



# The Pit Stop



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## Annual Awards Banquet & Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

Smitty's in Evansville  
5:45 P.M.

The 2024 Championship awards presentations will be held at the December membership meeting. Event trophies, membership awards, and service plaques will also be presented. Additionally, our 2025 officers will also be installed.

As we did with the 2023 awards banquet, this is a BYO (buy-your-own) event.

### Reservations:

- Please include your name and the names of those in the reservation.
- Before: Saturday, 12/7/2024, noon
- Best way: Email [treasurer@sirscca.org](mailto:treasurer@sirscca.org)
- By phone: 812-477-5936 ask for Bob or email [bob.sonntag@att.net](mailto:bob.sonntag@att.net)
- All reservations will be confirmed in a day. No confirmation? Follow-up.

The gathering time is 5:45 P.M. with the business meeting and awards at approximately 7:00. The evening will conclude with "The Game."

**Dress:** It's our awards banquet! Business casual or dressier, please.

**Where:** Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville



## December RE Report

Where in the world did 2024 go? It seems like it was a few days ago that this crazy year started and now there is only a few days left. This time of year, I am normally busy trying to wrangle hundreds of Christmas inflatables. That will not be the case this year since Warrick County is widening our road. The display will not be here in 2024 and maybe not in 2025. That's enough crappy news, let's get to the good stuff.

Crowe Circus 2.0 went very well in my humble opinion. We had good weather and a nice turnout for the last competition event of the season. I knew going in there was only one team who could take over the top spot and finish as the sole season champions. There were a few other teams who could tie for the season championship depending on what the forementioned team did. This made for an extremely exciting day for me, because not only was I the rallymaster but I was one of the teams that could tie for a championship. Continue reading and see what happened.

I am late writing my letter this month because I am struggling to put into words what I am thinking. I have been very fortunate the last two seasons. I started in this club around 15 years ago. I was drawn in by the auto cross competitions, because I love to drive fast and aggressively. I had no idea what a rally competition or a Berry point was. I started off getting to a few races a year and was never in a points chase. Work schedules never permitted me to complete a full season. I did attend a couple rallies over the years but never got competitive in the championship chase for that trophy either. Finally, I was able to start making full seasons of racing and I was able to pull off some top 3 finishes but always falling just a little short of the win. To my ultimate surprise, a couple years ago, my daughter showed interest in doing some rallies with me. This opened many opportunities to compete in all the SIR events.

Last year I was able to claim my first "big" trophy since joining the club. I managed to do well enough in autocross and with Josie's help in rally and I won the Berry trophy. I never expected this to happen, so I was elated. Josie asked me then if we could ever win the big rally trophy. I said anything is possible we will have to do all the events and see what happens.

This year, as you have read before, I was lucky enough to secure the autocross trophy from one of our club's best champions of all time, Paul Dornburg. Then, in a crazy turn of events Josie and I managed to share the rally trophy with Harold and Karen Davis. It's an honor to say our names are beside these two amazing competitors. Harold pointed out that there is a 64 year difference in age between this year's oldest and youngest rally champion.

Being able to win all three big trophies in a span of two seasons feels incredible and I couldn't be happier to have accomplished it. I also think that's why I am struggling to write what I am thinking. When I started chasing this dream when I was younger, I assumed if I pulled it off, I would talk trash about how great I did and how slow everyone is. LOL Funny thing is I don't feel that way at all. I didn't get to this point on my own, I had some impeccable mentors and teachers along the way who taught me and gave me the tools to succeed. This club has some of the finest men, women, boys, and girls around and I am proud to be part of it.

My only goal moving forward is to be half as good as those who have helped me along this journey because your all wonderful people. Thank you for getting me to this point.

