



The *PitStop!*



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July REport

The Heritage Hills autocross will go down in club history as one of the shortest courses ever. We were finishing cars every 20 seconds, just like at a national event! Except it wasn't a 60 second course. A select few maneuvered the small parking lot course in under 20 seconds. Kudos to Louisville's Mike Spence who led a brace of Formula Fords to mid 19 second laps. Close behind were the big tired street mod cars interspersed with F125 Karts. The results should be listed later in this newsletter.

The Southern Illinois region held their first autocross and it looks like our drivers represented themselves quite well. Gene Young finally has his kart running without problems and took fast time of day. Check our website for the results.

How about that Hot Rod Power Tour? If one ever needed proof that horsepower always helps one only had to look at the cars running the autocross. Some of those cars with the modified suspensions and gobs of engine cut some pretty quick times. Although Sam Platt in his immaculate Corvette racecar showed the way some of the street driven cars were not far behind. There were more than 100 cars taking over 500 runs in the 5 hours the course was open! And registration was done on the fly! Talk about a crew that works together! What a crew worked the event! I have heard nothing but praise for the way the event was run. Many thanks to those of you that worked all day long to keep the cones in place, hand out timing slips, tech cars, get registration info, run timing and scoring or helped get the event set up.

Special thanks to Bob Sonntag, Gary Heck and Terry Davis who were there early Wednesday morning and stayed until the last piece of pizza was eaten. They were there Tuesday evening as well making sure the barriers were placed properly and the cones were all in place.

Because of everyone's hard work the event put a sizeable sum of money in our coffers. We're making plans to upgrade our generator as well as purchasing a second lawn blower. We also need to do some repairs to the trailer window covers.

I sent out an email asking people for their most memorable moment during the Power Tour autocross. I received quite a few responses and here are some of them:

For a newcomer, getting to know the club members was very helpful. The craziest thing was the aluminum air-stream hotdog that ran the course and barely was able to stop before hitting the semi. That was too funny. Overall, a great day of autocross and seeing all the different Hot Rods – Jane Bridges

I hope my most memorable moment of the day is registering one car at the start line. That's it because, that happened while we were running 100+ CP car autocross with drivers taking unlimited number of runs while doing tech and registration on-the-fly; had several puddle makers but managed to always keep a car running; enjoyed the day; got interviewed for Hot Rod TV; fun with orange duct tape; and bumped our treasury by about half. Then there's the excitement our own Dr J displayed as she passed out time slips...printed by the printer right there at the course exit. – Bob Sonntag

I talked to a grandfather that had a son and grandson competing in the autocross. They made several runs and were trading fast times. Grandfather said it was such a thrill for him to be there. I noticed later that he was riding on one of the runs. On the other hand what's really unforgettable is how well SIR functions as a group. Whether it is a Patch Party or an Auto Tour Solo, for lack of a better description, SIR operates like a well-oiled machine. If you see something that needs to be done the next time you look someone is doing it. After the event one of the "golf carts" said, "You people did a great job." We did, and it is unforgettable. – John Coen

...without question the black Lincoln Continental, still looks good – Myles Grant

I didn't know what to say when the guy pulled up in the Rocket Ship and wanted to know where to Register and Tech. I didn't think he could get the thing around the course but it had just the right amount of oversteer. I talked with folks as they left the course and saw the excitement when they had just lowered their time another second or two and they wanted to try this again once they got home was a great moment. – Barry Schonberger

The Air Ride Suburban (and all of the Air Ride vehicles) taking lots of runs with company employees to show them what their products did. Sam Platt just devastating the competition. Giving hints to competitors and hearing that they improved their times. All the SIR folks performing like a well-oiled machine. – Terry Davis

As kind of a joke I asked the last driver of the day if I could ride with him. It was an un-restored four door Cutlass; the floorboard was covered with debris from years of partying and smelled like a hen house. I still had my radio in my pocket and as we crossed the start line someone was giving the driver directions over the radio. When he stopped giving directions the guy said "Hey, why did you stop?" So I picked up where he had left off and navigated this guy through the pylons. At the finish line Jane said "You really helped that guy out." "He's been struggling all day." Little did he know it was

the voice from above, or from the radio, that really saved this soul. Other memorable moments: The Kennedy assassination car. The dueling Suburbans: The rusty 56 Chevy full of rednecks. (reminded me of my high school days) The grin on Paul's face every time the whale tail (Porsche) would stage: The Santa driven, calliope-playing rocket car. (he lost his shine after accelerating through the finish and sliding sideways to stop) Hollering for "Cooter" when the General Lee died 20 feet past the start line: Burning the hair from my legs while instructing cars with side pipes: Every time a car would take out a mess of cones, it looked like ants re-building a hill: Watching the old guy pick up pylons: What a day! – Tim Brown

