



# The Pit Stop



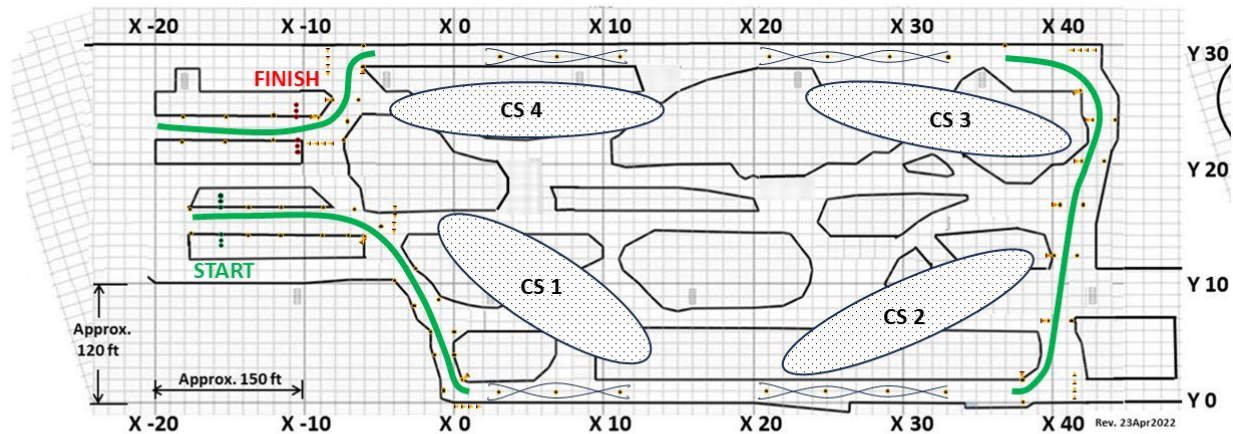
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## FUN AUTOCROSS ON OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

### Was it Fun? Who was fast?



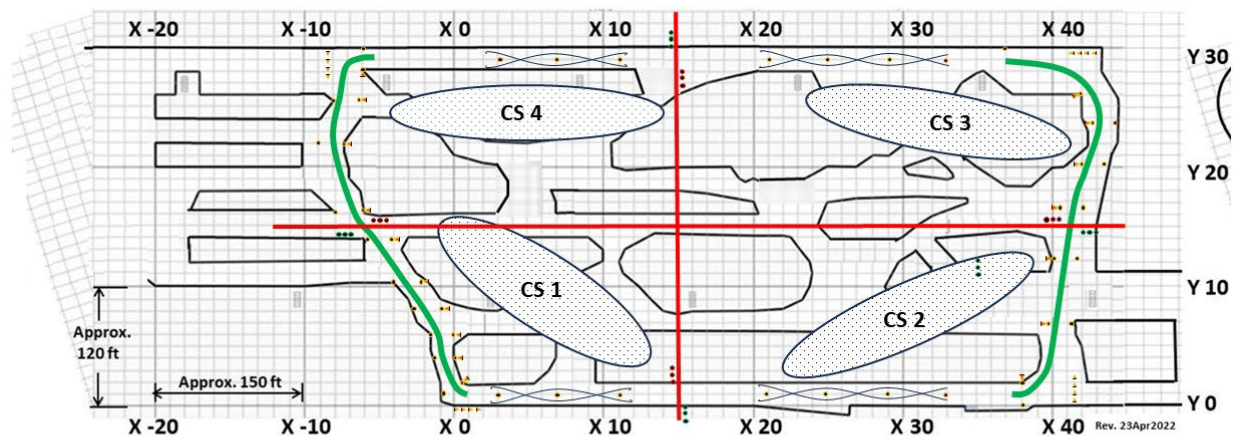
Southern Indiana Region  
Fun Autocross  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## How was the MirrorCross? Who did an outstanding job?



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## November RE Report

Happy Halloween, Happy crappy weather, and I'm happy the Team Crowe survived two rallies. We have had a couple of fantastic rallies since my last letter. The "World Famous Ice Cream Rally" and the "Deja (holy crap we are all lost) Boo! Rally" No entrant had "protection" from Bob's rally.

Paul Dornburg put on his rally in the Owensboro / East Daviess County area. This is the "normal" area for this monumental event. Paul and sent us down some familiar and not so familiar roads. The weather was fantastic for the rally, and everyone had a good time from what I could tell. George and Cindy Lewis came out hoping to put George closer to that ROY trophy. Jeff and Morgan Metz came along to play as a second Father-Daughter Team. I am not 100 percent sure, but I think it was also the first rally for Perry and Karen Young. I was so happy to see so many new faces at the rally. I won't ruin the reading by telling you all the results, but I will say the Crowe's did ok for the day and was happy with our performance. Thanks, Paul, for the great day.

