



The *PitStop!*



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October REport

I want to start by saying that the last PitStop was Gene's best effort yet. I liked the way he interspersed the pictures with the text and the layout was nicely done. If you have something you want to offer about your car or your experiences please send Gene a note. His email and phone number are listed in the Board of Directors list later in this issue.

We've got a new Timing and Scoring person in the autocross trailer. Laurie Cannon handled all the T & S at the recent event at the last 2 events and did so quite well. She apparently doesn't rattle easily as she handled the problems with no apparent signs of stress and I don't believe I heard any complaints about times from the competitors. I'm hoping her dad, Jim, will continue to bring her to help out. T & S is the most important part our autocross events because everyone expects the times to all be recorded with 100% accuracy. The trailer can be a tough place to do business when things don't go well like wrong car numbers or cone calls from the course yet Laurie seems to do well in the environment.

A long time ago at an oval track in southeast Connecticut, we were racing and having problems. Our car was fast but the clutch started slipping as I came to the checkered flag. After the victory photo I pulled in and we went to work trying to diagnose the problem. We unbolted the engine from the transmission, it was a mid-engined car, and found oil all over the place. We couldn't see the source but we /suspected a cracked block, a common problem with VW engines bored for bigger pistons. We discussed our options and decided to pull the clutch assembly, clean it and put it back together. My owner's son, 12 at the time, suggested we glue it together with some newly-on-the-market gasket material that stuck to everything. We pooh-poohed his idea and bolted it back together. 8 laps into the 30 lap feature the clutch started slipping and we gave up an easy win for a 4th place. The next day we raced again, this time with a glued in clutch and won easily. I never forgot that day when through the eyes of a 12 year old the answer to our problem and the way to win was very obvious.

I tell you all of this because at our last autocross in Owensboro I was struggling to find my way through the course. Cones on the first 2 runs made it mandatory that I have clean 3rd run. After finishing the cone free but slow run I parked my car in paddock. A while later John Esche came up to me and asked me if I wanted some advice about how to drive the course. I said yes and listened closely as he explained his thoughts. I thanked him and began to ponder his advice but instead of thinking about what he was telling me my thoughts were going back to that day in 1978 when a young lad had offered his opinion on the situation. After my daydream I decided to do what John suggested. On my next run I was fast with no cones but even more important it was a good feeling run. The final 2 runs were each faster in spite of a couple of obvious driving errors. Ah, the wisdom of youth. Thank you John, for helping me, for being my coach and for delivering the advice in a way that didn't hurt my ego. I owe you one.

The 2nd Owensboro autocross event started under threatening skies with showers lingering through course setup. But when the event started the course was dry and no one suffered from the precipitation. 40 drivers showed, 18 of them guests, 9 of the 18 from Owensboro, to try the course. We had to alter our normal grid area to keep from dragging any grass or dirt or mud out on the tarmac lest we endanger the airplanes that normally use the airport. It worked out quite well as we saw no signs of grass or mud anywhere on the grounds. The results should be listed in this newsletter.

It always amazes me the way an event like an autocross runs so smoothly with so many volunteers, many of them that are at an event like this for the first time. Everyone on site gets signed in and is wearing an armband, cars get inspected and assigned numbers, money is collected, drivers licenses checked, the course is setup, the timing system is put together, the drivers information is entered, (no small task by the way) rookie course walks are given, a driver's meeting is held and then the event begins. It's all done without any kind of meeting to say who does what. Our group just does it. And if anyone spots a void, they fill it. No questions asked. It's so darn cool. And then we run the event, running 40 cars (240 timed runs) in little over 3 hours. Then everything has to be collected, the electronic data saved, the guest results printed, the guest trophies handed out, the trailer packed and the site policed one more time before we can head for home. And it goes like clockwork. Thank you everyone for doing such a good job.

The September autocross only had 19 competitors, which is bad news but good news. The bad news is, this is 2 of the last 3 autocrosses where the competitor count was 20 or less and so few people at the event makes it tough to do all the work needed to be done to make the event run safely and smoothly. The good news is that people have to do jobs they normally don't do which give them experience they wouldn't get at a fully manned event. The event started a little late but went smoothly and drivers got 8 runs instead of the normal 6. Results should be in this edition.

