



The *PitStop!*



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January REport

Welcome to 2007! Let's start by recapping the Awards Banquet at the Rolling Hills Country Club. 28 club members and guests gathered for our annual December membership meeting and after the cocktail hour we all enjoyed a good meal. After our meal we handed out the 2006 Performance awards.

Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis took home the Rally Award. They garnered the best scores throughout the split Rally season that began in February and ended in November.

Jim Cannon received the Autocross award. Jim last had his name on this trophy back in the early 90's. By mid-season it was obvious he was the man to beat. He capped off his season with a perfect score at the Closing Bookend.

Bob Sonntag was the winner of the Berry Award. Come to every event, every meeting and do well in all the competitions and you can be a Berry Award winner too. Nice job Bob.

Eric Provost won the Rookie of the Year award. There's a formula that takes into account how many points you score during your rookie year. Of the 6 in the running for the award Eric did the best.

The last award was the Indian Award. The Indian Award goes to the club member (or members), board members excluded, who does the most for the club at our events. The Board watches everyone and discusses who did what at the monthly meetings. At the end of the year we decide who gets the award. This year we made 2 changes, one to the award and one to the criteria for awarding it. First, we said that the Board does not have to give the award if there is no clear-cut candidate. And second, we renamed the award to honor a long time club member, friend and someone who was an excellent example of what the Indian Award stood for. From this time forward the award will be known as the Ken Andrew Memorial Indian Award and we awarded it to him posthumously. Nancy Andrew received the award in what was an emotional moment. Darrin and Teresa had an image of Ken lasered into a plaque on the front of the award and the image they chose showed Ken as we all like to remember him, smiling and driving a Porsche. RIP my friend.

We also honored our road racers, Tom Tipsword, Tom Bootz and Barry Schonberger. Barry got first place in the Midwest Division in the GT2 class, Tom Bootz took home second in the Central Division DSR class (in his rookie year) while I'm sure Tom Tipsword would have received the first place trophy in Club Formula Ford class had the award been presented. Congratulations to our very successful road racers.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be January 9th at the Lone Star Steakhouse in Evansville. Hopefully we'll have a good turn out so everyone can give us his or her plans for the coming year. Come out and join us.

My plans for the year include maintaining the Autocross program, getting more interest in the Rally program, raising awareness of our road racers and keeping the current members informed and engaged.

I'd like to see the autocross program stay self-sustaining. The money we collect all year goes toward the annual patching of the concrete at Lawrenceville as well as any new equipment we may buy or build. Although I can't say that the entry prices will go up for 2007 there is a good chance they will. We took in about \$1000 less this year from the autocross program while spending about the same. Each autocross event now has a \$100 minimum price for insurance and at \$5 per car we'll need at least 20 cars per event. We have had events recently where we didn't get 20 cars at an autocross. Plus, there may be an added cost of \$5 for non-SCCA members. (Incentive for those non-members to join) The Board will discuss the fees and costs and have a decision by March. We'll also be working with Bowler Transmission for the July "Day at the Drag Races". Last year was a great event and we hope to contribute to the greater success of the 2007 event.

Our Rally program has not been doing well. We need to find a way to make Rallying something people want to do. I know our hardcore rallyists will protest when we talk about changing the way we conduct Rallies but it's no fun working your butt off to set up a Rally only to have 3 teams show up. And competing against yourself for a class trophy isn't much fun either. With gas over 2 bucks a gallon you'd better have something pretty good to make someone drive an hour or more to a venue and then drive 70+ miles at an assigned speed while following confusing instructions. Who's got a suggestion?

I want to do better at reporting on our road racers' adventures. We've got 4 racers in our region and we should do a better job reporting what they do. I may be pressuring some of you to craft a paragraph or two a month on these guys.

So that's all for now. I don't have any rumors other than Tim's getting his MX-5 powered LoCost closer to being done. Respectfully submitted, Paul Dornburg Regional Executive.

Activities '07

My goodness it seems like it was not all that long ago I was writing a monthly RE-port for Pit Stop. Some how it seems fitting that I start a new office with yet another article. The 2007 calendar of events isn't in place yet. Only a few event marshals have been identified. If you step up, I am sure to have an event for you.

My plan is for full year of autocrosses and rallies. That will mean at least one non-point ("fun") autocross, seven point autocrosses, seven point rallies, and a couple of non-point rally events. There might also be time for a social event or two again this year. If we are dreaming then let us include a larger SIR/SCCA presence at some out-of-region events too.

So, how about letting me know that you are interested in being an event marshal this year and helping make these events possible.

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Halloween Rally, John Coen

Car #1 Class B Terry Davis and Jane Bridges

Car #2 Class A Gene Young and Julia Seeber

Car #3 Class B Glenn and Georgia Wior

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| Distance | 0 | 9 | 20.8 | 39.5 | 43.15 |
| Time To Run | 15.00 | 22.59 | 31.17 | 6.08 | 19.29 |
| Pause | 3.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Total Minutes | 18.00 | 24.59 | 33.17 | 8.08 | 21.29 |

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| Car # 1 | 1.92 | 0.31 | 2.23 | 0.42 | 2.65 | 0.53 | 3.18 | 0.20 | 3.38 | 0.40 |
| to minutes | 18.82 | | 25.17 | | 31.83 | | 11.93 | | 23.92 | |
| error | -0.82 | | -0.57 | | 1.33 | | -3.85 | | -2.63 | |
| to seconds | -49.00 | | -34 | | 80 | | -231 | | -158 | |
| adjust | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | 49 | 34 | | 80 | | 231 | | 158 | |

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| Car # 2 | 1.95 | 0.24 | 2.19 | 0.43 | 2.61 | 0.48 | 3.10 | 0.17 | 3.27 | 0.36 |
| to minutes | 14.28 | | 25.53 | | 28.97 | | 10.47 | | 21.73 | |
| error | 3.72 | | -0.94 | | 4.20 | | -2.38 | | -0.44 | |
| to seconds | 223 | | -56 | | 252 | | -143 | | -27 | |
| adjust | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | 223 | 56 | | 252 | | 143 | | 27 | |

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| Car # 3 | 1.98 | 0.25 | 2.23 | 0.37 | 2.59 | 0.50 | 3.09 | 0.17 | 3.27 | 0.38 |
| to minutes | 14.73 | | 21.92 | | 29.97 | | 10.42 | | 23.05 | |
| error | 3.27 | | 2.68 | | 3.20 | | -2.33 | | -1.76 | |
| to seconds | 196 | | 161 | | 192 | | -140 | | -106 | |
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| Total | | 196 | 161 | | 192 | | 140 | | 106 | |

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2007 Schedule

| January 07 | February 07 | March 07 |
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| 01.02 Tuesday Board Meeting at Bob's house | 02.05 Monday Board Meeting at Paul's house | 03.03 Monday Board Meeting at Paul's house |
| 01.09 Tuesday Membership Meeting - Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon | 02.13 Tuesday Membership Meeting - Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon | 03.10 Tuesday Membership Meeting - Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon |
| 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 | 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
 Paul Dornburg - a911sc@bellsouth.net - (H) 270-685-4470 - (C) 270-570-4107 - (W) 270-683-6553
 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