There were hundreds of interesting points, but I will never forget the big old baby blue car. This car was big as a ship and was dragging an anchor attached inside one of the exhaust pipes as it came into the event. The image of dragging that anchor across the country just makes me grin. The pavement has done its share of grinding on the piece. I'd love to see before and after pictures of the anchor. The anchor didn't get a chance at sweeping cones, but I could picture resetting the full exterior of every turn. Ok, two; I will also never forget the plan hull or torpedo hull high up on wheels that played this ice cream vendor-like song as it sauntered about. Dr. Jane had an excellent view of this exiting the autocross is a full sideways slide. Hysterical. It nearly lifted a wheel in the sweeper. Oh, but there was also this huge old station wagon that did lift a wheel in the sweeper. The whole body would spring; it looked like I was watching a cartoon. – Julia Grundhoefer Seeber

I noticed a baby blue Chevy being pushed into the event alongside the course. Gene gave me a break from timing, scoring and the general trailer-mayhem so I wandered over to see if I could be of help. It was a 1956 Chevy BelAir with a stock 283. The owner was removing the top of the carburetor when I got there. He and his buddy, from Arkansas, had joined the Tour in Springfield II and were hopefully going to follow it to the end in Little Rock on Saturday. He said it had been giving them trouble for the last 100 miles and finally quit as they turned in to Robert's Stadium. As he lifted the top off the carb he looked at me and asked if I knew anything about carbs. I took the carb top, removed the float, checked the needle and seat for debris, adjusted the tabs on the float to give the float some range of motion and told him to put it back on. After he finished bolting it back together he cranked it for a few seconds and it fired right up. I shook his hand, after he finished putting on the air cleaner, and I went back to timing and scoring. As I was walking I looked over my shoulder to see the baby blue Chevy was making it's way into the mass of cars in the stadium parking lot. Hope they made it home okay. – Paul Dornburg

There were more comments but this is running long so I'll save them for later.

The first Owensboro Airport autocross will be history by the time you read this. The weather forecast is nice and there's no airplane to contend with so it should be a successful event. It looks like we'll have Owensboro newspaper coverage too.

The July 15th autocross at The Civic Center in Evansville is in a state of flux. Seems that the parking lot is being sealed and striped and we don't want to be the first to put marks on it so we may change the event site or perhaps cancel it. We'll do an email when the decision is made and we'll also change the listing on myautoevents.com. If you have any questions just call one of the board members.

The July 21st "Day at the Drags" autocross is in the works. We will run it like the Power Tour autocross with some exceptions. Club members will get to run. None of this working all day and wanting to run. We'll have all the details in an email before the event and also at the July club meeting.

The mid-year autocross event will be held in Lawrenceville on Sunday August 5th. Sign up on myautoevents.com

That covers it for now. Sign up on www.myautoevents.com for any events in which you wish to participate. Ask me how much I like my new truck. Hi Mom!
Racingly, Paul Dornburg *Regional Executive*

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Berry Points (as of June 15)		
Name	Pts	
Bob Sonntag	45	
Gene Young	41	
Terry Davis	40	
Gary Heck	34	
Paul Dornburg	31	
Julie Grundhoefer	30	
Darrin Bailey	28	
Jim Cannon	25	
Teresa Bailey	23	
Kyle Bledsoe	22	
Tim Brown	22	
John Coen	20	
Tim Green	16	
Steve Backer	13	
Eric Provost	11	
Rachael Bledsoe	11	
Cathy Heck	10	
TJ Secord	10	
Barry Schonberger	9	
Myles Grant	9	
Allen Christy	8	
Cathy Christy	8	
Mike Freeman	8	
Barry Beaman	7	
David Mooredock	7	
Don Kelley	7	
Frank Totten	7	

Berry Points (as of June 15)		
Name	Pts	
Jane Bridges	7	
John Esche	7	
Kent Schonberger	7	
Tom Bootz	7	
Bill Brown	6	
Jonathan Scott	6	
Mimsie Coen	6	
Nathan Breivogel	6	
Adam Totten	5	
Glenn Wior	5	
Jim Barrow	5	
Matt Guzowski	5	
Tom Tipword	5	
Glenn Deno	2	
Greg Lukach	2	
Jan Bootz	2	
Jim Sutton	2	
Carolyn Dornburg	1	
Ryan Bootz	1	

