



The *PitStop!*



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February REport

First order of business is the change in the February Membership meeting date. The meeting will not be held on Tuesday, February 14th, it will be held on Wednesday February 15th at the same location. A previously unknown commitment by Lone star necessitated the change. Because they requested the change we will now get free hors d'oeuvres so get there early and pig out.

For the 2nd month in a row, Terry Davis will be conducting the monthly membership meeting because I will be on vacation, again. (Speedweeks in Daytona Beach) I'll not be on vacation in March so I should see everyone then.

Two club events will be in the books by the time you read this, the Second Annual SIR Bowling Tournament and the Coen Bingo Rally. Look for results to be posted on the web page with write ups in the next PitStop.

Coming up will be the second half of the bowling tournament to be held at Diamond Lanes South on February 11th. Bowling will commence at 1:30 PM so be there around 1:00 PM to get your shoes and find a ball. There will be an email reminder with a link to a web map.

Our first points Rally will occur on January 26th. We have yet to determine who will be the Rally Meister so look for notices via email and on the website. We'll also put a signup on myautoevents.com. Remember that signing up on myautoevents.com entitles you to a discount registration fee.

Then we'll be into March and thinking about improving the playground at the Mid-American Air Center, the place that hosts most of our autocrosses. The Club Board has been discussing ways to help the airport since they have been so good to us in providing a place for us to run our cars. Kurt Schwartz, our contact with the Airport board, suggested that we consider improving the playground area and we have discussed various ideas. In March we'll begin making those ideas a reality.

This past month I spent a week in Tulsa at the biggest indoor racing event of the year, The Chili Bowl. Over 265 drivers vied for the 24 starting spots in the Saturday night A Main. And the ages of those drivers ranged from 13 to 70. In one heat race on Thursday night there was a 13 year old next to a 67 year old! What a contrast. It got me to thinking about our club and wondering why we don't have more young people participating in it.

In the last few years you can almost count the number of "kids" that have been to our events or meetings on two hands. Kent Schonberger and John Esche are the latest solo competitors. Julie Seeber has current entrant daughter Liz. The Bootz brothers, Ryan and Brad have been to rallies, autocrosses and meetings and Jim Cannon's kids are participating in Rallies. The Coen's have brought their grandson to Lawrenceville when he's in town and Ted Eagleson has brought his son Nathan to rallies and autocrosses. Ken Andrew's grandson Joshua makes an event every now and again and let's not forget Kathryn Birdwell and rally companion Jenny Christian. Surely there are more young people out there who'd like to participate. I'm up for any ideas how to get the kids more involved. (my apologies to anyone I may have missed)

Late breaking news: Dr. Jim Butler has put our February membership meeting on his calendar. He'll bring back some award hardware from the SCCA national convention (hopefully) and he'll also have some stories about his recent trip to Rome, Italy where he met with race Doctors from around the world. He told me the host for the meeting in Rome had performed Mario Andretti's wedding. Teresa, I'll want a good report on what he had to say.

I think that's it for this month. Many thanks to Terry for handling the membership meetings and to Bob for being such a good advisor. I'd like to see some contributions to Gene's job as the new PitStop editor. Email, call or snail mail him with your latest adventure, journey or project, especially you road racers. He'd appreciate the information.

One more thing. I received a letter from the home office telling me that membership costs are going up, \$5 for individuals/spouses and \$10 for families, so be prepared to pay a bit more for your annual memberships. And I want thank Darrin Bailey for accepting the position of Activities Chairman.

Racingly,
Paul Dornburg



SIR Bowling ARC Lanes 1/22/06			
Bowler	Gm	Gm	Total
	1	2	
Glenn Deno	162	209	371
Paul Dornburg	166	194	360
Jan Bootz	170	163	333
Carolyn Dornburg	128	194	322
Jim Lee	151	157	308
Darrin Bailey	137	122	259
Terry Davis	128	127	255
Crystal Deno	120	117	237
Gene Young	97	115	212
Julie Seeber	94	118	212
Bob Sonntag	100	79	179
Teresa Bailey	37	93	130

Bingo Fun Rally 1/29/06		
	Points	Place
Bob Sonntag - Terry Davis	262	1
Ken Andrew - Paul and Carolyn Dornburg	175	2
Chuck Lewis - Tessa Hines	148	3
Frank and Peggy Totten		4
Kal Shellah - Tessa Hines		5
Mary Totten - Jerry Hough - Dalton Hough		6
Gene Young - Julie Seeber		7
Glen and Georgia Woir		8

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SIR/SCCA January Board Meeting Minutes

The January SIR/SCCA Board meeting was called to order by RE Paul Dornburg at 7:02 P.M. on January 2, 2006.