I thought that there would be 4 drivers making the trek to Topeka for the Solo Nationals but as things turned out only Bob Sonntag made the journey. I was just about to fax in my entry when my boss called and said I'd be spending 5 weeks in Columbia Maryland for as major system upgrade. I tried pleading my case that it was a vacation I had been planning on for a year, I had a shot at a trophy and I would have a great car but it was to no avail. If I told him I couldn't go he said His boss would call me and I'd have to tell him I couldn't make it. So now the plan begins for next year.

Our Rally program resumes with the Heck Rally on Sunday October 8th. Barring torrential rains Gary's rally will wend it's way through the Southern Indiana Region. The rally leaves from the usual starting spot on the corner of Frame Road and 662 in Newburgh, IN. John Coen and Frank Totten will put on their annual "Halloween Rally" on October 29th, starting point to be determined. The "Famous" Food Rally will be on November 11th followed by 2 Rallies on the same day when Gene Young puts on his event on November 19th. That's 4 Rallies in 2 months so you Rallyists should be quite pleased with the opportunities in front of you.

Last month I mentioned the 8 Rookies we have in the club. Those rookies are new club members who are replacing those old club members that have not renewed their membership for whatever reason. I've asked Gene to put a list of the new members in the results section.

At the October membership meeting we'll be taking nominations for club board of directors. Please attend and see the wheels of a democratic process in motion. We're also looking for volunteers to fill some key Board positions. I know everyone has a lot to do in life but you should consider the few hours of Board work per month a payment on the debt for playing with cars.

I'll be absent for the next club meeting so I will see some of you at the last autocross or at the November club meeting. Good luck to our road racers going to Topeka.

Racingly, Paul Dornburg, RE

LAWRENCEVILLE 9-17-06 (Autocross points)

#	FIRST	Last	CL	COLOR	MAKE	Run 1	P1	Run 2	P2	Run 3	P3	Run 4	P4	Run 5	P5	Run 6	P6	Run 7	P7	Run 8	P8	Time	Index	Indexed	Points
20	Barry	Beaman	ES	RED	MIATA	46.797	2	44.662	0	46.961	2	44.754	0	46.760	2	44.480	0	44.406	0	44.451	0	89.068	0.806	71.789	1000
36	Bob	Sonntag	BM	BLUE	LeGrand	40.948	2	39.766	2	38.361	0	40.202	2	50.761	0	38.032	0	37.979	0	38.011	0	76.340	0.944	72.065	996
18	Kent	Schonberger	F125	RED	KART	123.895	0	40.483	0	50.576	DNF	40.898	0	57.310	DNF	40.350	0	42.490	2	39.276	0	79.759	0.937	74.734	958
4	Richard	Baker	STU	BLCK	RX8	49.001	DNF	47.727	DNF	47.988	DNF	47.341	0	47.667	0	47.342	0	47.244	0	46.853	0	94.194	0.820	77.239	924
21	Steve	Backer	HS	RED	DATSUN	52.246	2	52.220	2	49.384	0	61.276	DNF	50.568	0	50.221	0	50.238	0	50.098	0	99.482	0.780	77.596	919
55	Myles	Grant	CSP	BLCK	MZD	49.121	0	47.625	0	47.550	0	47.031	0	47.662	0	47.385	0	46.371	0	46.176	0	93.207	0.838	78.107	911
179	Frank	Totten	FM	BLCK	VW	52.045	0	52.085	0	46.203	0	45.695	0	47.017	0	45.078	0	55.471	2	53.892	0	90.773	0.887	80.516	878
18A	John	Esche	F125	RED	125	49.306	0	48.917	0	52.602	0	50.248	0	40.520	0	39.460	0	39.061	0			87.978	0.937	82.435	851

Street Tire

167	Tim	Green	SAS	YLLW	S2000	50.064	4	47.465	DNF	45.214	0	45.392	0	45.120	0	44.958	0	44.620	0			89.834	0.831	74.652	1000
28	Jim	Cannon	SDS	WHT	TALON	48.930	0	47.297	0	48.361	0	47.173	0	47.436	0	47.907	0	46.899	0	46.890	0	94.063	0.798	75.062	994
67	John	Coen	SAS	YLLW	HONDA	47.695	0	47.105	0	47.122	0	46.652	0	46.938	0	47.517	0	46.481	0	46.695	0	93.133	0.831	77.394	963
26	Jane	Bridges	SDS	RED	Crossfire	54.819	0	52.385	DNF	52.141	DNF	51.865	0	53.122	0	51.822	0	50.373	0	51.128	0	102.238	0.798	81.586	907
16	Glenn	Wior	SBS	YLLW	JAGUAR	59.917	0	55.284	0	56.001	DNF	52.695	0	52.706	0	54.038	0	51.064	0	51.194	0	103.759	0.822	85.290	857