Bob Sontag was the rally master at the rally this past weekend. "Deja Boo!" started in Evansville and ended; well I guess that depends on how your day was going. We made our way from Evansville across the twin bridges to the Henderson KY area and beyond. I saw things and stopped places I never knew existed. I am so happy to have found a market in Niagara in a free zone or poor John Luke might not have made it. Spoiler alert, the Niagara in KY is nothing like the one in New York. I think we also made an unofficial record of an "ONTO" it covering the entire length of a highway. My new locker combination is 1078. It's hard to make a rally challenging enough for seasoned rally participants and easy enough for folks in their first few years. I feel like this rally found that balance and was put together very well. The mistakes our team made were all self-inflicted and once explained we should have known. I'll go ahead and spoil the results on this one. The B class truck of Team Crowe cleaned house on the entire field and replaced a sway bar end link on Monday. Don't ask how I know that.

The last rally of the season is coming up in less than two weeks. Crowe Circus 2.0 is coming to a town near some of you. It will start in Newburgh and go east. There will be some things that look incredibly familiar and some you might not have ever seen. Even though Bob got me a little off balance last week I am not going to try and return the favor. I am going to try and make a straightforward design and let the championship be decided by those who can hit the CAST the best. If you're on the fence about running a rally, come try this one and see how you like it.

We have one rally and a few more meetings so please come out and play.

JR

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## **SIR/SCCA October Board Meeting on 10/01/2024**

- Call to Order at 5:00 by RE Jr. Crowe
    - This is a rare in person meeting at Smitty's.
  - **Officer Reports**
    - Secretary: ERnie Roales moved to accept minutes as published in Pit Stop, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Dornburg, passed.
    - Treasurer: Bob Sonntag, extremely LATE, reported a funds-on-hand balance of \$5,821.43.
    - Activities Chair: Steve Backer, points have been updated.
    - Asst Activities Chair: Jim Cannon reported it's a beautiful day.
    - Women's Chair: Dawn Sturgeon had no report.
    - Advisor: Terry Davis had no report.
    - Asst RE: Jarrod Davis has updated Google Drive.
    - RE: Jr. Crowe - Can't drive??
  - **Old Business**
    - All remaining events are on MSR.
  - **New Business**
    - 2025 Board: All current board members agreed to stand for re-election, except Jim Cannon as Assistant Activities Chair.
    - 6 Weekend Member drivers (Toyota interns) shared one car (3 in each heat) at the "SPEEDFORCE" AX.
      - The event went well, those drivers were ready & the driver changes flowed smoothly, They all had a good time.
    - Jr. is trying to get on board with Xtreme Xperience (an exotic car driving experience).
    - The fun autocross, with mirror runs and challenges, is on tap for October 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - The Ice Cream rally on 10/13 will be starting at Lic's in Owensboro.
    - Rally #6 by Davis/Sonntag is in development.
  - **Next Meetings**
    - Membership
      - Tonight (follows this board meeting) at 7:00 P.M.
      - 11/12 at Smitty's, gather at 5:45, business meeting at 7:00 P.M.
    - Board
      - 11/5 via Zoom at 6:30 P.M.
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## **SIR/SCCA October Membership Meeting, 10/01/2024**

- Call to Order at 7:00 P.M. by RE Jr. Crowe
  - Meeting on the first to avoid meeting on West Franklin Street during the Westside Nut Club Fall Festival.
  - No guests.
- **Officer Reports**
  - Secretary ERnie Roales moved to accept minutes as published in Pit Stop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Davis; passed.
  - Treasurer Bob Sonntag reported the fund-on-hand balance of \$5821.43.
    - Down from last month as AX #7 bills have been paid but the income through MSR will arrive next Monday.
  - Activities Chair Steve Backer had no report.
  - Asst Activities Chair Jim Cannon had no report.
  - Pit Stop Editor Paul Dornburg:
    - The deadline is the last Wednesday of the month, 10/26.
    - Announced member birthdays and club anniversaries.
  - Women's Chair Dawn Sturgeon had no report.
  - Advisor Terry Davis had no report.
  - Asst RE Jarrod Davis had no report.
  - RE Jr. Crowe had no report.
- **Old Business**
  - All remaining events are now on MSR.
  - The "Points Racing" autocross trophies were presented by Bob Sonntag.
  - The "SPEEDFORCE" autocross trophies were presented by Jarrod Davis.

