

June Report



It's just June and already it seems like a year's worth of things have happened. A quick review of the calendar makes it easy to see why. Aside from the canceled Test -N-Tune event we have not had many weekends off since the end of February. It's strange to think our year is slowing down in June -- but we do have TWO weekends off.

I'm writing this article just a couple of days after the Opening Bookend autocross. Since we will probably have a different course for the Closing Bookend I'm not sure "Bookend" is as appropriate as it once was. Perhaps we should have called last Sunday's event the "New Car Autocross." We certainly had drivers with new or modified cars since the Snow Buster back in March. Now let's see...Terry Davis was there with his Porsche C4S (that he'd gotten the day before). John Coen was there with his new yellow Honda S2000 (that used to be Steve Montgomery's). Paul Dornburg was there with a different tow vehicle and his Porsche, with the engine and transmission work finally completed on the 911. As if Paul didn't already have enough tire, he is now running FOUR feet of rubber on the 911SC. (*I don't think Mike Freeman's March -- that had REALLY big tires -- had FOUR feet of rubber on the ground.*) Steve Montgomery was running my Datsun 1200 and

I was in my (new to me) Legrand Mk 25. Gene Young and Julie Seeber were running the Locost in AM. Tim Green ran his Mustang on street tires again for the first time in a couple of years.

As we enjoyed our new Lawrenceville layout I was reminded of just how much we patched. It was easy to see the new concrete on the course walks. But that's not really saying much as I'm only going about 3 MPH. It's was after I realized that I noticed the patches while running the course at speed did I realize just how big some of those patches still are. However, they still seemed bigger while we were doing the patching! Now they are pretty good reference points. Of course Tim Green, our chief, concrete mixer still remembers that he lifted nearly every bag on three pallets of concrete. His concrete work out must have worked out as the girls at Hardee's thought he looked rather buff.

Hopefully we will all have caught up on our household chores and be ready for our Heritage Hills High School autocross on June 5. Though the Heritage Hills lot isn't the biggest, we usually have a good course and a fun day. Let's hope there isn't any dancing -- rain or otherwise -- involved this year either.

We follow the Heritage Hills autocross up with our membership meeting. The May membership meeting was held at the Evansville Pasta Grill. We didn't have much of a crowd; but, on the upside it was easy to share the hot bread and salad. The June membership meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14, at the newly

remodeled Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon. We start gathering and socializing at 6:30, have dinner about 7:00, and start the business meeting promptly at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 14. (Gotten the hint? About June 14?)

On the weekend of the 25th & 26th you will have the opportunity for a weekend full of autocrossing at two area airports. On Saturday, we will have our first Owensboro-Daviess County Airport autocross of the year. Check the schedule for the adjusted event times as our schedule is changed to allow for the Saturday flight. The Owensboro courses can be fun and we'll certainly be encouraging something that maximizes the pavement layout. On Sunday, the Southern Illinois Region will be having their June event at the Mid-American Air Center in Lawrenceville. I don't know their plan, but if you run their event you will likely get some practice on running the clockwise direction around the new turn.

I'm still hoping for a larger font, so I'm not investing space in mentioning that the Peru Tour is rapidly approaching and that it's a great event worth entering. Or that I'd like to see you at the Heritage Hills event and also at our June meeting on Tuesday, June 14th. (You knew the date, right?)

Zoom-Zoom,
Bob Sonntag, *Regional Executive*

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February Board Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm at the Pasta Grill
- 2) Reports:
 - a. Secretary- Reading of the Minutes Dispensed With
 - b. Treasurer- We Have Money
 - c. Advisor to the Board- No Report
 - d. Activities Chairman- No Report
 - e. Assistant Activities Chairman- No Report
 - f. Pit Stop Editor- Absent on Business
 - g. Assistant Regional Executive- No Report
 - h. Regional Executive- No Report
- 3) Membership Report- 85 Members Currently
- 4) Old Business
 - a. Comp. Regulations Adjustments- No New Progress
 - b. Purchases In Progress- Pylons, PA Speakers, Red Flags
 - c. Inventory for Insurance- Complete
- 5) New Business
 - a. Recent Events
 - i. Patch Party 1- Extremely Productive
 - ii. Patch Party 2- Blowing and Sweeping
 - iii. Test and Tune- Cancelled Due to Lack of Attendees
 - iv. Ken's Rally
 - b. New Generator Supplier/Routine
 - c. Statement of Liability- Complete
- 6) Motion to Adjourn at 6:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Montgomery, *Secretary*