JR

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### 2024 Board Members

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## SIR/SCCA November Board Meeting on 11/05/2024

- Call to Order by RE John Crowe
  - At 6:32 pm
  - Five members present
- **Officer Reports**
  - **Secretary:** ERnie Roales moved to accept minutes as posted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Davis, passed.
  - **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag reported funds-on-hand of \$7,640.51.
    - Shared report on MSR fees we absorb.
  - **Activities:** Steve Backer was absent & shared he could be late.
  - **Asst Activities:** Jim Cannon was absent.
  - **Pit Stop:** Paul Dornburg shared that Pit Stop will be out shortly.
    - Deadline last Wednesday of the month (11/27).
  - **Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon was absent.
  - **Advisor:** Terry Davis had no report.
  - **Asst RE:** Jarod Davis was absent. (sick)
  - **RE:** John Crowe had nothing to report.
- **Old Business**
  - By consensus, there was no old business to discuss.
- **New Business**
  - Bob Sonntag's "Deja Boo!" rally.
    - It was a fun rally and most of the errors were self-induced.
  - The Crowe's rally, "Crowe Circus" (11/10)
    - It starts at Hardee's in Newburgh, IN.
    - It should be straightforward, approx. 90 miles.
  - Autocross display: Paul Dornburg reported that it is working properly.
    - There may be a problem with cables and/or connections on the trailer.
    - The display and timing computer will spend the winter in the Dornburg garage.
  - Upcoming meetings
    - December board meeting will be via ZOOM by consensus.
    - The December member meeting will be the second Tuesday (12/10) at Smitty's, as shared through Pit Stop all year.
      - Terry Davis motioned, seconded by Bob Sonntag, that the club pay for one drink and one dessert per person. Attendees buy their own dinners.
      - 2024 awards and rally #7 trophies to be presented.
      - 2025 officers will be installed.
    - Voting
      - Currently open on MSR.
      - Ballots will be included in Pit Stop and a few will be available at the meeting.
    - Schedule for 2025
      - Paul Dornburg will send a link to the club calendar so previous years can be compared.
      - 2023 may be a better starting point than 2024 (no eclipse issues in '23).
    - Need nominations for Indian Award.
    - Traveling trophies and service plaques will be collected at the November membership meeting.
  - Next Meetings
    - Member - November 12<sup>th</sup> at Smitty's, gather at 5:45 pm., business meeting at 7:00 pm.
    - Board - December 3<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom at 6:30 pm.
  - Adjournment at 7:10 pm.

## SIR/SCCA November Membership Meeting, 11/12/2024

- Opening at 7:01 pm by RE John Crowe
  - 14 members were present.
  - 1 guest of John McCarthy - Karen
  - Great to see Carolyn Dornburg back.
- **Officer reports**
  - **Secretary:** ERnie Roales moved to accept minutes as published, 2nd Terry Davis, passed.
  - **Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag (absent) reported via email a balance of \$7570.45.
  - **Activities:** Steve Backer had no report.
  - **Asst Activities:** Jim Cannon was absent.
  - **Pit Stop Editor:** Paul Dornburg reviewed birthdays and club anniversaries.
  - **Advisor:** Terry Davis had no report.
  - **Women's chair:** Dawn Sturgeon had no report.
  - **Asst RE:** Jarrod Davis had no report.
  - **RE:** Jonathan "Jr" Crowe had no report.
- **Old Business**
  - None
- **New Business**
  - Board elections
    - Electronic voting went well
    - 22 members voted
    - Slate of Officers all elected
      - One Write-in for Women's Chair
  - Meeting locations - Jr Crowe reported the Prime Time Newburgh is a possibility.
  - Traveling trophies and board service plaques need to be given to RE Crowe.
  - Christmas Banquet/Awards
    - Will be held with a regular membership meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Smitty's.
    - Dressier attire is suggested.
    - Dave And SueEllyn volunteered to do "The Game."
      - Volunteers needed to obtain gifts
  - Event Results, Trophies, and Prizes
    - The MirrorCross fun event, by Paul Dornburg
    - The "World-Famous Ice Cream Rally" by Paul Dornburg
    - The "Deji Boo!" rally by Sonntag/Davis
    - Please see the region's website for the results.
    - 2024 Rally Championship was very close and was not decided until the last event.
- Next Meetings
  - Board - December 3<sup>rd</sup> via ZOOM at 6:30 pm.
  - Membership/Banquet - December 10<sup>th</sup> at Smitty's, gather at 5:45 pm for dinner, meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Attendance drawing was won by Dave Lehrschall.
- Adjournment
  - Jeff Jackson moved to adjourn, seconded by all. Meeting adjourned.
    - Still 15 present.