- See the detailed event results on the region's website.
- **New Business**
  - 2025 BoD nominations:
    - Terry Davis nominated Jr. Crowe for RE.
    - Terry Davis nominated ERnie Roales for Secretary.
    - Terry Davis nominated Bob Sonntag for Treasurer.
    - Jr. Crowe nominated Jon Schwartz for Assistant Activities Chair.
    - Ernie Roales nominated Paul Dornburg for Pit Stop Editor.
    - Jr. Crowe nominated Jarrod Davis for Assistant RE.
    - Bob Sonntag nominated Steve Backer for Activities Chair.
    - Terry Davis nominated Dawn Sturgeon for Women's Chair.
    - Each nominee accepted his, or her nomination.
    - Terry Davis moved nominations closed, 2nd by Brent Sturgeon, passed.
  - Paul Dornburg previewed the upcoming (October 6th) "MirrorCross" fun autocross.
  - Paul Dornburg World-Famous Ice Cream Rally is 10/13 starting at Lic's in Owensboro, KY.
  - Davis/Sonntag rally #7 on 10/27 is under development.
- Attendance drawing free entry was won by John Warren.
- Next Meetings
  - Membership on 11/12 at Smitty's, gather at 5:45, business meeting at 7:00 P.M.
  - Board on 11/5 via Zoom at 6:30 P.M.
- Adjournment
  - Motion by Jeff Jackson, 2nd by several, passed at 7:35 P.M.  
20 members were present.

## TLDR

- GET AN ANNUAL **WAIVER!!!** You can apply for your 2025 annual waiver soon.
- 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!
- 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.

## 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](http://my.scca.com) The club has 135 members as of 11/07/2024.

### November Birthdays

Cameron Davis	11/3
Nathan Reshad	11/11
Derek Griffith	11/12
Julia Young	11/16
John Whitaker	11/17
Jim Hurm	11/29

### November Anniversaries

Terry Davis	11/01/1972	52 yrs.
Mike Freeman	11/01/1972	52 yrs.
Suellyn Lehrsfall	11/14/2014	10 yrs.
Phillip Dart	11/27/2021	3 yrs.
Kevin Rector	11/30/2022	2 yrs.

### SIR/SCCA 2024 Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
<b>November</b>				
11.10	Sun	12:30 PM	Rally -- Championship Event 7 of 7 - "Crowe's Circus" - Team Crowe	Hardee's - Newburgh 4033 Bell Road, Newburgh, IN
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, IN
11.28	Thu		Thanksgiving	
<b>December</b>				
12.03	Tue	6:30 PM	Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact treasurer@sirscca.org for the link.
12.08	Sun	9:00 AM	Cars & Coffee	Washington Square Mall, Evansville, IN, IN
12.10	Tue	5:45 PM 9:00 PM	Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet at Smitty's Italian Restaurant - All members welcome.	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville, IN

## Points:

### Berry Points

	Total Berry Points	Meeting Berry Points	Fun Berry Points	Work Berry Points	AX Berry Points	Rally Berry Points
1 Paul Dornburg	92	10	7	25	35	15
2 ERnie Roales	88	10	4	25	24	25
2 Bob Sonntag	88	10	7	25	23	23
4 Jr. Crowe	82	9	2	15	33	23
5 Jim Cannon	76	4	2	25	29	16
6 Dave Lehrschall	72	9	2	25	13	23
7 Dawn Sturgeon	67	9	0	25	17	16
8 Terry Davis	65	7	7	20	8	23
9 Jarrod Davis	60	9	2	15	32	2
10 Larry Pearsall	58	9	2	25	14	8
11 Brent Sturgeon	51	9	0	15	27	0
12 Kevin Rector	49	0	2	25	22	0
13 Steve Backer	48	9	2	20	17	0
13 Jeff Jackson	48	7	0	15	26	0
15 Carolyn Dornburg	47	7	2	25	8	5
16 Barry Beaman	42	4	2	15	21	0
17 Jon Schwartz	40	3	0	5	32	0
18 Don Beaman	36	1	2	15	18	0
18 John McCarthy	36	8	0	10	18	0
20 Harold Davis	35	2	0	10	0	23
20 Karen Davis	35	2	0	10	0	23
22 Jeff Metz	34	0	0	5	27	2
23 Susan Roales	33	1	2	5	0	25
24 Josie Crowe	27	2	2	0	0	23
25 Jason Epley	25	1	0	0	24	0
25 Richard Grav	25	0	0	15	10	0
27 Suellyn Lehrschall	24	2	2	0	0	20
28 David Moody	23	5	0	10	8	0
29 Scott Campbell	20	0	0	10	10	0
30 Mackenzi Crowe	18	1	0	5	12	0
31 Gary Griffith	15	0	0	15	0	0
31 Sean Reising	15	2	0	5	8	0
33 Cameron Davis (R)	13	3	2	0	8	0
34 Eric Shade	11	6	0	0	5	0
35 Michelle Deutsch	10	2	0	0	8	0
35 Don Kelley	10	0	0	10	0	0
35 George Lewis (R)	10	4	0	0	4	2
35 Joel Wasser (R)	10	0	2	0	8	0
39 Ron Davis (R)	9	1	2	0	6	0
40 Jacob Campbell	8	0	0	0	8	0
40 Morgan Metz	8	0	0	0	6	2
40 Ryan Pearsall	8	2	0	0	0	6
40 Bill Wheelock	8	2	2	0	4	0
44 James Nichols	7	0	2	0	5	0
45 Dennis Duncan	6	0	0	0	6	0
45 James Hurm	6	0	0	0	0	6
45 Jim Hurm	6	0	0	0	0	6
45 Daniel Whited (R)	6	0	0	0	6	0
49 Kurt Krodel	5	0	0	0	5	0
49 Brandon Porambo	5	0	0	0	5	0
49 James Shade	5	3	0	0	2	0
52 Spencer Skaggs	4	0	0	0	4	0
53 David Wheelock	4	0	2	0	2	0
53 Derek Griffith	3	1	0	0	0	2
55 Reggie Sandy	3	1	0	0	2	0
55 Darlene Cannon	2	2	0	0	0	0
55 Charles Coleman (R)	2	0	0	0	2	0
55 Cathy Condi	2	2	0	0	0	0
55 Paul Condi Jr.	2	2	0	0	0	0
55 John Luke Crowe	2	2	0	0	0	0
55 Courtney Davis (R)	2	0	0	0	0	2
55 Drew Gerth	2	0	0	0	2	0
55 Samuel Reshad	2	0	0	0	2	0
55 Jamsheed Reshad	2	0	0	0	2	0
55 Caleb Scarbrough	2	0	0	0	2	0
55 Barry Schonberger	2	2	0	0	0	0
67 Marci Backer	1	1	0	0	0	0
67 Courtney Fehribach	1	1	0	0	0	0
67 Dean Fehribach	1	1	0	0	0	0
67 John Warren	1	1	0	0	0	0