February Club Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm at the Pasta Grill
- 2) Introduction of Guests- Ryan Bootz introduces Lori as his guest
- 3) Reports:
 - a. Secretary- Reading of the Minutes Dispensed With
 - b. Treasurer- We Have Money
 - c. Advisor to the Board- No Report
 - d. Activities Chairman- Presentation of Trophies
 - e. Assistant Activities Chairman- No Report
 - f. Pit Stop Editor- Deadline Wednesday, May 18
 - g. Assistant Regional Executive- No Report
 - h. Regional Executive- No Report
- 4) Membership Report- 85 Members Currently
- 5) Old Business
 - a. Trophy Presentation
- 6) New Business
 - a. Upcoming Events (See Calendar)
 - i. Lawrenceville Autocross
 - ii. Heritage Hills Autocross
- 7) Drawing of the Card- Steve Montgomery wins a free entry into the Lawrenceville Autocross
- 8) Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Montgomery, *Secretary*

Notes and Such...

The SCCA Solo Nationals and the SCCA Road Racing Runoffs will be moving next year to Heartland Park in Topeka Kansas. For the Solo crowd that means an extra mile of travel south from the current location of Forbes Field. The road racers will have a different trek as the event moves west from the current location at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car course. The road racers will also go there in October instead of the current September timeframe. Stay tuned for more information.

Speaking of Road Racers, Tom Tipsword had an April race at IRP and said it was an enjoyable weekend. In his words that means he didn't wreck. He said he was leading his class with his competitors right under his gearbox when he brushed a wall exiting a corner. It changed the toe enough to slow him and let his competitors get by. But he was quite happy with his results because "at his age" running well is a big accomplishment. His next race is coming up at Gingerman Raceway in June.

In the race for the Berry trophy Gene Young leads Terry Davis by three points. One point back in third is Ken Andrew while Bob Sonntag trails Ken by one point. Completing the top five is Paul Dornburg. 43 club members have at least one Berry point which means they have attended at least one event this year.

After three Rallies Gene Young has a slim three point lead over Terry Davis. Ken Andrew, Paul Dornburg and Bob Sonntag are tied for third. 17 club members have been to at least one rally this year.

Scott Miliam leads the field of six rookies based on his great result in the "Opening Bookend" autocross. John Esche and Kathryn Birdwell are second and third respectively.

The autocross points are headed by WRX driver Tim Brown. His great times in the street tire class made him the top SIR club point getter at the Opening Bookend. The race tire crowd was displaced by non-club members with Barry Beaman being the fastest of the SIR group. Remember, autocross trophy points are based on the sum of a drivers best time from each three run session. That total is then multiplied by a PAX number to get the indexed time. The fastest indexed time gets 1000 points while all slower drivers get a lesser percentage of points depending on how much slower they were than the fastest driver. And since separate points are awarded to each tire division, a slower driver in the street tire class can garner as many points as the fastest race tire class driver. That's what happened at Lawrenceville in the first event.

Cars – Let the Good Times Roll

SIR Speed Freakz

Remember your dream car in that era of high school, or the list of them? And, remember the car you drove. Most of us could find a manual transmission on any car sales lot back then. Just try that today – it's challenging. How many SIR members drove competitively, legally, in high school? We all wish we had. We might also remember those who failed in unsafe conditions. Today's youngsters are not different in their desires to drive, to push a bit harder, maneuver, go faster and feel the rush. It is fantabulous that the SCCA and SIR has a forum to expend this energy in the safest possible way.

Putting the hammer down in all the right places with all the right safety gear are two of our young local talents, 17 year old **John Esche** and 16 year old **Kent Schonberger**. Both attend FJ Reitz High School in Evansville. They share a red '04 Birel chassis F125 kart and run against the clock in SOLO II with SIR. They quickly graduated from the old Coyote / Briggs and Stratton setup they utilized in the 2004 season.

The talk of cars and racing were common place early in Kent's life. Being the son of Barry Schonberger, of Team Tiger, Kent has been exposed to all facets racing. Barry competes in the SCCA's Road Racing GT2 class in his Sunbeam Tiger which followed many years of participation in SCCA SOLO II. In Kent's younger years he was an assistant in the paddock for his dad, checking tire pressures, cleaning body panels and doing other jobs. Once he was old enough to enter the hot pits, he became a full fledged pit crew member. Barry depends on his efforts to help make a race run smooth.