Secretary Teresa Bailey was unable to attend because of a funeral home visit. Advisor Bob Sonntag will scribe.

The reading of the December minutes, taken by Teresa, was waived.

Treasurer Gary Heck reported our balance to be we have money. We're up from 2005. We have already paid a deposit for the 2006 Awards Banquet to the Rolling Hills Country Club. We have no outstanding bills.

Assistant Activities Chair Tim Green will order two additional reflectors for our autocross timing system. (We want spares.) In the role of Pit Stop Editor, Gene Young reports the February deadline to be Saturday, 1/21/2006. There were no other noteworthy officer reports.

Membership Chairman Gary Heck reports current membership, with two associate members, is 85. He also reported at \$5 bump in the national dues and the offering of a "lifetime" membership for \$1000.

Old Business:

- Bob went through the Comp Reg revisions that were distributed to the Board via e-mail. Some refinements were suggested. There was also a brief overview of the "Policies and Procedures" document.
- There has been no real progress towards filling the open Activities Chair position.
- We have yet to approach the Mid-American Air Center with our idea fixing up the playground.

New Business:

- Paul will be unable to attend the January and February membership meetings. ARE Terry Davis will preside.

- Bob will make the Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon reservations for 2006.
- Arc Lanes has been confirmed as the location for the Evansville (1/22, 1:00 P.M.) bowling outing.
- John Coen will present another Bingo Rally. It will be a fun (non-points) event on January 29th.
- Gene shared the idea of awarding Barry points to those writing Pit Stop articles. There was some discussion and concerns about managing the points. No action taken.
- Gene shared the idea of holding Board meetings through conference calls. After some discussion, Gene and Gary will check into costs. As previously discussed, we may hold some Board meetings immediately prior to the start of some rally events. Autocross days do not lend themselves to such meetings. The telephone option might be most handy in the winter months.

Paul reviewed the 2006 goal projects. Only one change of note. Instead of rebuilding the barricades we will discard them. We simply use some of our many pylons instead of the barricades.

The next Board meeting will be at Paul's house in Owensboro. The pre-meeting dinner gathering will be at El Toribio's at 5:45 P.M. Paul will send a map and directions prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 P.M.

January Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 8:00pm Terry Davis, ARE filling in for Paul Dornburg who was out of town.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary, Teresa Bailey - The reading of Dec. meeting (Christmas Party) waived.
- Treasurer, Gary Heck unable to attend - report by Terry Davis - We have money. Up from last year.
- Advisor to the Board, Bob Sonntag shared the top 10 "Darwin Award Winners".
- Activities Chairman, by Gene Young next events:
 - Dec. 22 Bowling at ARC lanes in Evansville,
 - Dec. 29 Bingo Rally by the Coen's.
 - In the works is a trip to Indy to race indoor Go-carts.
- Assistant Activities Chairman, Tim Green - unable to attend due to work.
- PitStop, Gene Young - deadline is the 21st of Jan.
- Assistant Regional Executive, Terry Davis - Nothing to report.
- Regional Executive, Paul Dornburg - Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Membership Count: 85 as reported at last Board Meeting

Old Business

- Comp regs have been forwarded to the board members for review.
- Patch party scheduled for April.

New Business

- Attendance certificate winner Glenn Wior
- Activities Chairman position has been filled by Darrin Bailey.

Adjournment 8:17 pm

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2005-2006 Schedule

Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06
2-4 – National convention, Kansas City 6 – Board Meeting Owensboro 11 – Bowling in Owensboro, location , Diamond Lanes South, Owensboro, KY, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. 15 – Membership Meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd., Notice not the normal date. 26 – Rally #2, Location TBA	6 – Board Meeting, Evansville 14 – Membership Meeting Lonestar Steakhouse, just off Green River Rd. 19 – Rally #3 Location TBA	4.02 "Snow Buster" Fun Autocross Civic Center 4.03 Board Meeting Paul's House 4.11 Membership Meeting ,Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon 4.15 Pit Stop Deadline 4.22 Saturday Patch Party #1 Lawrenceville 4.23 Sunday Patch Party #2 Lawrenceville 4.28 Saturday Patch Party #1 , Rain date, Lawrenceville 4.29 Sunday Patch Party #2 -- Rain date

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
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 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