## TLDR

- GET AN ANNUAL **WAIVER**!!! You can apply for your 2025 annual waiver now!
- 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](http://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](http://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 134 members as of 12/01/2024.

### December Anniversaries

David Lehrsall	12/07/2004	20 yrs.
John Whitaker	12/01/2016	8 yrs.
Michele Whitaker	12/01/2016	8 yrs.
Chase Reising	12/30/2019	5 yrs.
Jeff Reising	12/30/2019	5 yrs.
Linda Reising	12/23/2022	2 yrs.

### December Birthdays

David Wheelock	12/2
Sean Reising	12/4
Dennis Duke	12/5
Larry Kirk	12/5
Joely Evenson	12/8
Josie Crowe	12/12
Jeff Reising	12/13
Jonathan McGregor	12/17
Paul Dornburg	12/24
Chase Reising	12/28

## Event Results

### Crowe Circus by Jr. & Josie Crowe

#### Crowe Circus 2.0

Jonathan Crowe, Rallymaster  
 Josie Crowe, Assistant Rallymaster  
 Paul Dornburg, Road Rally Safety Steward  
 November 11, 2024

Driver / Navigator	Class	Ckpt 1	Ckpt 2	Ckpt 3	Ckpt 4	Ckpt 5	Ckpt 6	Ckpt 7	Total
1 Harold Davis / Karen Davis (#4)	A	0	0	+15	+1	+6	0	+1	23
2 Terry Davis / Bob Sonntag (#1)	A	0	0	-30 *	0 *	+5	-1	+1	37
3 Davis / Sonntag (#11)	A	-9 *	0	-29 *	0 *	+5	-1	+1	45
4 Jon Schwartz / Wanda Schwartz (#3)	A	+13	+6	+16	-2	+3	+7	0	47
5 Dave Lehrsall / Sue Lehrsall (#2)	A	+5	-10 *	+23	0 *	+11	+4	+1	54
1 Greg Wilkins / Terri Wilkins (#7)	B	-15	+3	-35	+1	-7	-2	-1	64
2 Dawn Sturgeon / Jim Cannon (#8)	B	+10	-3	-48 *	+12	+8	+47	+2	130
3 James Hurm / Jim Hurm (#6)	B	+15	+92	-166	-3	-1	+42	0	319
4 Ernie Roales / Sue Roales (#5)	B	-10	+65 *	+868 *	+5	-4	+11	0	963
1 Paul Dornburg / Dave Plane (#200)	X	-8	+27	+15	+3	+16	+56	+6	131

Leg Times: 11:42.000 11:32.000 25:01.000 8:02.000 12:57.000 21:14.000 3:02.000

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

Critique Notes: n/a

### SIR/SCCA 2024 Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
December				
12.03	Tue	6:30 PM	Christmas Board Meeting - All members welcome.	ZOOM - Contact <a href="mailto:treasurer@sirscca.org">treasurer@sirscca.org</a> for the link.
12.10	Tue	5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet - All members welcome, Contact <a href="mailto:treasurer@sirscca.org">treasurer@sirscca.org</a> w/reservation count	Smitty's Italian Restaurant 2109 West Franklin Street, Evansville, IN
12.24	Tue		Christmas Eve	
12.25	Wed		Christmas	
12.31	Tue		New Year's Eve	