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16	Glenn	Wior	SBS	YLLW	JAGUAR	59.917	0	55.284	0	56.001	DNF	52.695	0	52.706	0	54.038	0	51.064	0	51.194	0	51.064	0.822	41.975	

Berry Points

Bob	Sonntag	47
Paul	Dornburg	43
James	Cannon	38
Gene	Young	37
John	Coen	30
Gary	Heck	29
Tim	Green	28
Kent	Schonberger	28
Terry	Davis	28
Darrin	Bailey	26
Teresa	Bailey	24
Don	Kelley	22
Tim	Brown	21
Barry	Beaman	20
Julie	Seeber	20
Ted	Eagleson	18
Michael	Freeman	16
Jeffrey	Jackson	15
Mimsi	Coen	15
Barry	Schonberger	15
Steven	Backer	14
John	Esche	14
Glenn	Wior	14
James	Barrow	12
Ryan	Bootz	11
Tom	Bootz	11
Myles	Grant	10
Carolyn	Dornburg	10
Eric	Provost	9
Frank	Totten	7
Adam	Totten	7
Janalee	Bootz	6
Cathy	Heck	6
Jane	Bridges	4
T.J.	Secord	3
Phil	Wells	3
C. Shane	Goulet	2
Kenneth	Andrew	2
Nancy	Andrew	2
Ronald	Groenert	2
James	Butler MD MPH	1
Paul	Condi	1
Kathy	Tipsword	1
Thomas	Tipsword	1

AutoX Points

James	Cannon	5963
Paul	Dornburg	5933
Bob	Sonntag	5876
Barry	Beaman	5835
Tim	Green	5828
Steven	Backer	5516
Kent	Schonberger	5180
Gene	Young	4951
Tim	Brown	4841
John	Coen	4668
Julie	Seeber	4600
Darrin	Bailey	4448
Ryan	Bootz	3909
Don	Kelley	3839
Terry	Davis	3674
John	Esche	3510
Teresa	Bailey	3476
Ted	Eagleson	3474
Jeffrey	Jackson	2857
Eric	Provost	2748
Frank	Totten	2300
Jane	Bridges	1812
Myles	Grant	1765
Adam	Totten	1624
Michael	Freeman	1410
Glenn	Wior	1401
Tom	Bootz	1000
T.J.	Secord	982
C. Shane	Goulet	959
Phil	Wells	926

NEW MEMBERS		
	Allen	Christy
	Cathy	Christy
	Joshua	Hidgon
	Ryan	Wills

Rally Points

Bob	Sonntag	5
Paul	Dornburg	5
Gary	Heck	5
James	Barrow	5
Carolyn	Dornburg	5
Cathy	Heck	5
Gene	Young	2
John	Coen	2
Tim	Green	2
Darrin	Bailey	2
Teresa	Bailey	2
Julie	Seeber	2

Rookie Points

Eric	Provost	.45
Jane	Bridges	.25

2006 Schedule

October 06	November 06	December
10.02 Board Meeting Paul's House	11.06 Monday Board Meeting Bob's House	12.04 Tuesday Board Meeting Paul's House
10.08 Rally (4 of 7) St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish – Mother Theresa's Treasures Corner of Frame and Newburgh Road (Hwy 662 or State Road 662)	11.11 Saturday Veterans' Day	12.08 Friday Awards Banquet & Holiday Party Rolling Hills County Club
10.09 All week SCCA Runoffs Heartland Park, Topeka	11.12 Sunday Food Rally (Fun Event) Tom/Mike	12.16 Saturday Holiday Light Tour -- <i>maybe?</i>
10.10 Membership Meeting Lone Star Steakhouse 10.15	11.14 Tuesday Membership Meeting Paul Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon	12.16 Saturday <u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline Gene
10.15 "Closing Bookend" Autocross (7 of 7) Lawrenceville	11.18 Saturday <u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline Gene	
10.21 Saturday Pit Stop Deadline Gene	11.19 Double Rally event, Location, Ben Hawes state park, early start time, arrive by 9:00 AM	
10.29 Sunday Rally (5 of 7) The <u>east</u> Pilot Truck Stop located just north of the intersection of US 41 and Interstate 64.		

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