John's automotive competition experience did not begin in the SCCA but rather at the tractor pulls with his family. In Vanderburgh County he holds the title of 2004 Champion 12,000 Pound Farm Stock Tractor Pull. John hauled this load with an International Farmall Turbo. He can be seen at the fair defending his title at the Pulls again this year around July 24-26.

John's favorite auto sport to watch is NASCAR and he roots for #3, Dale Earnhardt Jr. Formula One is tops on Kent's list. Like so many, he watches the talented Michael Schumacher closely. Both fellows find the World Rally Cup intriguing. Whenever these buds have spare time they also get wheel experience on a 250 Yamaha dirt bike and a 150 Honda 4-wheeler. They also contributed a great deal of effort making the Lawrenceville course smoother by participating at the 2005 Patch Party.

Like scenery in the background of a track, high school years will fly by. As good drivers do, while entering the first gate on course, these young drivers are looking for the next turn. Kent would like to steer to a career in Automotive Design and is pointing towards the University of Columbia to obtain that degree. John would like to pursue a study at the University of Evansville majoring in studies as a Technical Engineer. "The sky's the limits!" says John.

Our freedom to play our game is a gift; it is a joy to pass it on to the next generation.

Godspeed. ...let it roll.

Julie Seeber, *KY Roving Reporter*

Mike's Take...

The Girls of SIR

In 1979 SIR had a really fast group of very competitive women running autocrosses. These were Jan Bootz driving a Datsun 1200 in EP, Cheryl Cohoon in a Fiat X19 in DS, Katie Kathmann running a Mazda RX-7 in CS and Vicki Ohl pushing a Porsche 914 2L competing in AS. The girls were quite competitive and I wish I had some of the results from that era to show how good they were. That may have been the year that Jan got the Datsun up on two wheels pushing it so hard. I think that scared Tom more than Jan. The girls were out there at each autocross giving it their all. It really helped the events be more family oriented and usually a lot of kids were at the events also. The newspaper even picked up the story and did an entire page article on them with colored pictures. If you happen to have access to the archives of the Courier look up the November 4, 1979 issue.

It is a shame that we don't have that many women running now. There are a lot in other regions and quite a turnout for Nationals and they are not only running women's class but in the open class's as well.

Historically, Mike Freeman

Rallies

Ken Andrew's "Wander Warrick Rally" was held on May 1st and started at Castle High School in Newburgh. Ryan Bootz showed up with a new navigator, L Neidig, and took the first place trophy in the three car A class. They almost aced the first checkpoint with a one point penalty. Their second checkpoint penalty was just 22 which put them some 177 points ahead of the second place car of John Coen and Frank Totten. Third in A class was the Eagleson team. B class champs were Team Cannon followed by the Terry Davis / Josh Andrew combo while third was Gene Young and Julie Seeber. Gene still leads in the run for the Club Rally Trophy but only by three points over the second place three way tie of Terry Davis, Paul Dornburg and Bob Sonntag. The next rally will be the Heck Rally on October 2nd.

Autocross

May is always the month for our Opening Bookend event at the Lawrenceville sight. 43 drivers made the long trek to Lawrence county Illinois for a cool but sunny afternoon of time trials. For once the number of members far exceeded the number of guests. In the past over half the field has been made of Guests. This day only 11 Guests were present. As Bob mentioned in his article there were familiar cars and faces but a new mix of the two.

In the points battle the street tired guys put it on the race tired guys. We index the results based on the sum of the fastest run in each of the two sessions and the first six guys in points are street tired machines. Tim Brown holds the top spot driving his potent Subaru WRX Sti while Barry Beaman was the fastest of the race tired cars. If Tim makes all the events he has a shot at the Club Autocross Trophy. Last year Glenn Deno was the points leader through the first three events but failed to compete in any more events. At the pace he was going he could have been the champ. It looks like Tim will be hard to beat if he attends all the events.

Our youngest competitors, John Esche and Kent Schonberg had their new F125 shifter kart at the event. It looks like they are going to need some practice with that thing because they had trouble getting it going and keeping it going. Barry, Kent's dad, was a busy mechanic in each session handling the coaching and the wrenches.

