



The *PitStop!*



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June REport

Our own 10 Time National Solo II Champion, Tom Bootz, was a contributor to the most recent edition of the SCCA's house organ, SportsCar. Tom was one of 10 tapped to write a piece about the "Secrets of Solo Masters". His advice for going faster was let a faster driver drive your car. Excellent advice that Tom proved to me last year when he drove my car and beat me every time out. Talk about an "Uppity Boy"! Despite the beating my ego took I was forced to look hard at what I was trying to do with the car. And I did improve.

Patch Party II was delayed a few weeks because of people's schedules and the weather. The second day was a gloomy one as light showers were present until noon when they got heavier. We quit for lunch and when we went back to work the rain quit and allowed us to finish in the dry. The sun was peeking through as we headed south to home. Gary Heck's figures show us pouring a total of 12,740 pounds of cement. Conversely we chipped and shoveled over 6 tons of old concrete onto the back of my truck and then into pile. Thank goodness there were lots of people to wield the shovels.

Our racers fared well over the first weekend of May. Barry Schonberger had an uneventful weekend at Memphis while Tom Tipsword was winning his Sunday race at IRP. Tom Bootz was also at IRP but suffered through mechanical problems the whole weekend but did get to race. If you missed the club meeting you missed their stories.

Our first Rally of the year is in the books. Bob Sonntag recruited Jim Barrows as his driver, Terry Davis was away, and they took first in the A Class over John Coen and Frank Totten. In Class B Gary and Cathy Heck beat out the teams of Gene Young/Julie Seeber and Darrin/Teresa Bailey. Jim Barrow said it was the first time in 30 years he had been on a rally and, he was surprised that Bob's Expedition could hit triple digits. The scores should be in this newsletter.

The Autocross schedule has changed. The June Owensboro airport event has been moved to Sunday June 11th. The July event at The Centre in Evansville has been moved to the following Saturday in Lawrenceville, the 22nd. The August Owensboro Airport event has been moved to Sunday the 20th. The events are posted on-line in 3 places, our website (www.sirscca.org), www.myautoevents.com and the Yahoo Groups SIRSCCA calendar.

(<http://groups.yahoo.com/>) The Owensboro events changed days because the airport now has 2 flights on Saturday so we can't be on the tarmac. The July event changed at the request of the organizer of a car show at the Lawrenceville airport. He asked if we would consider putting on an autocross while they were putting on a car show in front of the airport terminal. We said yes and changed the July event to a week later, at Lawrenceville and on a Saturday.

In case you didn't know the SCCA has dropped the "II" after the Solo name. Now all autocrosses are Solo events. There's an article about the name change on the SCCA.org website. Here's the new logo.



At the recent club meeting I found out that Ryan Bootz is engaged to be married to Lori Neidig. They haven't set a date yet but I'm sure they will consult the events calendar before they schedule their wedding.

The latest news about Ken Andrew's growth is it's spread and that's not good. Keep Ken and Nancy in your thoughts and prayers.

See you at the membership meeting.

Paul Dornburg, *Regional Executive*

Friends, Rivals, Meet in New Venue from Phil Wells



Over the first weekend in May, longtime friends, competitors, and multi-time National Solo Champions Bruce Domeck and Tom Bootz battled on the road course at Indianapolis Raceway Park as Indy Region hosted its double regional races. Domeck, from Louisville (Ky Region) and Southern Indiana Region's Tom Bootz have long been competitors in B-Mod at the SCCA National Solo Championships with Domeck



campaigning his white/purple Ralt RT-4 and Bootz wielding his blue LeGrand (now owned by SIR's Bob Sonntag). While their competitive numbers are the same with Domeck wearing his familiar number 28 and Bootz again showing #36, the vehicles to which those numbers are attached are different and the classes in which they compete are also different. While Domeck's Red Ralt RT-4 is a sister car to his autocross mount and competes in Formula Atlantic, Bootz' new steed is a brand new Speads sports racer that competes in D Sports Racing. It just so happened that at this particular race weekend, the FA and DSR classes were in the same run group which pitted the two competitors against each other on track, even though they were actually competing for different class honors. After suffering a suspension collapse in a Friday practice session and contemplating withdrawal from the weekend's races, Tom did some scurrying for repair parts and along with crew members,



Ryan Bootz and Terry Davis, secured a fix which would permit him to compete in both Saturday's and Sunday's races, both of which were necessary to allow him to achieve a National competition license. As his confidence in his repairs increased, his lap times correspondingly decreased. After qualifying 5th overall (1st in class) on Saturday, Tom finished 4th overall and retained his 1st in class position. On Sunday, after qualifying 6th overall (again 1st in class), he finished 4th overall but again was the champion in DSR. For his efforts, the corner workers designated Tom as the recipient of the "Hard Charger" award. Domeck

qualified on the pole for Saturday's race but dropped to 2nd overall while retaining his FA class win and on Sunday qualified 3rd and finished 3rd, again retaining his FA class win. Through much of Sunday's race, Domeck and Bootz were nose-to-tail with Tom setting a slightly faster single lap time but finishing about 10 seconds back after pushing perhaps a little too hard and having a slight off-course excursion.