**Points:**

**2024 Berry Points-Final**

**2024 Rally Points-Final**

Final Points	Total Berry Points	Meeting Berry Points	Fun Berry Points	Work Berry Points	AX Berry Points	Rally Berry Points
1 Paul Dornburg	95	11	7	25	35	17
2 Bob Sonntag	92	10	7	25	23	27
3 ERnie Roales	91	11	4	25	24	27
4 Jr. Crowe	88	10	2	15	33	28
5 Jim Cannon	80	4	2	25	29	20
6 Dave Lehrschall	72	10	2	25	13	22
7 Dawn Sturgeon	71	9	0	25	17	20
8 Terry Davis	70	8	7	20	8	27
9 Jarrod Davis	61	10	2	15	32	2
10 Larry Pearsall	58	9	2	25	14	8
11 Brent Sturgeon	51	9	0	15	27	0
12 Steve Backer	49	10	2	20	17	0
12 Jeff Jackson	49	8	0	15	26	0
12 Kevin Rector	49	0	2	25	22	0
15 Carolyn Dornburg	48	8	2	25	8	5
16 Jon Schwartze	43	4	0	5	32	2
17 Barry Beaman	42	4	2	15	21	0
18 Harold Davis	40	2	0	10	0	28
18 Karen Davis	40	2	0	10	0	28
20 John McCarthy	37	9	0	10	18	0
21 Don Beaman	36	1	2	15	18	0
22 Susan Roales	35	1	2	5	0	27
23 Jeff Metz	34	0	0	5	27	2
24 Josie Crowe	33	3	2	0	0	28
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 George Lewis (R)	11	5	0	0	4	2
34 Eric Shade	11	6	0	0	5	0
36 Ron Davis (R)	10	2	2	0	6	0
36 Michelle Deutsch	10	2	0	0	8	0
36 Don Kelley	10	0	0	10	0	0
36 Joel Wasser (R)	10	0	2	0	8	0
40 Jacob Campbell	8	0	0	0	8	0
40 James Hum	8	0	0	0	0	8
40 Jim Hum	8	0	0	0	0	8
40 Morgan Metz	8	0	0	0	8	2
40 Ryan Pearsall	8	2	0	0	0	6
40 Bill Wheelock	8	2	2	0	4	0
46 James Nichols	7	0	2	0	5	0
47 Dennis Duncan	6	0	0	0	6	0
47 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
52 David Wheelock	4	0	2	0	2	0
54 Derek Griffith	3	1	0	0	0	2
54 Reggie Sandy	3	1	0	0	2	0
56 Darlene Cannon	2	2	0	0	0	0
56 Charles Coleman (R)	2	0	0	0	2	0
56 Cathy Condi	2	2	0	0	0	0
56 Paul Condi Jr.	2	2	0	0	0	0
56 John Luke Crowe	2	2	0	0	0	0
56 Courtney Davis (R)	2	0	0	0	0	2
56 Drew Gerth	2	0	0	0	2	0
56 Samuel Reshad	2	0	0	0	2	0
56 Jamsheed Reshad	2	0	0	0	2	0
56 Caleb Scarbrough	2	0	0	0	2	0
56 Barry Schonberger	2	2	0	0	0	0
56 Wanda Schwartze	2	0	0	0	0	2
68 Marci Backer	1	1	0	0	0	0
68 Courtney Fehribach	1	1	0	0	0	0
68 Dean Fehribach	1	1	0	0	0	0
68 John Warren	1	1	0	0	0	0

Rally Points-Final	Find Another Opportunity	Knox County Knock About	Hill and Dale	G P Guess	The World Famous Ice Cream Rally	Deja Boo!	Crowe Circus	Total	Low Score	Rally Points Total - Low
	Sonntag / Davis	Team Roales	Team Davis	Team Lehrschall	Team Dornburg	Davis / Sonntag	Team Crowe			
1 Jr. Crowe	5	2	2	2	4	5	5	28	2	26
1 Josie Crowe	5	5	2	2	4	5	5	28	2	26
1 Harold Davis	5	2	5	2	4	5	5	28	2	26
1 Karen Davis	5	2	5	2	4	5	5	28	2	26
2 Bob Sonntag	5	2	2	4	5	5	4	27	2	25
2 Terry Davis	5	2	2	4	5	5	4	27	2	25
2 ERnie Roales	4	5	2	5	5	4	2	27	2	25
2 Susan Roales	4	5	2	5	5	4	2	27	2	25
3 Dave Lehrschall	4	5	2	5	2	2	2	22	2	20
3 Suellyn Lehrschall	4	5	0	5	2	2	2	20	0	20
4 Jim Cannon	2	2	4	4	2	2	4	20	2	18
4 Dawn Sturgeon	2	2	4	4	2	2	4	20	2	18
5 Paul Dornburg	2	4	2	2	5	0	2	17	0	17
6 Larry Pearsall	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	8	0	8
6 James Hum	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	8	0	8
6 Jim Hum	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	8	0	8
7 Ryan Pearsall	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	6
8 Carolyn Dornburg	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	5
9 Jarrod Davis	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
9 Jon Schwartze	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
9 Jeff Metz	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
9 George Lewis (R)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
9 Morgan Metz	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
9 Derek Griffith	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
9 Courtney Davis (R)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
9 Wanda Schwartze	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2

**2024 Rookie of the Year-Final**

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

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### Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for December 2024

I'd like to take a moment and divert from the usual agenda for a special acknowledgement.

