



The PitStop!



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February Report



It is February already. The small group that made it the January membership meeting have taken the Berry Points lead. In the coming months we'll see how those now tied for first, do in the tough battle to hold the lead. We'll also see how those now tied in second (or last) -- though only a point behind -- do in their battles to move up in the standings.

Activities Chairman Gene Young is need of event marshals for most of this year's events. Even if you've not been an event marshal before, please let Gene know you're interested. Tutoring and mentoring is available. Come on now don't be shy.

Our rally program continues to be small but seems to be growing in intensity. We'll again cluster the rallies towards the beginning and end of the year. This helps those that run autocross events outside of our region still have open weekends in the summer. Rallies are a great opportunity for us to reach out to potential new members. It would also be great to see seldom-active members come out for a rally or two. Heck, just come work a checkpoint to help out. Four to six car rallies just aren't as fun as rallies with ten or more cars. Without enough cars, loops don't intermingle the cars. Without the Moores in residence who is going to be the smack talkin' GPS-enabled car that can't maintain a CAST? (Hey, that trash talking is pretty easy! And fun too!)

To keep our rally program growing we're toying with the idea of a clinic for rally masters. Having our rallies based on a common understanding helps us have more fun with rallies. There was also talk of a navigator clinic at the last Board meeting. If you're interested in either education opportunity please let me know. If there is sufficient interest in a repeating of the general rally school it could be repeated.

We're still in good with the Mid-American Air Center and look for the double patch parties again this year. The "Snow Buster" of recent history seems to be just that. Recent history. But hey that doesn't mean we can't get something going. Though the 2004 "Snow Buster" was quite cold I think we all had a good time complaining about how cold it was and easing back into the autocross routine. Uh, that and it's fun to run an event without getting caught up in too much competition.

By the time this article is published we will have had our first bowling event at Owensboro's Diamond Lanes and be only weeks away from the concluding event at Willow Lanes in Evansville. What a hoot! Think about it. We bought a leaf blower to blow itsy bitsy pebbles off of parking lots and airports. We spend a full day working hard to drive for a total of 4 to 6 minutes in an autocross knowing that regardless of how little time it took less time would have been even better. Let alone those folk that have cars that might get driven an hour a year! Or we spend all afternoon wandering fun roads, counting on our fingers, reading instructions, become paranoid about the odometer, speedometer, and time-of-day and if we do everything spot on, we will pretty much get us back to where we started. And now we've added renting used funky shoes to play with our (bowling) balls -- or even borrowed (bowling) balls at that -- between two gutters on the INSIDE of a building! Who puts gutters on the inside of a building? Are we fun or what?

I'll see you on Tuesday, February 10, at the Evansville Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon. Oh, yea, "ALCUMPKY" and "Hello Paul's Mom."

Zoom-Zoom,
Bob Sonntag, *Regional Executive*

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SIR SCCA Membership Meeting:1-11-05

- Meeting called to order at 8:04 pm by Bob Sonntag, RE.
- Secretary- Review of December's Christmas Party.
- Treasurer- We've got money.
- Advisor to the Board- Internet search tips were passed out. Story of a dog and a phone. Toy of the month.
- Activities Chairman- Looking for event marshals for rallies. Jim Canon volunteered. Owensboro Bowling Announced
- Assistant Activities Chairman- No new business.
- RE – No report
- Membership Update- 89 members
- Presentation of Tom's trophy for Club Ford Racing.
- Steven Montgomery wins the card drawing and a free entry into bowling.
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:23 pm

January Board Meeting

There was no board meeting held in January. February's meeting will be held January 31st.

Notes and Such...

On Saturday, January 15th we had round one of the **SIR SCCA Winter Challenge** at Diamond Lanes South Bowling Alley. 12 bowlers showed up to test their skills on the lanes. Practice commenced at 1:30 and after a few minutes of forming excuses, competition began. Julie Seeber, Glenn Deno, Bob Sonntag and Paul Dornburg led off with strikes, Jim Lee and Kyle Nichter spared while Gene Young, Jim Sutton, Carolyn Dornburg, Tim Green, Cathy Heck and Gary Heck all opened. At the end of the first game Glenn Deno had a 231 for the high men's game and Carolyn Dornburg had a 148 for the high lady's game. Only Gary was able to strike in the first frame of the second game while Jim Sutton, Bob, Paul and Glenn spared. Deductive reasoning will tell you what the others did. Paul bowled a 212 to be the high bowler of game two while Julie Seeber had a 139 to lead the Ladies. Striking in frame one of game three were Kyle Nichter and Jim Lane. Carolyn, Tim and Paul all spared their first frame and the un-named opened. Jim Lee had the male high game of 182 while Carolyn had a nice 161. Check out the score page to see all the bowling scores.