### Rally Points

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1 ERnie Roales	4	5	2	5	5	4	0	25
2 Susan Roales	4	5	2	5	5	4	0	25
3 Jr. Crowe	5	5	2	2	4	5	0	23
4 Josie Crowe	5	5	2	2	4	5	0	23
5 Terry Davis	5	2	2	4	5	5	0	23
6 Harold Davis	5	2	5	2	4	5	0	23
7 Karen Davis	5	2	5	2	4	5	0	23
8 Dave Lehrschall	4	5	5	5	2	2	0	23
9 Bob Sonntag	5	2	2	4	5	5	0	23
10 Suellyn Lehrschall	4	5	2	5	2	2	0	20
11 Jim Cannon	2	2	4	4	2	2	0	16
12 Dawn Sturgeon	2	2	4	4	2	2	0	16
13 Paul Dornburg	2	4	2	2	5	0	0	15
14 Larry Pearsall	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	8
15 James Hurm	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	6
16 Jim Hurm	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	6
17 Ryan Pearsall	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	6
18 Carolyn Dornburg	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
19 Jarrod Davis	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
20 Courtney Davis (R)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
21 Derek Griffith	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
22 George Lewis (R)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
23 Jeff Metz	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
24 Morgan Metz	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2

### Rookie Percent

2024 Rookies (13)	Points	Captured	Meeting	Autocross	Rally
1 Cameron Davis	10	20%	2	8	0
2 George Lewis	9	18%	3	4	2
3 Joel Wasser	8	16%	0	8	0
4 Ron Davis	7	14%	1	6	0
5 Daniel Whited	4	8%	0	4	0
6 Courtney Davis	0	0%	0	0	0
7 Matthew Barton	0	0%	0	0	0
8 Charles Coleman	0	0%	0	0	0
9 Steve Cruse	0	0%	0	0	0
10 Daniel Cruz	0	0%	0	0	0
11 Charity Davis	0	0%	0	0	0
12 Christopher Kiefer	0	0%	0	0	0
13 Zachary Willis	0	0%	0	0	0

## Event Results

### Fun Autocross & MirrorCross – by Paul Dornburg

Our last autocross event was a fun event which included an autocross and a MirrorCross. What is a MirrorCross? It's when 2 cars line up on opposite sides of the autocross course and make one lap to see who can do it the quickest. Using times from the fun autocross that preceded the MirrorCross, drivers were handicapped and started at different times.

I was worried about the slim turnout of 22 drivers but that turned out to be about the right number of competitors. The Toyota manufacturing group brought 5 drivers for their Supra. I thought that having so many drivers in one car might be a problem, but their times were so diverse they didn't end up running against each other. Don Beaman brought a Fiat 124 Spyder that was quite different than his usual Mustang. We'll hear more about Don later. I drove Terry's 911 because I drove my truck so there'd for sure be a vehicle to move the timing trailer. Everyone else was in a car they were somewhat familiar with.

We started off with a normal autocross to establish a qualifying or base time for each driver. The course was around the perimeter of the site running counterclockwise. Drivers got at least 5 tries at the course while the people who had earned bonus runs got to use the extra runs. You can see the course on page one. I took the quickest time for each driver and put it in a spreadsheet arranged from slowest to quickest.