Materials used for 2006 Patch Party Mid American Air Center Lawrenceville

Mixed 292 bags of Quikrete

GRAND TOTAL FOR BOTH DAYS 12,740 lbs/

2006 Ice Cream Rally Results

				Control 1							
Car	Team	Class	Start Time	Actual	Perfect	Error	TA (Min)	Adj Err	Adj Pts	Score	
2	Jim Barrow / Bob Sonntag	A	0:01:00	0:37:26	0:37:09	17			17	17	
3	Frank Totten / John Coen	A	0:02:00	0:40:16	0:38:09	127	3	-53	173	173	
1	Gary Heck / Cathy Heck	B	0:00:00	0:36:55	0:36:09	46			46	46	
4	Gene Young / Julie Seeber	B	0:03:00	0:38:32	0:39:09	-37			37	37	
5	Darrin Bailey / Teresa Bailey	B	0:04:00	0:40:40	0:40:09	31			31	31	
				Control 2							
Car	Team	Class	Start Time	Actual	Perfect	Error	TA (Min)	Adj Err	Adj Pts	Score	
2	Jim Barrow / Bob Sonntag	A	0:01:00	1:01:40	1:01:22	18			18	18	
3	Frank Totten / John Coen	A	0:02:00	1:05:57	1:04:12	105			105	105	
1	Gary Heck / Cathy Heck	B	0:00:00	1:02:06	1:00:51	75			75	75	
4	Gene Young / Julie Seeber	B	0:03:00	1:02:24	1:02:28	-4			4	4	
5	Darrin Bailey / Teresa Bailey	B	0:04:00	1:06:46	1:04:36	130			130	130	
				Control 3							
Car	Team	Class	Start Time	Actual	Perfect	Error	TA (Min)	Adj Err	Adj Pts	Score	
2	Jim Barrow / Bob Sonntag	A	0:01:00	1:40:01	1:42:14	-133			133	133	
3	Frank Totten / John Coen	A	0:02:00		1:46:31	-6391			6391	1800	
1	Gary Heck / Cathy Heck	B	0:00:00	1:41:48	1:42:40	-52			52	52	
4	Gene Young / Julie Seeber	B	0:03:00	1:40:09	1:42:58	-169			169	169	
5	Darrin Bailey / Teresa Bailey	B	0:04:00	1:45:22	1:47:20	-118			118	118	
				Control 4							
Car	Team	Class	Start Time	Actual	Perfect	Error	TA (Min)	Adj Err	Adj Pts	Score	
2	Jim Barrow / Bob Sonntag	A	0:01:00	2:05:45	2:04:07	98	8	-382	502	502	
3	Frank Totten / John Coen	A	0:02:00		2:10:37	-7837			7837	1800	
1	Gary Heck / Cathy Heck	B	0:00:00	2:06:29	2:05:54	35			35	35	
4	Gene Young / Julie Seeber	B	0:03:00	2:03:37	2:04:15	-38			38	38	
5	Darrin Bailey / Teresa Bailey	B	0:04:00	2:09:14	2:09:28	-14			14	14	
				Bought Controls							
Car	Team	Class	Start Time	Ctrl 1	Ctrl 2	Ctrl 3	Ctrl 4	Penalty	Total		
2	Jim Barrow / Bob Sonntag	A	0:01:00						670		
3	Frank Totten / John Coen	A	0:02:00			1		600	4478		
1	Gary Heck / Cathy Heck	B	0:00:00						208		
4	Gene Young / Julie Seeber	B	0:03:00						248		
5	Darrin Bailey / Teresa Bailey	B	0:04:00						293		

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2006 Schedule

June 06				July 06				August 06			
6.04	Sunday	Autocross	Heritage Hills High School	7.04	Tuesday	Independence Day		8.06	Sunday	Autocross (5 of 7)	Lawrenceville
6.05	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul's house	7.11	Tuesday	Board Meeting July (adjusted for July 4th)		8.08	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Log Inn
6.11	Sunday	Autocross	Owensboro Airport		Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon		8.11	Friday	Divisional at Peru	
6.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting		7.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul		Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN		
.		Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon				Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon		8.12	Saturday	Divisional at Peru	
6.25	Southern Illinois autocross event		Lawrenceville	7.15	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene		Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN		
	Registration 10:00-11:30			7.22	Saturday	Autocross (4 of 7)	Lawrenceville	8.13	Sunday	Divisional at Peru	
	Drivers Meeting 12:00			7.31	Monday	Board Meeting - August	Paul's House		Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN		
	First car off 12:30							8.20	Sunday	Autocross (6 of 7)	Paul
	SCCA Members \$20.00								Owensboro Airport		
	non members \$25.00							8.27	Sunday	Southern Illinois autocross event	
									Lawrenceville		

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