Round two will be February 12th in Evansville at Willow Lanes. We will have the lanes for two hours, 1:30 to 3:30 so get there in time to get setup. Cost for this round is \$45 per lane for two hours so if there are four bowlers on each lane the costs will be \$11.25 per bowler. I hope to see a strong contingent of SIR bowlers on hand. Please contact Bob Sonntag or Paul Dornburg and let them know if you will be participating.

The 2005 schedule of events is included in this issue and shows events through June of this year. Some of the events are tentative but most are accurate. Expect a variance of a week at most for any changes.

The first Rally will be held February 6th and will be a Bingo Rally put on by John Coen. What is a Bingo Rally? You will be given a bingo type card which requires that you take pictures of select items to meet the requirements of that square. The items may be a certain location (example – city limit sign of Owensville, Indiana), something that you may encounter randomly (example – a motor home towing a car), or something that may take some ingenuity on your part (example – a girl in a bathing suit). Each crew will pick its own route in an attempt to gain the highest score.

Starting point will be the Subway at the Pilot truck stop just north of the intersection of Interstate 64 and US Route 41. End of the rally will be at the Quality Inn which is just across Route 41 and slightly south of the start.

Registration and tech inspection will be at 12:30 CST. Cars out at 1:30. Running time will be two hours.

Leave your stopwatches and calculators at home. However, each crew will need a digital or Polaroid camera. If you can't find one come anyway. Someone will have an extra.

A map covering a 60 mile radius of the start would be a good idea.

All photos must be taken during the time of the rally and they must be original pictures, no photos of photos, nothing from the internet.

Unless specifically stated otherwise all pictures that require a person to be involved must be of a person that is not a participant of this rally. Each car can have any number of people in the crew, from one to four or more.

Rally Review

Our 2004 Rally season consisted of eight events held over 10 months. Besides the typical Time-Distance-Speed type rallies there were two fun type rallies.

The first rally was put on by Bob Sonntag assisted by Terry Davis and took the teams through northwestern Kentucky. In the "A" class the winners were Chris and Carrie Moore. Gary and Cathy Heck took the honors in "B" class while Darrin and Teresa Bailey took the guest trophy.

The first "fun" rally included a TSD event as well as a food drive for the University of Southern Indiana's Archibald food closet. Some very creative purchasing allowed the trophy to end up in the hands of the Ken Andrew/Paul Dornburg team although they finished second in the timed event to Terry Davis/Bob Sonntag team in the "A" class. Glen and Georgiana Wior took home the gold in the "B" class while Team Montgomery took the win in the Guest class.

The Heck's put on the third Rally and Team Moore took first in "A" class while Glen and Georgiana Wior took the win in "B" class. Guest class winners were the students, Kathryn Birdwell and Jenny Christian. The Hecks rallied the seven cars through southern Indiana from Evansville to Reo and back.

Rally Four was put on by Paul Dornburg and Ken Andrew and toured eastern Daviess County in Kentucky from one DQ to another. Again Team Moore dominated the "A" class while Team Davis/Sonntag changed classes and took home the "B" class trophy. In the Guest class Stephan Wallace and Erin Edens were first and actually got the best score of the rally.

At this point in the Rally season Team Moore was in the lead over Team Davis/Sonntag followed by Team Heck. Team Andrew/Dornburg had participated in three of the four events and finished second every time, a pattern that was to be repeated throughout the rest of the season. The rallyists now had a two month break.

In late September Ken Andrew put on Rally Five. Team Davis/Sonntag went back to "A" class and won with an amazing score of only 29 penalty points. Jim and Darlene Cannon took first in "B" class while Team Student, Kathryn Birdwell and Jenny Christian again won the Guest class.

The Food Rally was up next and was it ever an event! The instructions could have been printed in Japanese for some of the teams as they had never seen the TV Food program to which all of the questions referred. And then when it came time to judge the results the judges had taken in too much of the fine food and liquor and could not render a decision. The final results were presented at the next club meeting and everyone that participated won a trophy of some kind. No points were awarded for this rally.

John Coen put on his first rally for our club and rallied us through south western Indiana on Halloween. Team Davis/Sonntag won "A" class by beating Team Andrew/Dornburg by less than a minute and a half. Gene Young and Mitchell Seeber won "B" class. The event ending feed was a terrific spread complete with appropriate Halloween decorations. John and Mimsie put on a terrific event on their very first try. No wonder they got the Indian Award!

The last event was put on by Terry Davis and followed a similar route used in the first Rally. Only three teams showed up for the late fall ride through Kentucky. John Coen and Frank Totten won "A" class while Nathen Eagleson and Ted Eagleson won "B" class. Because Team Moore was moving to Savannah, GA they missed this event and their chance at the Rally Trophy.