Larry Pearsall	46.986	The Challenge portion of the event would pair the 2 slowest drivers against each other
Bill Wheelock	40.840	with the driver winning the best of 3 runs moving on. Slower drivers would get a timed head start.
Richard Pea	40.665	For example, the first 2 drivers were Larry Pearsall in his Mustang and Bill Wheelock in an MR2.
Bob Sonntag	39.606	Larry got a 6 second head start each time. Larry lost the 1 <sup>st</sup> run because of some confusion on
David Wheelock	39.274	his part but performed well winning the 2 <sup>nd</sup> round but losing the 3 <sup>rd</sup> one. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> contest saw Bill
Don Beaman	39.238	beat Bob Sonntag in his Genesis GV80, 2 runs to 1. That put Bill up against his son David but
Michael Condiff	38.420	they were both in the same car, so we skipped David for that round and Bill ran Don Beaman.
Jace Boyce	38.363	Don beat Bill 2 runs to 1. Now the Wheelock MR2 was freed up for David to use. Don beat David
Cameron Davis	38.099	in 2 runs as David coned each time.

Terry Davis	38.008	Next up was Don vs. Michael Condiff in his 350Z. Don beat Michael on 2 consecutive
Kevin Rector	37.997	runs. Next up was Don vs. Jayce Boyce in the Toyota Mfg. Supra. Don won the 1 <sup>st</sup> run, Jace won
Cade Harris	37.875	the 2 <sup>nd</sup> run, and Don won the 3 <sup>rd</sup> run but just barely. Now Don moved on the run Cameron Davis
Gregory Stewart	37.652	in his Fiesta. Don won 2 runs to 0.

By now we were beginning to see that Don was getting more and more familiar with the Fiat and looked to be a threat to take the overall win. He beat Terry Davis in his 911 2 runs to 0. Then he took down Kevin Rector in his 350Z 2 to 0. The next victim was Cade Harris in the Toyota Mfg. Supra who also fell 2 to 0. Gregory Stewart in the Toyota Mfg. Supra was up next but he fared no better than others losing 2 to 0 to Don and his red rocket. Max Dittman in the Toyota Mfg. Supra was the next 2 to 0 loser as was Steve Backer in his FR-S. Ernie Roales was Don's next competitor. Ernie spun on his first run which added a little excitement before he lost the next run. Now it was brother against brother as Don lined up against Barry who was in his Supra. Don won 2 to 0 after Barry coned his first run. Joel Wasser in his Honda Civic was the next victim losing 2 to 0. Now I am up in Terry's 911. I coned on my first run but so did Don, but he beat me by a hair. I coned on my second run and Don did not, so he advanced. Jarrod Davis was the next competitor in his 350Z and he too fell to Don, 2 to 0. The last competitor to take on Don was James Nichols in the Toyota MFG. Supra. Don won the first round, then James clipped a cone on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and Don won. Don Beaman took down 15 competitors in 31 runs to earn the grand prize, free entry to the event.

We concluded the afternoon with some call out challenges which you can read about below.

All in all I'd say the event was a success and we should do another one in the future.

Challengers	Challenge	Winner	Summary
Paul Dornburg in Barry's Supra vs James Nichols in the Team Toyota Supra	Straight-up	Paul	Paul beats James and James also hits one pylon.
Paul Dornburg in Barry's Supra vs James Nichols in the Team Toyota Supra	Straight-up	James	Paul pylons the quicker run away.
Paul Dornburg in Barry's Supra vs James Nichols in the Team Toyota Supra	Straight-up	Paul	James was quicker but pylons the run. Paul takes the match.
Ernie Roales in his Elantra and Steve Backer in his FR-S	Straight-up	Steve	Steve by three car lengths.
Ernie Roales in his Elantra and Steve Backer in his FR-S	Straight-up	Ernie	Ernie by one car length.
Ernie Roales in his Elantra and Steve Backer in his FR-S	Straight-up	Steve	Steve by two car lengths.
Don Beaman in his Fiat 124 Spyder and Paul Dornburg in Larry's Mustang	Don gives 3 car lengths.	Paul	After a failed launch on attempt #1 and 2 pylons for Don on run #1.
Don Beaman in his Fiat 124 Spyder and Paul Dornburg in Larry's Mustang	Don gives 2 car lengths.	Paul	Clean runs; with Paul by a half car.
Jarrold Davis and Cameron Davis	Jarrold gives three seconds.	Jarrold	Jarrold by 3 lengths (5 Fiesta ST lengths).
Jarrold Davis and Cameron Davis	Straight-up	Jarrold	Jarrold by 5 lengths over Cameron in the 350Z, who DNF's.
Joel Wasser in his Civic and Barry Beaman in his Supra	Straight-up	Joel	Barry DNF's.
Joel Wasser in his Civic and Barry Beaman in his Supra	Straight-up	Barry	1/2 car.
Joel Wasser in his Civic and Barry Beaman in his Supra	Straight-up	Joel	Barry hits a pylon.
Jarrold Davis and Cameron Davis	Straight-up	Jarrold	Jarrold in the 350Z, Cameron in the Fiesta. Jarrold by three lengths.
Jarrold Davis and Cameron Davis	Straight-up	Jarrold	Cameron puts in a two-pylon run that was not faster than Jarrold's.