Our next event is at Heritage Hills High School near Santa Claus Indiana. We have Phil Wells to thank for helping us secure this site and although the lot is not the biggest we use we always have a fun time and sometimes new adventures. Let's hope that this years event is not quite as adventuresome as last years.

Points as 05/18/05

Berry Points

1	Gene Young	30
2	Terry Davis	27
3	Ken Andrew	26
4	Bob Sonntag	25
5	Paul Dornburg	21
6	John Coen	20
7	Jim Cannon	17
8	Ted Eagleson	14
9	Tim Green	14
10	Ryan Bootz	13
11	Steve Montgomery	13
12	Frank Totten	13
13	Darlene Cannon	10
14	Darrin Bailey	9
15	Kent Schonberger	7
16	Frank Bertke	6
17	Tim Brown	6
18	Michael B. Allen	5
19	Barry Beaman	5
20	Carolyn Dornburg	5
21	Gary Heck	5
22	Phil Wells	5
23	Josh Andrew	4

24	Scott Miliam	4
25	Barry Schonberger	4
26	Nancy Andrew	3
27	Mimsie Coen	3
28	Mike Freeman	3
29	Don Kelly	3
30	Corey Krietenstein	3
31	Glenn Wior	3
32	Steve Backer	2
33	James Barrow	2
34	Mimsie Coen	2
35	John Esche	2
36	Myles Grant	2
37	Kathryn Birdwell	1
38	Tom Bootz	1
39	Gerry Bubenzer	1
40	Michael Davis	1
41	Derrick Funk	1
42	Ron Groenert	1
43	Jeff Jackson	1
44	Chris Moore	1
45	Fred Pendley	1

Rally Points

Gene Young	17
Terry Davis	14
Ken Andrew	12
Paul Dornburg	12
Bob Sonntag	12
John Coen	9
Frank Totten	9
Ryan Bootz	7
Frank Bertke	5
Jim Cannon	5
Darlene Cannon	5
Carolyn Dornburg	5
Tim Green	5
Ted Eagleson	4
Josh Andrew	2
Darrin Bailey	2
Kathryn Birdwell	1

Autocross Points

Tim Brown	1000
Scott Miliam	994
Terry Davis	988
Tim Green	985
Corey Krietenstein	981
Jim Cannon	975
Barry Beaman	962
Bob Sonntag	962
Paul Dornburg	956
John Coen	945
Phil Wells	929
Steve Backer	926
Steve Montgomery	892
Ted Eagleson	887
Gene Young	882
Ken Andrew	870
Michael B. Allen	869
Frank Totten	843
Myles Grant	838
Kent Schonberger	807
John Esche	671

Rookie Points

Scott Miliam	0.182
John Esche	0.083
Kathryn Birdwell	0.042
Mark Wannemueller	0.000
Stephen Wallace	0.000
Jimmy Wooldridge	0.000



Opening Bookend Trophy Results

Wander Warrick Rally

Car No	Class	Driver / Navigator	CkPt		Total
			1	2	
4	A	Ryan Bootz / L Neidig	1	22	23*
3	A	John Coen / Frank Totten	19	181	200
6	A	R Eagleson / Ted Eagleson	1320	64	1384

1	B	Jim Canon / Darlene Canon	102	17	119*
2	B	Terry Davis / Josh Andrew	36	111	147
5	B	Gene Young / Julia Seeber	567	10	577

Guest Results Lawrenceville

Car No.	Class	Best Run	Index	Indexed
10	GSM	43.802	0.842	36.881
5	GGG	47.727	0.782	37.323
88	GGG	47.746	0.782	37.337
66	GHS	48.092	0.777	37.367
8	GGG	48.238	0.782	37.722
6	GFS	47.307	0.805	38.082
70	GES	48.080	0.806	38.752
77	GES	48.694	0.806	39.247
23	GBS	49.413	0.821	40.568
11	GSS	49.824	0.837	41.703
30	GAM	48.978	1.000	48.978

Berry Points Race tires

Car No.	Class	Best Run	Index	Indexed	Trophy
136	BM	36.149	0.942	34.052	*
130	AM	36.889	1.000	36.889	*
1	AM	38.740	1.000	38.740	
41	CM	39.140	0.908	35.539	

