



# The *PitStop!*



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## January REport

Here I am, the new Southern Indian Region Executive. My term didn't begin like I thought it would at the Awards Banquet/Christmas Party. I had planned a short speech thanking my predecessors for running the club so well. I intended to say how honored I was to be the one to lead the club into the future. But my mind went blank as I went to receive the gavel of command. I tried to remember the words but all I could see was Mike Freeman and thinking that he was ready to shout out, "I move to adjourn!". So I asked for the motion, received it, it was seconded and we went on to play Dirty Santa. I know the rest of the year will go better. I have Bob to advise me as well as a great Board of directors.

I want to welcome Teresa Bailey to your Board as the new club Secretary. Thanks to Steve Montgomery for filling the role last year. I also want to thank Gary Heck for staying on as Treasurer. I know he had been considering retirement but changed his mind and I am most grateful for that. Plus, we'd all miss his great sense of humor. Bob Sonntag takes the advisor position, a spot he has been coveting for a number of years, and I'm sure I'll need his advice as the year wears on. Terry Davis agreed to be the Assistant Region Executive and I am quite happy for that. Terry tends to be the one who is the "devils advocate" when we have discussions about club rules or policies. I guess that's because he has been around forever. Almost as long as Mike Freeman and Tom Bootz. Gene Young has agreed to tackle the newsletter editors job while also manning the Activities Chair. We'll need to help him out with articles for the PitStop so he's not saddled with trying to fill the pages all by himself. He's busy enough with his milling machine and carbon fiber projects not to mention the Merkur he's massaging. Tim Green stays on as the Assistant Activities Chair. You'll see Tim doing Tech inspections at our events. Thanks for staying on Tim and keep wearing those hilarious tee shirts.

I want to congratulate our club participation champion, Bob Sonntag for winning the Berry Trophy. Gene Young led the Berry points until he missed the July autocross. At that point Bob took a 2 point lead which he maintained until Gene narrowed it to 1 at the last points event in November. Bob and Gene missed one club meeting and one event all year. Terry Davis earned the bronze medal

In the rally Competition Terry Davis and Gene Young ran neck and neck all year and ended up tied for the Points Championship. Way to go guys.

In the Autocross race It was myself, Tim Brown and Jim Cannon at the top all year. Had Tim not missed the June Owensboro autocross event his name might be on the trophy instead of mine. I'm looking forward to defending my trophy in 2006. Kudos to Jim Cannon for maintaining third place all year.

At our first Board meeting we took up the 2006 club schedule. It was patterned after last years schedule with some minor changes made for the movement of the Solo Nationals and the Run-offs. Our first event will be an afternoon of bowling at the xxx lanes in Evansville followed in a month by a round in Owensboro. We'll also get in a fun Rally in January with the first points Rally about a month later.

I'll miss everyone at the first two club meetings because of vacations so our assistant RE, Terry Davis, will handle the proceedings. Be sure to attend and report back to me how he did.

Get out the bowling balls and meet us at 1:00 PM at Arc Lanes, 4901 Monroe Ave. Evansville, IN on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Look for Tom Bootz to switch racing interests. He's purchased a D Sports racer and as soon as he gets some header clearance with the floor pan he'll be at the race track. Tom Tipsword will be back in his Club Formula Ford running at racetracks throughout the mid-west and as soon as the rules firm up (and don't significantly handicap his car) Berry Schonberger will put his racecar back together for another season.



Racingly,  
Paul Dornburg

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## **2006 Board Members**

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### **Board Meeting - SIR/SCCA - December 5, 2005**