Autocross Points (as of June 15)		
Name	Pts	
Jim Cannon	2000	
Paul Dornburg	1967	
Tim Brown	1964	
Barry Beaman	1943	
Bob Sonntag	1895	
Kyle Bledsoe	1895	
Darrin Bailey	1756	
Gene Young	1750	
Allen Christy	1731	
Tim Green	1729	
Teresa Bailey	1705	
Rachael Bledsoe	1681	
Bill Brown	1678	
Cathy Christy	1670	
Julie Grundhoefer	1647	
Eric Provost	1476	
TJ Secord	962	
David Mooredock	915	
Steve Backer	911	
Mike Freeman	909	
Terry Davis	900	
John Coen	899	
Glenn Deno	886	
Myles Grant	871	
Jane Bridges	865	
Nathan Breivogel	855	
Jonathan Scott	837	

Rally Points (as of June 15)		
Name	Pts	
Bob Sonntag	15	
Terry Davis	15	
Gene Young	12	
Julie Grundhoefer	12	
Cathy Heck	10	
Gary Heck	10	
Paul Dornburg	9	
TJ Secord	7	
Allen Christy	2	
Cathy Christy	2	
Frank Totten	2	
Jim Barrow	2	
John Coen	2	
Rachael Bledsoe	2	

Rookie Points (as of June 15)		
Name	Pts	
Kyle Bledsoe	0.6875	
Rachael Bledsoe	0.34375	

Heritage Hills Results

	Car	Class	Driver	Car	Run 1		Run 2		Run 3		Run 4		Run 5		Run 6		Best Time	Index	Autocross	
					Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen			Time	Points
1	227	ASP	Kyle Bledsoe	Blue WRX Sti	22.566		21.936		22.233		21.525		22.837	(1)	25.743	(2)	21.525	.852	37.029	903
	42	ASP	Rachael Bledsoe	Blue WRX Sti	28.569	(2)	23.887		23.676		24.510		23.239		23.813		23.239	.852	39.972	816
1	42	CSP	Darrin Bailey	Black Civic CRX	24.421		23.541		22.484		23.130		22.613		22.866		22.484	.838	37.791	881
2	24	CSP	Theresa Bailey	Black Civic CRX	25.713	(1)	23.467		24.126		23.337		23.652		23.721		23.337	.838	39.222	839
1	67	DS	Samuel Krauss	Bluegreen Talon	21.703		21.544		21.181		21.294		21.504		21.137		21.137	.798	33.770	1000
2	31	DS	Glenn Deno	Blue Mazda	25.626		24.323		23.503		23.622		24.735		25.034		23.503	.798	37.606	886
1	20	ES	Barry Beaman	Red Miata	22.108		22.055		21.836		21.209		21.260		20.924		20.924	.806	34.465	979
1	36	EP	Bob Sonntag	Rainbow Datsun	21.115		21.186		21.110		21.147		25.402	(1)	20.756		20.756	.858	35.921	936
2	3	EP	Terry Davis	Rainbow Datsun	22.642		21.890		22.098		21.596		22.391		21.404		21.404	.858	37.146	900
1	130	F125	Gene Young	Blue/Green F125	21.196		20.231		21.118		20.277		20.264		21.105		20.231	.937	37.944	876
2	30	F125	Juls Seeber	Blue/Green F125	21.673		21.736		21.472		21.881		20.945		20.662		20.662	.937	39.480	831
1	89	CM	Mike Spence	White FF	30.948		19.287		19.185		19.382		19.171		21.245	(1)	19.171	.909	34.866	968
2	4	CM	Nathan Breivogel	Purple FF	24.660		23.328		23.002		21.404		20.685		19.541		19.541	.909	38.672	855
3	41	CM	Phil Wells	Purple FF	47.960	(1)	21.278		21.084		20.719		21.599		19.967		19.967	.909	37.315	895
4	43	DM	Tim Green	Primer LoCost	23.070		22.501		22.274		21.670		21.299		23.286	(1)	21.299	.885	38.562	858
1	71	STS	Vic Brunamonti	White Honda	21.772		21.950		21.897		21.448		21.493		21.281		21.281	.797	34.313	984
2	51	STS2	Steve Backer	Red Datsun	23.946		23.174		23.100		23.465		22.749		22.743		22.743	.802	36.766	911
3	29	STS	Mike Freeman	Green Golf GTI	24.357		23.494		23.449		23.487		22.790		22.924		22.790	.797	36.852	909
1	197	SM2	Jamey Aebersold	Blueberry Supra	23.095	(1)	23.169		20.491		20.547		20.527		20.084		20.084	.854	34.651	974
2	97	SM2	Julia Aebersold	Blueberry Supra	23.732	(1)	21.332		23.310	(1)	24.721	(2)	22.597	(1)	20.098		20.098	.854	35.381	952
3	99	SM2	Paul Dornburg	Green 911SC	29.451	(1)	20.791		20.553		20.693		21.021		20.285		20.285	.854	34.876	967
1	97	SSS	Gary Niles	White Corvette	21.500		23.907		21.554		21.245		21.387		21.796		21.245	.840	35.906	992
2	9	SAS	Tim Brown	White WRX Sti	22.077		22.060		22.136		21.991		21.261		21.605		21.261	.831	36.000	990
3	28	SDS	James Cannon	White Talon	23.023		22.827		22.236		24.402	(1)	22.412		22.740		22.236	.798	35.629	1000
4	50	SGS	Eric Provost	Red Focus	23.474		25.044	(1)	24.962	(1)	22.471		22.563		24.825	(1)	22.471	.794	36.480	976
5	11	SAS	Dave Mooredock	Yellow Honda	25.434		23.968		23.448		25.463	(1)	23.092		25.151	(1)	23.092	.831	38.675	915
6	45	SAS	Myles Grant	Blue Porsche	25.156		24.531		25.386		24.684		24.867		23.863		23.863	.831	40.215	871
7	69	SAS	Allen Christy	White Corvette	24.863		25.517		26.691	(1)	24.289		24.850		23.917		23.917	.831	40.536	862
8	169	SAS	Cathy Christy	White Corvette	37.362		25.702		25.525		27.033		25.489		24.903		24.903	.831	41.906	824
9	7	SCS	Bill Brown	Red Miata	26.341		26.561		25.867		25.670		25.876		25.836		25.670	.813	41.900	824
1	129	GFSAE	Ian McGiffen	Orange/White FSAE	20.736		28.124		DNS		DNS		DNS		DNS		20.736	.948	43.472	
2	12	GFSAE	Eric Bunner	Orange/White FSAE	34.604		24.154		22.331		20.930		28.496	(1)	28.928		20.930	.948	41.011	
3	119	GFSAE	Michael Hughes	Orange/White FSAE	26.126		22.735		22.423		DNS		DNS		DNS		22.423	.948	46.846	
4	10	GSM2	Michael Pollard	White Miata	25.544		23.876		23.768		23.487		22.558		22.707		22.558	.854	39.562	
5	65	GF125	Mitchell Seeber	Blue/Green F125	36.945		26.344		24.881		23.944		24.127		23.216		23.216	.937	45.067	
6	77	GDS	James Nichols	Black Subaru	23.964		24.870		24.342		23.781		23.692		24.253		23.692	.798	38.029	
7	1	GCSP	Michael Buente	Red Fiero	63.200	(1)	26.803	(1)	24.964		25.018		25.300	(1)	23.739		23.739	.838	40.813	
8	5	GGs	Drew Hanley	Black Acura	26.234		26.920		27.549		26.208		24.230		24.567		24.230	.794	40.068	
9	17	GCSP	Bryce Buente	Red Fiero	25.471		25.169		25.257		24.589		24.668		24.398		24.398	.838	41.537	
10	121	GFSAE	Ryan Buxton	Orange/White FSAE	25.398		24.774		24.400		DNS		DNS		DNS		24.400	.948	50.800	
11	4	GGs	Shelby Strobel	Red Golf	24.790		25.234		26.045		25.181		24.907		24.917		24.790	.794	39.459	
12	14	GES	Jim Lee	Black Miata	34.139	(1)	25.667	(1)	26.300		26.323		24.954		38.922		24.954	.806	40.801	