So, in the final rundown the Rally champion Team was Terry Davis and Bob Sonntag based on their four wins in the six points events they ran. The Moores could have tied for the lead had they not had to move. Team Andrew/Dornburg finished second in every Rally they participated in and garnered a tie for second place with the Moores. Let's hope that the 2005 Rally season is at least as successful as the 2004 version and then some.

Paul Dornburg

2005 Schedule – Tentative until the after the February Board meeting on 1/31/05

January 05	February 05	March 05
8 – Bowling Sign up 11 - Tue- Membership meeting Lonestar Steakhouse - Just off Green River Rd 15 – Bowling Tournament Round One Owensboro, KY - Diamond Lanes South Sign in at 1:00 PM, 1 st ball at 1:30 PM 27 – 30 SCCA Convention 31 – Feb Board Meeting	6 – Bingo Rally #1 - John Coen Start at Subway just north of I-64 on 41 8 - Tue- Membership meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd 12 - Bowling Tournament Round Two Willow Lanes, Evansville IN Sign in at 1:00 PM, 1 st ball at 1:30 PM 25-26 - 100 Acre Wood Rally, Salem, MO 28 – Mar Board Meeting	6 - Rally #2 8 - Tue- Membership meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd 13 – Rally #3 18-20 SCCA Tour Event Walnut Ridge, AR 20 - Autocross #1, SnowBuster, maybe? Civic Center?
April 05	May 05	June 05
4– Board Meeting 8-10 SCCA Tour Event, Atlanta, GA 9 – Sat - Patch Party Part I - Lawrenceville, IL 9:00 AM until holes are filled 12-Tue- Membership meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd 16 – Sat - Patch Party II - Lawrenceville, IL 9:00 AM until holes are filled 23 - Sat-Test & Tune-Lawrenceville, IL	1 - Rally #4 2– Board Meeting 10-Tue-Membership meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd 15 - Autocross #2, Lawrenceville, IL Opening Bookend	5 - Autocross #3, Heritage Hills HS 6 – Board Meeting 10-12 SCCA Tour Event, Toledo, OH 14 - Membership meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd. 18 - Autocross #4, Owensboro Airport 26 - SoIL Autocross, Lawrenceville, IL 26 – Board Meeting

Autocross Events:

9:30 A.M. - Course set-up begins
 11:00 A.M. - Registration and Tech open
 12:30 P.M. - Registration and Tech close!!!
 Rookie Instruction
 12:45 P.M. - Driver's meeting
 1:00 P.M. – First car off

Rally Events:

12:30 P.M. -- Registration and Tech open
 1:00 P.M. -- Registration and Tech close
 1:15 P.M. -- Driver's meeting
 1:30 P.M. – First car off

Membership Meetings:

6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. – Socializing
 7:00 P.M. – Dinner
 8:00 P.M. -- Business meeting

Those who know they will be late arriving for an autocross should let Paul Dornburg know in advance

E-mail or phone by 6:00 PM the preceding day or register at myautoevents.com

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Lawrenceville Autocrosses are at Mid-American Air Park near Lawrenceville, IL

Owensboro Autocrosses are at Owensboro/Daviess County Airport, Owensboro, KY

Heritage Hills Autocross is at Heritage Hills High School parking lot, Santa Claus, IN

Civic Center Autocross is held at the Evansville Civic Center parking lot

Berry Points

Ken Andrew	1
Nancy Andrew	1
James Barrow	1
Gerry Bubenzer	1
Jim Cannon	1
Mimsie Coen	1
John Coen	1
Terry Davis	1
Tim Green	1
Gary Heck	1
Steve Montgomery	1
Barry Schonberger	1
Kent Schonberger	1
Bob Sonntag	1
Glenn Wior	1
Gene Young	1

Bowler Raw Scores

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total	Average	High Game
Bob Sonntag	100	78	91	269	90	100
Carolyn Dornburg	148	115	161	424	141	161
Cathy Heck	79	103	95	277	92	103
Gary Heck	101	96	60	257	86	101
Gene Young	107	112	83	302	101	112
Glenn Deno	231	166	149	546	182	231
Jim Lee	129	144	182	455	152	182
Jim Sutton	127	190	102	419	140	190
Julie Seeber	125	139	98	362	121	139
Kyle Nichter	168	119	165	452	151	168
Paul Dornburg	208	212	155	575	192	212
Tim Green	168	85	114	367	122	168

Team Scores

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total	Hi Game
Glenn Deno / Jim Lee	360	310	331	1001	360
Paul Dornburg / Carolyn Dornburg	356	327	316	999	356
Kyle Nichter / Tim Green	336	204	279	819	336
Jim Sutton / Bob Sonntag	227	268	193	688	268
Julie Seeber / Gene Young	232	251	181	664	251
Cathy Heck / Gary Heck	180	199	155	534	199

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SCCA: A club with many interests

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