



# The PitStop!



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## April REport



Terry Barry Tim Kent Paul Bob Gary Jim John Mimsie Gene

I just returned from the Lawrenceville Airport where club volunteers spent the day doing work on the playground equipment. Swing seats and chains were replaced, teeter-totter handles were replaced, moss was cleaned from picnic table seats and a cushiony layer of mulch was spread beneath the jungle gym. The work crew included John and Mimsie Cohen, Jim Cannon, Gene Young, Tim Green, Bob Sonntag, Terry Davis, Barry and Kent Schonberger, Gary Heck and yours truly. Teresa Bailey was also there but had to leave early for a prior commitment. The workers looked like a polished maintenance crew as each enhancement was accomplished with very few glitches. A couple of minor things remain to be done and our plan is to do them the day of the patch party. Good job "thumbs-up" crew.

I finally got to conduct a membership meeting in March. (Assistant RE Terry Davis ably handled the first two monthly meetings during my vacations) Teresa Bailey was pleased when the reading of the minutes of the previous membership meeting was waived. Advisor Bob Sonntag gave us priceless advice, albeit icky. Gary Heck announced that the annual rulebook order would be arriving soon, how much money the club had and the membership

count. Darrin Bailey reviewed the list of Rally Masters and Autocross Marshals and solicited for more volunteers for those events still in need of a chief. Gene Young announced the PitStop deadline date for submissions. Terry Davis and I both passed on any old or new business. The winner of the free pass for one of the next 2 scheduled events was me. I adjourned the meeting with a loud rap of my gavel, so loud in fact that most people covered their ears and yelled. I guess I'd better go easy on that hardwood.

Our first autocross is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's a fun event, which means it does not count towards the year-end autocross trophy. Here's hoping the weather is pleasant and that we get a good turnout. It's also the first day of daylight savings time. I hope that doesn't make anyone late for the event.

One of our Road Racers has already seen action this season. Barry Schonberger towed to Memphis only to have a rear end locating link problem, which put him in a position to take a start but not race. He and Kent are scratching their heads about the cause of the failure and hope to have it diagnosed and repaired by the time the next race rolls around at the beginning of May.

Tom Bootz is working hard on preparing his new D Sports Racer for his first road race. Tom's first event will be the last weekend of March at Gateway International in St. Louis. Tom shook his car down at a local airport the weekend we had all the rain. He's a little concerned about the amount of trash coming out of the fuel cell and the bump steer is still getting the best of him but he feels ready for the 2-day event. He'll do a driving school Saturday and his first race Sunday. Let's hope all goes well for his first foray into the world of road racing.

At the end of last year I made some new seat mounts for my autocross car. During the installation of the new mounts I managed to put a hole in the fuel line with a "too long" bolt. This winter I cut open the center tunnel and repaired the line. I also took out the gas tank and replaced it with a fuel cell and moved the fuel pump. I'm guessing that I've removed about 50 lbs of weight. Now I'll only be about 100 lbs over the 2100 lb minimum.

The first Patch Party is slated for Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Lawrenceville Airport. As always there will be lots of heavy work to be done. We'll saw and chisel out the bad sections of concrete that then have to be shoveled into a truck and then shoveled out of the truck. If you've got the time to join us we would certainly be happy for anything you could do to help us. Our intent is always to make our autocross course smoother and if possible we'll do areas that will allow us to vary the course. It's a hard day of work but it makes us able to continue to use the Lawrenceville Airport. If we feel the need for more repairs than we can make in one day we'll try to do it the next day. The rain dates are the following weekend.

Our first Rally is on tap for Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>. It's known as the "Ice Cream Rally" because it starts and ends at 2 Owensboro Dairy Queen ice cream stores. The last page of this newsletter shows the time schedule.

Don't forget to register for our events at [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com) and save a couple of dollars on your entry fee. All the autocross events are listed, as is the first rally. See you at the next event.

Racingly,  
Paul Dornburg, *Regional Executive*

## More Playground Improvement Pictures



### SIR/SCCA

#### March Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 8:03 pm by Paul Dornburg, Regional Executive

#### Officer Reports:

- ◆ Secretary, Teresa Bailey - Reading of the minutes were waived.
- ◆ Treasurer, Gary Heck - We have money. Bills are currently paid. Still taking orders for rule books.
- ◆ Advisor to the Board, Bob Sonntag with his professional prepared report, is it more sanitary to be spit on or peed on.....Dr. says peed on.
- ◆ Activities Chairman, by Darrin Bailey next events:
  - March 19 Rally #2 - No rally master. Re-schedule.
  - April 2 Snowbuster -Fun Autocross at Civic Center. Event marshal, Darrin Bailey
  - Need Rally Master's and Autocross Event Marchals
  - This weekend is the Playground work Saturday (March 18<sup>th</sup>) 9:30 am at Lawrenceville
- ◆ Assistant Activities Chairman, Tim Green - unable to attend due to work - says "Hello!"
- ◆ PitStop, Gene Young - deadline is the 18th.
- ◆ Assistant Regional Executive, Terry Davis - nothing to report.
- ◆ Regional Executive, Paul Dornburg - Thank you Terry for filling in the last couple of membership meetings.

#### Committee Reports

Membership Count: 82 as reported at last Board Meeting.