One of the many duties of a Director is to vote on various SCCA awards. We don't vote on all of them, just a few. Having a say about who wins what award or prize gives me a lot of pride and is a small return on my personal investment in the position.

While I didn't vote on this particular award, it gave me GREAT pleasure to read about it in the SportsCar News email (AKA.....Kerrie Speed) I received on 11/26. I was heartened to read that Velma and Raleigh Boreen have been elected to the SCCA Hall of Fame. I could not think of two more deserving members. Their efforts for the club have no bounds. I have had the privilege to work them on a variety of fronts over the years. They have been a steady and reliable source of wisdom for me during my tenure and have given me keen insight on many occasions. I truly appreciate all of their efforts on the Club's behalf. Please congratulate them for this honor the next time you see them.

Now back to the normal detritus of this update.....here's what I did since my last report.....

#### Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (11/5): A post event discussion was held with staff about issues that cropped up at the Runoffs. Various remedies for those issues will be contemplated over the next few months to try and make the Runoffs a better event. Some polishing was also done on the class mergers. A conversation was also had about Flagtronics and how it would be implemented more broadly into the Club Racing program. Further discussions on all of these topics will be held at the face-to-face BoD meeting in December (12/7). The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (11/13): We prepared for the December region meeting on 12/10. For that Zoom call, we would need some content to collate the news about the EVAC's efforts. We also worked on a SportsCar News announcement using the same info. It's also the time of year when we start preparing for the SCCA Convention. As usual, there will be a session to update the membership on our advancements during the year.
- Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) (11/19): Unfortunately, due to a previously scheduled personal event, I was not able to attend this Zoom call. It was a meeting about the 2025 budget, and we will discuss this in more detail at the face to face meeting in December.
- Board of Directors (11/25): Our normally scheduled monthly meeting was cancelled as we would meet face to face in December.

#### SCCA Events:

- None

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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, our 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](http://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.

*Dayle Frame*

## A little extra



A few weeks ago, Harold Davis sent me an email telling me that during their downsizing they came across a trophy from the first rally they did with our region.

He also sent me a picture of the dash plaque from the 1975 event.

I dug through the old Pit Stops and found the May 1975 edition and the results of the rally.

28 Teams! That's 56 people. The most we've seen in the recent past might be 30.



WHITE KNUCKLE RALLY				CHECKPOINT						
Events Marshall George Beckerman				1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
MEMBERS CLASS										
1.	J. Sutton / V. Ohl	*		0	37	0	55	100	27	219
2.	T. Bootz / J. Bootz	*	FTD	100	19	0	38	100	13	270
3.	D. Phipps / T. Bates	*		0	43	0	85	300	33	461
4.	J. Smith / D. Wierman	*		100	42	400	120	100	35	797
5.	B. Luthe / R. Brown			100	51	100	96	400	50	797
6.	T. Tipsword / S. Tipsword			0	29	400	55	300	18	802
7.	G. Patmore / A. Patmore			100	59	200	104	300	62	825
8.	J. Pruitt / L. Kell			0	92	100	113	500	55	860
9.	B. Kelley / M. Johnson			100	94	200	77	400	47	918
10.	T. Davis / S. Davis			0	47	400	89	500	37	1068
11.	L. Zirco / F. Pendly			100	47	0	106	900	36	1189
12.	W. Lineback / C. Freeman			0	50	400	89	700	35	1274
13.	M. Freeman / M. Freeman			100	33	100	64	1100	28	1425
14.	E. Cougill / R. Mehling			0	65	3000	3000	3000	3000	12065
15.	C. Zehner / R. Hofman			100	196	3000	3000	3000	3000	12296
16.	B. Agnew / K. Sweat			1200	16	3000	3000	3000	3000	13291
17.	D. Stillwell / J. Barrow			3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	18000
18.	D. Johnson / S. Johnson			3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	18000
GUEST CLASS										
1.	H. Davis / K. Davis	*		100	30	0	69	300	47	546
2.	D. Siler / B. Egli	*		100	200	300	135	400	69	1204
3.	S. Carlson / B. Taylor	*		400	148	400	257	1400	158	2763
4.	L. Buchtman / M. Buchtman			500	163	3000	3000	3000	118	9781
5.	R. Heerdink / M. Cuteridge			100	34	3000	3000	3000	3000	12134
6.	A. Wun / D. Engle			200	81	3000	3000	3000	3000	12281
7.	G. Hill / S. Talbert			300	101	3000	3000	3000	3000	12401
8.	C. Drew / D. Enlow			500	47	3000	3000	3000	3000	12547
9.	R. Enlow / Y. Kell			800	68	3000	3000	3000	3000	13291
10.	S. Duke / Y. Duke			2400	102	3000	3000	3000	3000	14502