## The 2024 World Famous Ice Cream Rally by the Dornburgs

**Ice Cream Rally 2024**  
 Carolyn Dornburg, Rallymaster  
 Paul Dornburg, Road Rally Safety Steward  
 October 13, 2024

Driver / Navigator	Class	Ckpt 1	Ckpt 2	Ckpt 3	Ckpt 4	Ckpt 5	Ckpt 6	Ckpt 7	Ckpt 8	Ckpt 9	Ckpt 10	Total
1 Terry Davis / Bob Sonntag (#2)	A	+1	+1	-5 *	-1	-6	0	0	0	+1	0	15
2 Harold Davis / Karen Davis (#4)	A	-5 *	0	+3 *	+2	0 *	-2	0	+5	+9	0	26
3 Dave Lehrschall / Suellyn Lehrschall (#1)	A	-6	0	0	+1170	+8	-4	-1	-15	+11	+1	1216
4 Perry Young / Karen Young (#3)	A	+53	-7	+134	+61	-25	+8	+1170	-8	+17	+1	1484
5 George Lewis / Cindy Lewis (#5)	A	+36	+778	+1170	+58	+112	+43	-869	+1170	+1170	+1170	6576
1 Ernie Roales / Sue Roales (#6)	B	+18	-4	-8	-3	-9	+1	+2	-2	+8	0	55
2 Jr Crowe / Josie Crowe (#9)	B	+13	0	-3	-5	-15	0	-10	-16	-1	0	63
3 Greg Wilkins / Terri Wilkins (#8)	B	-4 *	+3	+4	+26	+20	+9	-7	+3	+7	-1	84
4 Jim Cannon / Dawn Sturgeon (#7)	B	+7	-3	-182 *	+6	+30	+5	+9	-2	+18	+1	263
5 Larry Pearsall / Kyle Knott (#11)	B	-6	+5	+72	+1170	+1170	+1170	-45	-12 *	+29	0	3679
6 Morgan Metz / Jeff Metz (#10)	B	-36 *	-28	+136 *	+1170	+1170	+339	-111	+1170	+301	-11	4472

Richta CP Numbers: 3 5 7 10 12 14 16 18 19 21  
 Leg Times: 9:16.000 6:14.000 11:06.000 12:26.000 16:42.000 7:59.000 18:18.000 13:34.000 18:26.000 1:58.000

Early: - Late: + Time Allowance: \*  
 Maximum Checkpoint Score: 1170

### Color Coding

- Purple -- Zeroed leg
- Green -- Zeroed leg using a Time Allowance
- Yellow -- Max'd checkpoint due to help from rallymaster

I couldn't have asked for a better day to run the World-Famous Ice Cream Rally. A clear blue sky calmed my fears about a thunderstorm that could severely impact the running of the event. Some of the course runs through the lowest areas in southeast Daviess county and flooded roads are always a concern when storms are threatening.

Five entries in A class and 6 entries in B class meant there would be good competition especially for the club rally points and the Berry trophy. I went through each route instruction stressing the ones that could be difficult. I especially stressed the multiple route instructions that occurred in a very short period of time, less than a minute. It was a U-turn in a triangular intersection and it gave some teams fits.

This year the starting location was the Lic's Ice Cream and Sandwich Shop in Owensboro. Teams would depart heading west to the US60 bypass which would take them to the east side of town to the Dairy Queen where we have started in the past. Using some familiar roads and some new roads the teams covered right at 100 miles over the course of 2 and a half hours or more if you got off course.

In the end there were some very good scores. Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis had 4 zeros for a total score of 15 and their highest score at a checkpoint was just 6. They also had 4 scores of 1. Just seconds behind also with 4 zeroes was the team of Harold and Karen Davis with 26 and a highest score of 9. Team Lehrschall had trouble with the U-Turn and called for help. The resulting "call for help" penalty ruined what would have been an otherwise decent score of 46. Dave and Suellyn had 2 zeros and a couple of 1's en route to a third-place finish in the A class. Fourth in A was the team of Perry and Karen Young from St. Louis. They are new to rallying and are doing rally events for the experience. Had they not missed checkpoint 7 they would have had a very good score for a novice team. George and Cindy Lewis competed in their first rally and made their way to the ice cream social at the end of the rally having missed the last 3 checkpoints.

In the 6 car B class Ernie and Sue Roales prevailed with a very nice score of 55 which included 1 zero and one 1. Jr. and Josie Crowe were a scant 8 seconds behind team Roales with a score of 63 which included 3 zeroes and a 1. Not far behind the Crowes were Team Wilkins with a score of 84. They didn't have any zeroes but they did score a 1 on the last leg. Jim Cannon and Dawn Sturgeon had a problem with the third leg and ended up in fourth place with a score of 263. They did have a score of 1 on the last leg. The new team of Larry Pearsall and my usual rally navigator Kyle Knott had some issues and missed some checkpoints to finish fifth. Another father/daughter team of Morgan and Jeff Metz finished their first rally together and were 6<sup>th</sup> in B class. They had a low score of 11 on the last rally leg.

