored race car finishing 15th after starting 16th in a field of 28 (nine of whom raced in the 2017 FE Indy Runoffs) that saw the green flag.

We arrived at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway seven days ahead of the championship race. The first full day on Saturday was a day of rest and preparation as well as simply taking in the size of the event. The second and third days would be time for practice and testing. Test days went absolutely horribly for everyone. The SCCA had multiple classes together, causing all manner of issues. Definitely worth mentioning is that every single test session in which Gabe participated was interrupted with a black-flag-all (2 of them, in fact, in the very last session) because drivers were not slowing down at yellow flags to allow hot tows. All but one of the black-flag-all stoppages, which are treated pretty much the same as IndyCar and NASCAR's red flag, were caused by either Prototype cars or Formula Atlantics (FA) screwing up. Unlike most professional series' red flags, our clock keeps running, costing us valuable on-track time we are paying for. The one non-P1/P2/FA black-flag-all came when a fellow FE2 hit the wall between the oval Turn 1 and Turn 2 at the south end of the track (driver was OK and would start the race). In the very last test session Monday, Gabe counted 6 cars off track at one point! In his 4 test sessions, we figured Gabe was able to get maybe 7 or 8 good, clean flying laps. Thus, not a lot of good practice for the Indy and Runoffs rookie. Test days did allow for trimming out the aero, changing the ride height, and adjusting brake bias. Adding another difficulty for the new driver was that following test session 1 on his first day, Gabe's steering wheel electronics and camera failed so he did not have any onboard data (temps, video, pressures, lap and sector times, gear indication, shift lights, etc.) until qualifying session 2 on Wednesday. Aim Technologies was on site and provided absolutely fantastic support getting the electronics working again.

Qualifying would have a single 18-minute session in each of the next three days. Q1 and Q3 would be mixed with the aforementioned FA's; only Q2 would see FE2's having their own session. On lap 6 of Q1 Gabe carried a little too much speed testing the limits of grip out of Turn 3 and went wide. At entry to Turn 4 his shock cover (kind of like the hood of a car) flew off as his car bounced on the rumble strips and through the grass, so he was done at that point. He kept the car moving so as not to affect his fellow competitors. In Q2 on Wednesday--with his onboard electronics now working--he would post his fastest lap time of the entire event, putting him in the tentative 15th starting position (a time that would have had him on the front row four years ago at Indy). In the overnight between Q2 and Q3, the team decided to try trimming out the car even more, adjusting camber, lowering the ride height, and stiffening the springs in an attempt to go faster, but at a cost in downforce. Unfortunately, the setup change did not agree with the driver, and he spun in Q3. Before he could set a faster time on a good flying lap, a black-flag-all was thrown for another competitor error that was immediately followed by a checkered flag, ending the session early. Uncomfortable with all the changes, Gabe had his mechanic revert the car to Q2 setup, but with the rear wing staying in the lower downforce Q3 setting.

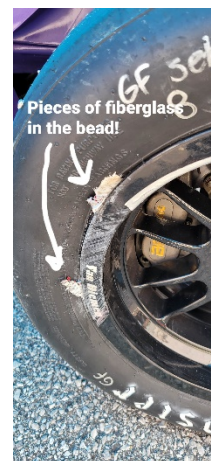
Race day would be a big learning experience. Apparently, the SCCA doesn't strictly enforce jumping the start so several competitors in the rear kept their foot in the throttle coming out of the final turn before the green, allowing them to overtake Gabe further up in the field as he had to accelerate from safety car speed. Lesson 1 learned. Lesson 2: Don't follow the driver lined up in front of you too closely in case he is asleep in the car when the green flies. These two lessons caused him to drop 5 places at the start, falling to 21st position. As the race progressed, his brake pedal got softer making hard braking impossible into Turns 1 and 7. After getting back to 16th as the race went on, a competitor up in the field was spun by another's avoidable contact (a penalty would be applied to that driver) on the second to last lap. That spun driver, in an attempt to get going again, drove forward slightly into Gabe's car, making contact with Gabe's rear wheel as Gabe took to the rumble strips and grass to avoid. Gabe would drive the rest of the race with fiberglass embedded in his tire bead. Post-race, I would find brake fluid in the floor of the tub; the team will evaluate later at the shop what happened.

The plan for Gabe in the race was to make it clean out of Lap 1-Turn 1, run his own race, let others make mistakes, and cross the finish line at the end in a respectable position. In this regard, Gabe's race was a complete success. Team owner, race winner, and now seven-time FE/2 champion Scott Rettich had this to say about Gabe's drive after the race: "I think Gabe should be proud of the way he drove, especially with only 2 years of experience. He moved up and beat plenty of more experienced drivers. Ultimately he finished mid-pack in a very competitive class at the 2nd most competitive 'amateur' racing event in history." - Scott Rettich, #17 FE2.

Gabe's next racing event will be October 16-17, 2021, at Mid-Ohio Sportscar Course driving a Spec Racer Ford 3 for the very first time. His 2022 schedule is TBD at this time.

Dean Fehribach, roving SIR reporter

Gabe and "Amethyst" in the paddock after the race.



# 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 the automotive enthusiast. 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. 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 the drivers and workers and various degrees of licenses are awarded based on knowledge, ability, and experience.

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## Upcoming Events – All Times Central

12	OCT, TUE	●	7 – 8pm	SIR Membership Meeting Online via ZOOM and at Smitty's Restaurant
24	OCT, SUN	●	12:30 – 4:30pm	Points Rally #6 - "The Hunt for Orange October" - Dave Lehrschall First Federal Savings Bank, 5001 Davis Lant Dr, Evansville, IN 47715
2	NOV, TUE	●	6:30 – 8:30pm	SIR Board Meeting On-line
7	NOV, SUN	●	12 – 4pm	Points Rally #7 - Windy Hollow Adventure - Carolyn Dornburg Windy Hollow Restaurant 8260 KY-81 Owensboro, KY 42301, USA
9	NOV, TUE	●	7 – 8pm	SIR Membership Meeting Online via ZOOM and at Smitty's Restaurant
28	NOV, SUN	●	8am – 4pm	Fun Autocross Roberts Park, Evansville, IN 47711
3	DEC, FRI	●	6:30 – 10pm	POSTPONED - SIR Awards Banquet
7	DEC, TUE	●	6:30 – 8:30pm	SIR Board Meeting On-line