\* = TROPHY  
3000 POINTS = MAX PENALTY

Maybe we can get Harold and Karen and Terry and Sally Davis to tell us about the rally sometime in the future.

One can see that a couple of teams got perfect scores of 18000.

I wonder what the FTD for Team Bootz was for.



## **SIR Members go to Columbus for an Autocross in August.** (yeah, I know it's a little late)

SIR members ventured forth to run with the Columbus Region at Freeman Municipal Airport near Seymour, Indiana. Myself, Jarrod and Cameron Davis, and Don and Barry Beaman. The course was tight in places with some room to put the throttle down. Barry finished second in B Street, Jarrod was first in XA and I squeaked past Don to take D Street. All in all, a good event with a good bunch of autocrossers.

- Ernie Roales

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, me and my brother Cameron, Ernie Roales, and Don and Barry Beaman made an unplanned trip to the Columbus Region's autocross, and we walked away with 3 trophies out of 5 people, 2 of them finishing 1 and 2 in the same class. I got 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest Raw Time, and 1<sup>st</sup> place in XA class. This was my brother Cameron's first time autocrossing a stick shift and he had only learned to drive it a couple of days before the event. He drove it for the first time on Friday then he drove 2 hours to Seymour, autocrossed, and then drove all the way back, only stalling it once! He was stuck in XA class with me and his car had really hard daily driving tires, so it was a learning experience for him for the most part. Ernie was able to take home 1<sup>st</sup> place in D Street with Don behind in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Barry was able to get 2<sup>nd</sup> place in B Street with his Supra. About 50 drivers showed up and we took home a good percentage of the trophies that were awarded. All in all, it was a great showing for our region.

- Jarrod Davis

## **Winter Activities:**

We'd like to do a 3-event sim-racing challenge. Fastest Lap in Evansville has state of the art, motion simulator rigs. I've always wanted to do something more in the offseason months of December to April, and I believe this is a great place to do so. The preferred dates would be the same as Cars N' Coffee events in Evansville, as those car shows start at 9am. Fastest Lap opens at noon, and it would be pretty easy for some of our Cars N' Coffee participating members to swing by and get some seat time in while having some fun with other club members. Dates would be January 5th, February 2nd, and March 2nd. Fastest Lap has a very easy registration/booking system on their website, and members would be encouraged to sign up and book an allotted time between 12pm and 1pm. You only pay for the minutes you use the sim rigs, not the booked time, so they don't charge until you're on location. Plan to book a 1-hour slot, and if you don't use it all, that's fine. They currently have 4 sim rigs active, with another 4 available (Total of 8) in the very near future. This should accommodate us very well in a less than 2-to-3-hour window. I would like to ask anyone that signs up to let me know they are attending as well. As the challenge goes, we would all be on the same track, same car/class for at least the first 2 events, and would be able to set lap times to compare with others, very similar to how our autocrosses function. iRacing will be the preferred simulator, although they do have Assetto Corsa available as well. Perhaps for the 3rd event we could do an actual full-on race with warmup, qualifying, and a 30-minute race.

Tracks and car selection will be determined later, but I'm very much leaning towards the most beginner friendly, to sim-racing, cars on the iRacing service, such as the GR86 cup car or club spec Mazda MX5, and smaller American tracks such as Laguna Seca, Watkins Glen, Sebring International, Virginia International Raceway, etc.