#### Old Business

#### New Business

- Attendance certificate winner Paul Dornburg.
- Gary has access to group rate discounts and hat for groups of 20 or more on race tickets at Indy.
- Finalized supply list for the playground work day for Sat. John Coen has made swing set seat replacements.

Meeting Adjournment 8:29 pm

#### 2006 Berry Points

Darrin	Bailey	3
Teresa	Bailey	3
John	Coen	3
Mimsi	Coen	3
Terry	Davis	3
Michael	Freeman	3
Bob	Sonntag	3
Gene	Young	3
Kenneth	Andrew	2
Nancy	Andrew	2
James	Barrow	2
James	Cannon	2
Gary	Heck	2
Glenn	Wior	2
Steven	Backer	1
James	Butler MD MPH	1
Paul	Dornburg	1
Frank	Totten	1





**SIR/SCCA**  
**March Board Meeting Minutes**

The March SIR/SCCA Board meeting was called to order by RE Paul Dornburg at 7:00 P.M. on March 6, 2006.

Secretary Teresa Bailey - The reading of the Feb. minutes.

Treasurer Gary Heck reported we have money.

Activities Chair Darrin Bailey, working on Toyota contact to get an event. Must go through TMMI activities and they host the event. No rally master yet for the March scheduled event. Paul will take the May 7<sup>th</sup> rally event.

Assistant Activities Chair Tim Green unable to attend due to work.

Pit Stop Editor, Gene Young reports:

- March deadline to be Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Send Articles in.

Advisor to the Board, Bob Sonntag reports:

- Autocross dates for the SIR events at Larenecville were OK with the S. IL region.

Assistant Regional Executive, Terry Davis, nothing to report.

Regional Executive, Paul Dornburg, nothing to report.

Membership report: 82.

Old Business:

- Bob working on the updates Comp Reg revisions and Policy & Procedure
- Owensboro bowling event was lead by Paul and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol.
- We have yet to approach the Mid-American Air Center with our idea of fixing up the playground. March 18 is still a go for working on the playground and inspecting the course.
  - Landscaping edging
  - Mulch - Terry will provide mulch in ton truck
  - Swing set - Terry
  - Rakes & Shovels -everyone
  - Grinder - Teresa
  - S-hooks & Pipe for handles - Paul
- March rally - no master volunteer. Cancel.
- Feb. membership meeting recap of Jim Butler and his talk about his recent visit to Rome and the National Awards.

New Business:

- Snow buster - letter to David to check with the Centre for authorization. Event date is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bob can be safety steward. Event Marshall Darrin Bailey. Will need someone for registration as Gary Heck will be out of town, as will be Paul Dornburg and Terry Davis.
- Posey High School has been previously explored. Gary Heck will follow up - no luck.
- Gene to get more information from a contact that he was in touch with on lots in the Paducah, KY area. May be worth a road trip to check out.
- Darrin to look into the old Snap On lot in Mt. Carmel.
- Gene to talk with the Owensboro airport.
- TMMI - Darrin to follow up.
- Discussed the Car classification worksheet.
- Buying time - guidelines can be set by region. No change on the rules at this time.
- One Day - Two Rally's, Gene & Tim thinking of setting this up.

Projects 2006:

- Remove junk cones from the trailer - at first use of trailer
- Maintain Yahoo calendar for electronic announcements of club activities
- Autocross Season Subscription? Gene to write out proposal - No takers? Cost? Administration?
- Better documentation of club policies, procedures and guidelines - in progress.
- Fire extinguisher service - gather extinguishers at patch party.
- Fix playground equipment at Lawrenceville Airport
- Patch Lawrenceville courses.
- Road trips to see our road racers in action.
  - Berry Schonberger
  - Tom Tipsword
  - Tom Bootz

The next Board meeting is 04/03/06 at Paul's house. Dinner at El Toribio's at 5:45 pm

The meeting was adjourned about 8:15 P.M

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**2006 Schedule**

Apr 06			May 06			June 06		
4.02	"Snow Buster" Fun Autocross	Civic Center	5.01	Board Meeting		6.04	Autocross (2 of 7)	Heritage Hills High School
4.03	Board Meeting	Paul's House	5.07	Rally (3 of 7) Location TBA		6.05	Board Meeting	Paul's house
4.11	Membership Meeting	Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon	5.09	Membership Meeting		6.13	Tuesday Membership Meeting	Lone Star
4.15	Pit Stop Deadline		5.20	Pit Stop Deadline			Steakhouse & Saloon	
4.22	Saturday Patch Party #1	Lawrenceville	5.21	"Opening Bookend" Autocross (1 of 7)		6.17	Pit Stop Deadline	
4.23	Sunday Patch Party #2	Lawrenceville		Lawrenceville		6.18	Father's Day	
4.28	Saturday Patch Party #1 -- Rain date		5.26	SCCA Tour Event (Peru)		6.25	Autocross (3 of 7)	Owensboro Airport, Now on
4.29	Sunday Patch Party #2 -- Rain date			Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN			Sunday	
			5.27	SCCA Tour Event (Peru)				
				Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN				
			5.28	SCCA Tour Event (Peru)				
				Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN				

**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) - (H) 270-685-4470 - (C) 270-570-4107  
 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