- 1) **Call to Order:** 7:00 PM Bob Sonntag, Regional Executive
- 2) **Officer Reports**
  - A) Secretary - No Previous Minutes Steve Montgomery
  - B) Treasurer - Got Money Gary Heck
  - C) Advisor to the Board - Nothing Terry Davis
  - D) Activities Chairman - Gene Young  
January Bowling Event - Arrangements to be made by Terry Davis
  - E) Assistant Activities Chairman Tim Green
  - F) Pit Stop - Sat., Dec 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for articles Paul Dornburg
  - G) Assistant Regional Executive - Nothing Ken Andrew
  - H) Regional Executive - Update the Board Members Mail/Phone/Email listing
- 3) **Committee Reports:** Membership: The Count 88 Up one Gary Heck
- 4) **Old Business:**
  - A) Documentation Updates:  
Comp Regulations (Bob) - Not Started  
Policies and Procedures (Bob and others)
  - B) Archiving of Insurance Releases/Minor Waivers -- Settled Routine?
  - C) 2006 Pit Stop Editor? - Gene - to update mailing list.
  - D) Mid-American Air Center Playground - Donate time and supplies to spruce up the playground area. Possible improvements for spring time, mulch, edging, swing seats, handle and leg repair on equipment.
  - E) Other old business?  
Needing Autocross locations.  
Membership Meeting for 2006 continue at Lone Star in Evansville second Tuesday of the month unless noted otherwise.
- 5) **New Business:**
  - A) Previous Event Review:  
-Totten/Coen Rally -10/30/2005 - Bob noted he appreciated the "no penalty" for buying minutes.  
-Freeman/Bootz Food Rally -- Mmm Mmm Good. One suggestion - larger #'s on the plates.  
-Awards Banquet - 12/2/2005 - Good.
  - B) Autocross Points Tie Breaker - Comp Reg change  
- After review of several options the decision was to allow for a tie for the year end autocross points.
  - C) Indian Award clarification (Com Reg change):  
-Not award every year?  
-Recently retired Board members eligible?  
Decided to review status of any stand out members at the monthly board meetings.
  - D) Other new Business?  
-Review of the 2006 Schedule  
-Rally Classes  
- Add a Rally Do's and Don't to the Policies and Procedures. Example: need to avoid stop points at or near stop signs.  
-Discuss the need for additional Rally safety Stewards/Classes.
- 6) **Goal Projects 2005**
  - Interact with other car clubs - **Didn't happen**
  - A road trip or two to see our road racer in action. -- **Didn't happen**
  - Web site improvements - **Done**
  - 12:20ish P.M. Course walk for novice - **Done** (except for the Owensboro July Meet)
  - Cull junk from the trailer - pylons, rope, streamers, AM/FM radios, etc - **Done**
  - A calendar that better facilitates autocross and rally activities - **Done**
  - Better documentation of club policies, procedures, and guidelines - **Being done**
  - Insurance Releases/Minor Waivers Archiving - **Being done**
  - New Equipment: New red flags - **Done** Trailer jack - **Done** Thanks Gary! Generator - **Done**

-Fire Extinguisher service (yearly) – **Done**  
Patching Lawrenceville courses -- **Done**

7) **2006 Goal Projects/Plans**

- Winter project – refurb barricades (Plastic saw horses for \$10 a pair at Sears (7/2005))
- Autocross Season Subscription?
- No complaints from the Lawrenceville corner

8) **Adjournment** 8:20 PM

**Notes and Such...**

**Season Tickets for SIR SCCA events.**

The board has discussed the possibility of making season tickets available for our events. The reasoning is to make registration quicker and easier, so we can get events started earlier, which makes time for more fun runs, or getting home earlier.

One method, that other tracks use, is to sell a season ticket for a discounted price that allows entry into all events, if you don't attend all events no refund is given. The pros to this method are, you can save money, it makes registration easier, and no one has to keep up with what events you attend. The cons, if you don't attend most of the events you may lose some money.

Another method discussed is to sell a season ticket at full price that allows entry into all events, and allow a refund at the end of the year for events that were not attended. The pros to this method are, it makes registration easier. The cons, you don't save any money, someone has to keep track of what events were attended and make the refund at the end of the year.

We would like to hear what you think about having a season ticket available, so let us know at the next meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Rally of the Year**

John Coen will be putting on the first rally this year, the Bingo fun rally, bring your digital camera and have some fun. The details will be on the web site when they become available.

**Pictures from the 2005 Christmas Party**



Gene Young  
Pit Stop Editor/Activities Chairman

**2005-2006 Schedule**

| <b>Jan 06</b>   | <b>Feb 06</b>   | <b>Mar 06</b>   |
|---|---|---|
| 2 – Board Meeting<br>10 – Membership Meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd.<br>22 – Bowling in Evansville<br>29 – Rally #1, Bingo Rally, John Coen | 2-4 – National convention, Kansas City<br>6 – Board Meeting, Owensboro<br>11 – Bowling in Owensboro<br>14 – Membership Meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd.<br>26 – Rally #2 | 6 – Board Meeting, Evansville<br>14 – Membership Meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd.<br>19 – Rally #3 |

**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

**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

Arriving late? Contact Paul Dornburg in advance by E-mail or phone by 6:00 PM the preceding day or register at [myautoevents.com](http://myautoevents.com)  
 Paul Dornburg - [a911sc@bellsouth.net](mailto:a911sc@bellsouth.net) - 270-685-4470 home - 270-570-4107 cell  
 Lawrenceville Autocrosses are at Mid-American Air Park near Lawrenceville, IL  
 Centre Autocrosses are held at the Evansville Civic Center parking lot  
 Owensboro Autocrosses are at Owensboro/Daviess County Airport, Owensboro, KY