Let me know what you think.

- Jon Schwartze - [jon.schwartze@gmail.com](mailto:jon.schwartze@gmail.com)

## 2025 Board of Directors



**Regional Executive:** Jonathan Crowe, also known as Jr., is starting his 8<sup>th</sup> year on the Board, his third as RE. He joined the SCCA in July of 2010 and was persuaded to join the board in 2016. His primary interest is autocross but after he and his daughter Josie did quite well in the 2023 rally season, they upped their game and tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2024 rally season. Then, Jr. won his 1<sup>st</sup> autocross championship this year, finally! He ended his outstanding year 4<sup>th</sup> in Berry points.



**Assistant Regional Executive:** Jarrod Davis is starting his 2<sup>nd</sup> year on the Board. He was the 2023 Rookie of the Year. In 2024 he finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the autocross point standings. He started autocrossing in 2020 off and on. In late 2022 he became a regular and joined the SIR SCCA. He mainly competes in autocrosses and drive in HPDE events when he can. He did a rally this year which contributed to his 9<sup>th</sup> place Berry point total.



**Secretary:** Ernie Roales has been an SCCA member since 2009 and is starting his 5<sup>th</sup> year as club secretary. He intends to compete for all the club trophies in 2025 although his philosophy is to just compete and let the points accumulate. ERnie has been the event marshal for a few autocrosses known as "Quick & Dirty". In 2024 ERnie and his wife Sue were tied with the Sonntag/Davis team for 2<sup>nd</sup> in rally points. He finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Berry points, 9<sup>th</sup> in SIR autocross points and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in D Street class in the Great Lakes Division Solo Series.



**Treasurer:** Bob Sonntag is a long-time SCCA member (44 yrs) most of which has been spent on our board. His last break from the board was from 2001 to 2002 because he moved to Phoenix, AZ for a very short period of time. He's held most of the positions available over the years. He's won the club's Berry Trophy many, many times as well as the Autocross and Rally trophies many times. He has also received the Indian Award. His favorite SCCA activity is Time/Speed/Distance rallying. He enjoys putting them on as well as competing. He is also a member of the National Rally Board. In 2024, he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Berry points, tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in rally points, and finished 18<sup>th</sup> in autocross points...running his Genesis GV80, an SUV.



**Activities Chair:** Steve Backer starts his 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the Board after being a club member since 2002. Steve autocrosses a white 2015 Scion FR-S or a 1969 Datsun Roadster depending on the day. He was 13<sup>th</sup> in 2024 SIR autocross points and 12<sup>th</sup> in Berry points. He'll be the person who records your point totals for our programs and will also be asking people to be event chairs. He attends most of the club meetings and autocrosses so look for him there.



**Assistant Activity Chairman:** Jon Schwartze, has been a club member since 2017, but also participated in multiple events in the years 2000-2001 as a guest. This is his first year serving on the board. Jon has had multiple seasons of 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in autocross points, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place points finish in 2022. He went to Solo Nationals in 2024 for the first time, competing in B Street in his BMW M2. Jon's goal is to improve winter time activities for club members.



**Women's Chair:** Dawn Sturgeon is now starting her 5<sup>th</sup> year on the Board. She joined our region in 2016 and autocross is her primary interest although she has entered a few rallies. She has been to the Solo Nationals 5 times competing in D Street in her Subaru and most recently in F Street in her 2017 Mustang GT. In 2024 she was 15<sup>th</sup> in autocross points, 4<sup>th</sup> in rally points and 7<sup>th</sup> in Berry points.



**Pit Stop Newsletter editor:** Paul Dornburg has been on the Board every year since 2000 except 2014. Paul joined the SCCA in 1996 and it took 4 years for Ken Andrew to talk him into joining the Board. Paul starts his 15<sup>th</sup> year as the newsletter editor. He also had a 5-year stint as Regional Executive 2006 to 2010. Paul's favorite club activity is autocrossing where he's been the autocross points champion for the last 6 years and 12 times since 2000. He also has a rally championship somewhere in the 20+ years he's been with the club. This year he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in autocross points, 5<sup>th</sup> in rally points and 1<sup>st</sup> in Berry points.

## **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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