Preparations for the 2025 ICR are already underway.

## Deja Boo! Rally by the team of Bob Sonntag & Terry Davis

### Deja Boo

Bob Sonntag, Rallymaster  
Terry Davis, Road Rally Safety Steward  
October 27, 2024

Driver / Navigator	Class	Ckpt 1	Ckpt 2	Ckpt 3	Ckpt 4	Ckpt 5	Ckpt 6	Ckpt 7	Ckpt 8	Ckpt 9	Total
1 Harold Davis / Karen Davis (#2)	A	-3	-19	-31	+362 *	+1800	-52 *	-21	+286	-1	2575
2 Dave Lehrsall / Sue Lehrsall (#3)	A	0	+15	+27	+1800	+1800	+1800	+1800	+1800	+1800	10842
1 Jr Crowe / Josie Crowe (#6)	B	-3	+179	+2	+70	+3	+139 *	+19	+33 *	-35	483
2 Ernie Roales / Sue Roales (#1)	B	-22 *	-22 *	+19 *	+33	-131 *	+1800	+58 *	+64	+31	2180
3 Dawn Sturgeon / Jim Cannon (#5)	B	+3	+3	+33	+214	+26	-124 *	+1800 *	+692 *	-17	2912
4 Greg Wilkins / Terri Wilkins (#4)	B	-2	+241 *	+169 *	-131 *	+1800	+1800	+1800	+1800	+1800	9543
5 James Hurm / Jim Hurm (#7)	B	+57 *	+238 *	+1 *	+359 *	+1800	+1800	+1800	+1800	+1800	9655

Richta CP Numbers: 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 14 16  
Leg Times: 2:47.400 8:34.200 17:35.400 13:18.000 25:52.800 17:54.000 8:36.000 8:53.400 19:24.000

Early: - Late: + Time Allowance: \*  
Maximum Checkpoint Score: 1800

#### Critique Notes:

- Ckpt #1: New Hope Baptist Church.
- Ckpt #2: RRX before Baskett Cemetery.
- Ckpt #3: Stars and Stripes after duck crossing.
- Ckpt #4: Black mailbox on right.
- Ckpt #5: Road Zebra/Paddle sign on KY-1078.
- Ckpt #6: SRIT "SPEED LIMIT 35" into Niagara, KY.
- Ckpt #7: SRIT "SPEED LIMIT 35" into Niagara, KY. (Grandpa Jones plaque.)
- Ckpt #8: Lighthouse on KY-2249.
- Ckpt #9: Finish at big rock at apartment complex.

## Deja Boo! Review - by Bob Sonntag

I'd let creating the sixth event of our seven-event rally championship season slide. I needed to knock out a good rally quickly. It was due in under three weeks by the time I really got started. Consulting my archive of previous rallies (and who'd run them...as old rallies not run before are new to the entrant), I borrowed from my 2000s, teens, and some more recent Henderson, Spotsville, & to Owensboro area rallies. The Dornburg "World-Famous Ice Cream Rally" had reminded me of how nice, twisty, hilly, and fun the roads of in Kentucky can be.

I evolved those previous routes into what I thought was a good, fun, and not too hard rally. The route might seem familiar to those with recent experience with rallies in the area and be a fresh take for all. Protection by Stop/Yield, Left at T, and Straight as Possible would rule the day.

I think trick-or-treat might have become the theme for the day. I was hoping for a déjà vu feeling by triggering old rally memories with a route that repeated what used to be frequently used roads and looping on itself to reinforce memories or confuse those with fresh new ones.

Who else can remember Gary Heck working a rural checkpoint in a lawn chair, with a cold drink, with a stopwatch, and with a fair-sized TV so he could watch his football team play?

Not a trick & certainly not a treat: Team Lehrsall looked good-to-go at the start. They did not trip the start control. They returned, rebooted, reset, restarted, resumed without incident. That restart was a treat for them...just like their first checkpoint score. A zero. Hot dang! Now that's a real treat! A great second start to a rally. (Spoiler: They would later trick themselves.)

"Deja Boo!" started from Hardee's on Boeue Road in Evansville. A left, then a another left after a sign reading in part "WESSLEMAN PARK" (not AT, but AFTER), would take entrants into what would look familiar to many as a Roberts Stadium parking entrance. The street name was given. The mileage was given. The description said it would be parking lot-ish. Some turned early??

How many SIR members can remember spending time in those parking lots? The route would then cruise by where we held November/ December fun autocrosses until the lot would no longer support an event. A closed road sign -- have to use it while it's there -- and the new right-turn-only traffic pattern at Vann Avenue would start teams on their way to Henderson.