17	DM	37.423	0.879	32.895	*
57	DM	37.741	0.879	33.174	
157	DM	39.240	0.879	34.492	

197	FM	41.763	0.884	36.918	*
97	FM	43.595	0.884	38.538	

199	SM2	40.323	0.852	34.355	*
99	SM2	43.762	0.852	37.285	

54	CSP	44.739	0.838	37.491	*
45	CSP	46.791	0.838	39.211	
55	CSP	47.377	0.838	39.702	

18	F125	43.279	0.939	40.639	*
18A	F125	51.392	0.939	48.257	

13	DP	42.634	0.844	35.983	*
181	CP	44.184	0.855	37.777	

20	ES	41.999	0.806	33.851	*
21	HS	45.818	0.777	35.601	

65	STU	44.273	0.878	38.872	*
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Berry Points Street Tires

Car No.	Class	Best Run	Index	Indexed	Trophy
9	SAS	41.712	0.828	34.538	*
80	SAS	42.478	0.828	35.172	*
93	SSS	42.074	0.837	35.216	*
67	SAS	42.588	0.828	35.263	
15	SGS	45.174	0.782	35.326	
43	SFS	44.066	0.805	35.473	
7	SES	44.074	0.806	35.524	
28	SDS	44.751	0.796	35.622	
4	SSS	42.795	0.837	35.819	
97	SSS	43.122	0.837	36.093	
167	SAS	44.427	0.828	36.786	
71	SSM2	43.457	0.852	37.025	
44	SBS	45.192	0.821	37.103	



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2005 Schedule

April 05	May 05	June 05
<p>3-Bob's Rally #4 starts behind Washington Square Mall, Evansville</p> <p>4-April Board Meeting</p> <p>9-Sat - Patch Party Part I - Lawrenceville, IL 9:00 AM until holes are filled</p> <p>12-Tue- Membership meeting, Evansville IN Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd</p> <p>16-Sat - Patch Party II - Lawrenceville, IL 9:00 AM until holes are filled – NOT NEEDED</p> <p>23-Sat-Test & Tune - Autocross #1 -Lawrenceville, IL - CANCELLED</p>	<p>1-Ken's Rally #5 – Sunday, starts at Castle High</p> <p>10-May Board Meeting to be held before Club Meeting</p> <p>10-Tue-Membership meeting, Evansville IN The Pasta Grille 7700 Eagle Crest Blvd, 471-7825 in Evansville. It is just west of the intersection of the Lloyd & I-164.</p> <p>15-Autocross #2, Lawrenceville, IL Opening Bookend</p>	<p>5-Autocross #3, Heritage Hills High School</p> <p>6-June Board Meeting</p> <p>10-12 SCCA Tour Event, Toledo, OH</p> <p>14-Membership meeting, Evansville IN Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd.</p> <p>25-Autocross #4, Owensboro Airport</p> <p>26-SoIL Autocross, Lawrenceville, IL</p> <p>27-July Board Meeting</p>
July 05	Aug 05	Sep 05
<p>1-3 SCCA Tour Event, Peru, IN</p> <p>12-Membership meeting, Evansville IN Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd.</p> <p>24-Autocross #5, Evansville Civic Center</p>	<p>1-August Board Meeting</p> <p>7-Autocross #6, Lawrenceville, IL</p> <p>9-Membership meeting, Evansville IN, Log Inn, Haubstadt, IN</p> <p>27-Autocross #7, Owensboro Airport</p> <p>29-September Board meeting</p>	<p>10-16 Solo Nationals, Topeka, KS</p> <p>20-Membership meeting, Evansville IN Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd.</p>
Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05
<p>2-Garv's Rally #6</p> <p>3-October Board Meeting</p> <p>11-Tue- Membership meeting, Evansville IN Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd</p> <p>16-Autocross #8 - Closing Bookend - Lawrenceville, IL</p> <p>30-Rally #7, Halloween Rally</p> <p>31-November Board Meeting</p>	<p>8-Tue- Membership meeting, Evansville IN Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd</p> <p>13-Rally #8</p> <p>28-December Board Meeting</p>	<p>2-Awards Banquet and Holiday Party Rolling Hills Country Club</p> <p>17-Light Tour</p>

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!!!
12:45 P.M. - Driver's meeting
1:00 P.M. - First car off

Arriving late? Contact Paul Dornburg in advance by 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
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

** Owensboro Autocrosses are at Owensboro/Daviess County Airport, Owensboro, KY, course setup will be done after the plane leaves around 11:00 AM

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