2007 Schedule

<p>7.00 JULY 7.01 Sunday, SCCA Tour Event Grissom, Aeroplex, Peru, IN 7.02 Board Meeting, Bob's House 7.10 Tuesday, Membership Meeting, Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville 7.14 Saturday, PtAutocross (4 of 7) Owensboro, Airport 7.21 Saturday Pit Stop Deadline 7.21 Saturday, "Day At The Drags" Autocross &Car Show, Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville 7.22 Sunday, "Day At The Drags" Drag Racing Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</p>	<p>8.00 AUGUST 8.05 Sunday, Pt Autocross (5 of 7) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville 8.06 Monday, Board Meeting, Paul's House 8.12 Sunday, Autocross, Ft Knox, KY 8.14 Tuesday, Membership Meeting, Log Inn 8.18 Saturday, Pit Stop Deadline 8.19 Sunday, Pt Autocross (6 of 7) Owensboro Airport 8.25 Saturday, Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville</p>	<p>9.00 SEPTEMBER 9.09 Sunday, Pt Rally (4 of 7) 9.11 Tuesday, Board Meeting & Membership Meeting Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville 9.15 Saturday, Pit Stop Deadline 9.16 Sunday, Pt Autocross (7 of 7) Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville 9.22 to 9.29 Solo II Nationals Heartland Park, Topeka</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Membership Meetings: 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. -- Socializing 7:00 P.M. -- Dinner 8:00 P.M. -- Business meeting</p>	<p>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</p>

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