Calling on a past Bootz/Goebel "Up Front & Straight Forward" experience with a very low CAST, entrants took a CAST 18 tour through Baskett, Kentucky, where they would need to follow the Protection at a couple of intersections or pay a price. At CAST 18, there is think time. Not enough. Just two cars were early. Everyone else was late. Based on the short leg, some were significantly late. It was to have been 8:34 minutes for 2.58 miles checkpoint to checkpoint. (There was some time & distance at 35, so don't be thinking I goofed the math.)



The day was a treat with great weather. Two of three convertibles ran tops down. From the first observation point, top-up was the way to go. Team Wilkins (orange Miata) and Team Hurm (black MGA) somehow converted a "Left at Stop – CAST 55" into a "Straight at Stop" which would eventually T them into a dead end after some twisty roads that won't take a CAST 55. Not a trick written into the rally, but one they experienced. They found their way back to the route. A treat. Meanwhile Team Roales rolled on top up and issue free...for a while.

The route crossed the Spotsville bridge to wander towards KY-3236 (Innovative Way) that does the circular drive thing in front of a Kimberly-Clark plant. Combined with a right at Stop, a couple of main road rule Left at Ts, and parts of four recent rallies teams would be turned around and headed back to the Spotsville bridge for the second of two expected crossings.

It's a nice bridge. MUCH nicer & four times the width of the old bridge. It's so nice that some teams crossed it four or more times. Were the extra crossings a treat? For sure, needing to cross the bridge only twice was the trick.

When headed west, KY-1078 pops in at the end of the bridge. This is the same turn but in the opposite direction where the two convertibles went wro, uh -- "differently" -- earlier in the route. I warned everyone that 1078 appears at the last moment. Assistant Rallymaster Terry Davis and I were watching teams in the Richta app and teams did the expected turn ONTO 1078. Cool.

We would then watch those teams follow 1078 back through Baskett and out ONTO US-60 for less than a mile as 1078 then bears to the right off US-60. D'oh!! Now, that was a trick in the route! A trick that was a problem for teams Roales, Wilkins, and Davis. KY-1078 does another road-goes-right-road-goes-left thing around the Zion Baptist Church...but only if one remembered ONTO topped the Left at T main road rule.

There was a double visit to the Niagara Food Market in Niagara, KY (birthplace of Grandpa Jones) for a DIY bio-break in free zones. My diagram of the ins and outs and corresponding route instructions worked perfectly. I expected at least one team to forget the route instruction being worked and have an adventure in a free zone unless they really worked to trip wrong restart. I don't think anyone did...but Team Sturgeon/Cannon may have something to confess. That's a bit of a surprise because Jim Cannon is one that's been through that area on quite a few of my routes. Oh Jim?

Eventually all but two teams made the post-route social and all those that did were smiling. A treat. A couple of teams looked tired. I sure hope it was a good tired 'cause I know it was a fun route...but it's more fun when ONTO doesn't bite; but, just leads to "you missed that?" smiles.

Those that completed the route have now run KY-1078 from beginning to end – not just the middle part that used to be a classic SIR illustration of ONTO. The other best example being [REDACTED] where it [REDACTED] with [REDACTED].

As I asked about sections of the rally, the Protection intersections in Baskett didn't trip anyone up. Good. Team Crowe got through it on luck. That works too. The other spot I thought Protection would be overlooked (just prior to Ckpt #4) was a non-issue. Well done teams!

Team Crowe was best of all with a 483 and for *yet another dang* event with Class B bettering the best of A.

Class A had the makings of a good battle. Team Lehrschall started with a that zero & had 11 points on Team Davis through the first three controls. Then things when goofy for Team Lehrschall. Team Davis had ONTO issues maxing them at Ckpt #5 and a button issue closing the app at Ckpt #8...which they resolved...but not without learning I'd used directional checkpoints and needed another pass to by the lighthouse to get a score.

Team Roales finished second on B. Team Sturgeon/Cannon third. Both teams maxed one control and used generous doses of TA. Team Roales used 5 for a total 39:30. Team Sturgeon/Cannon were a less frequent but bigger TA user with just 3 accounting for 41:30.

See the complete results in this issue of [Pit Stop](#) and be at Smitty's on November 12 for the membership meeting and first-hand tales of this rally. I'm sorry I'm going to miss it. Though mom will be 95 all year long, there's only one first day of being 95 and I can't miss that party.

The 2024 SIR rally season concludes with "Crowe's Circus 2.0" on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Be a part of the fun. I could remind you all of one trick Team Crowe included last year. But Terry and I may need that advantage. Hope to see you at the circus! Ring-side seats are only for those there!

# 2025 SIR SCCA Board of Directors Ballot

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You can bring your ballot to the November club meeting Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

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**Assistant Regional Executive:** Jarrod Davis or \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Assistant Activities Chair:** Jon Schwartz or \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon or \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Secretary:** Ernie Roales or \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag or \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Pit Stop Newsletter:** Paul Dornburg or \_\_\_\_\_  
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