



# The Pit Stop



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## December REport

The newsletter is the last for 2007 and it makes me wonder where the time has gone. Thanksgiving is done, Christmas is waiting in the wings and our awards banquet is next. If you'd like to go to the banquet give Gary Heck a call, his phone number is in the list of board members, and tell him how many and what you'd like to eat. He'll get you set up. Rolling Hills Country Club in Newburgh is the venue for our annual party to showcase our champions. The food is good and the company is great so come spend some time with your SCCA friends and fellow competitors.

The 2008 Board of directors was elected at the sparsely attended November club meeting. There are no new faces for 2008 as only the current board volunteered to guide your club. And that brings me to a topic that has been on the lips of any club leader in the recent past. The next few paragraphs are just my thoughts on a subject that all volunteer groups deal with.

Why are you an SCCA member? I get a membership report at least every month and I look it over for new names, whose membership has expired and who has renewed their membership. Here are some things I have noted.

Our membership number averages 80 members per month. Of those 80, 62 are male and 18 are female. Only 2 of those females do not have a spouse who is a club member so I assume that the other 16 are members because their husbands signed them up. 11 of those 16 spouses are what I would consider active club members and one of them is a board member. ("active" being defined as attending meetings and participating in competition events) The male side of the picture looks like this. Of the 62 male members there are 14 that we didn't see once at any club event in 2008 (I didn't include members that participate at a divisional or national level in that number of inactive members) and there are 6 club members that live out of state, too far away to attend club events. What do all these numbers mean? 20 members (25%) participated in meetings and competitions and accumulated the majority of the Berry Points handed out.

21 club members (26%) don't participate in the club. The 39 remaining members participate sparingly for a variety of reasons. I'm writing all this because I'm wondering why anyone would spend hard earned money on something they don't use? Why are there club members who don't participate? Every month there is a club meeting in Evansville, where the majority of the club members live, but only 12 or 14 people show up. I've held 2 meetings in Owensboro and the total participation for 2 meetings has been less than 20. Now I know how the preacher feels when he looks out at the empty pews every Sunday. How can we entice you non-participants to participate? What can we do? We will need you in the future. We are going to put on a Street Survival event and that will require some serious manpower. As a club member do you have the commitment to help? When we call you to help out on a weekend in the future will you turn us down? Why are you an SCCA member?

There won't be an Owensboro club meeting in January and February. I've got vacation and work trips during those second weeks of the month so we'll not be meeting then. We'll begin again in March on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Rally masters Cathy and Gary Heck put on the next to last point rally with their Tombstone Territory: A Rally of Grave Concern. Not only did competitors need to follow their instructions but also be on the lookout for roadside cemeteries. Tim Green and Julia Seeber decided to team up and enter the B class and then proceeded to walk away with first place with a score of 191. Carolyn and I took home second place while Gene Young and Mitch Seeber managed to find the finish line and come home third. Perennial A class competitors Terry Davis and Bob Sonntag took their class honors with the low score of the event, 152. John Coen and Frank Totten took home second place honors. Gary had a PowerPoint presentation for us at the finish that showed each turn in the rally as well as all the cemeteries on the route. Thanks to the Heck's for a fun rally through southwestern Indiana on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon.

There was no "Food Rally" this year as not much interest was expressed by the usual participants. Perhaps the event can be revived next year with a questionnaire based on the SCCA Solo rulebook.

The Rally season concluded with the Ice Cream rally when three teams showed up to put their navigation skills to the test on Daviess county Kentucky's winding and hilly roads. Gene Young and Julia Seeber were the lone entrant in B class and took the win with the lowest score of the rally, 84. In the hotly contested A class Terry Davis and Bob Sonntag beat out the dynamic duo of Gary and Cathy Heck. Terry and Bob "Aced" the first checkpoint and then rolled up a total score of 100 beating out the less equipped Hecks who posted a total score of 207.

The Annual Rally Trophy will belong to Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis. They totalled 35 points to bring home the trophy in 2007. Second was a tie between Gene Young and me with 26 points. Julia Seeber was all alone in third place with 24 points.

Last month we announced the winner of the 2007 Autocross trophy. The complete results are listed in this newspaper.

The Rookie of the Year award went right to the end of the year. Mitch Seeber, one of our youngest members, won the 2007 Rookie award. He joined the club just in time to make the cutoff for 2007 Rookies and then piled on the points to beat Kyle Bledsoe. Congratulations Mitch! We'll be watching you to make sure you continue your club involvement as some past RoY winners disappeared never to be seen at a club event again.

The John Berry award goes to the club member who accumulates the most points during the current calendar year. Your 2007 award winner is Bob Sonntag. Terry Davis and I tied for second while Gene Young garnered the third place trophy.

That's it for this month. Check our on-line calendar at [www.sirscca.org](http://www.sirscca.org) and register for our events at [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com). Racingly, Paul Dornburg *Regional Executive*

**SIR SCCA Awards Banquet and Christmas Party**  
 Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 - 6:30 PM for cocktails, 7:00 PM for dinner  
 Rolling Hills Country Club, 1666 Old Plank Rd, Newburgh Indiana  
 \$28.00 per person

3 Meal choices:    1. Ribeye Steak  
                           2. Grilled Chicken Marsala  
                           3. Grilled Salmon with dill butter

Above includes a Salad, Potatoes, Green Beans and 2 drink tickets  
 Have cash available for any additional drinks  
 Contact Gary Heck and give him your money and meal selection

Ice Cream Rally Results

Car	Team	Class	Start Time	Control 1			Control 2			Control 3			Control 4			Total	Cumulative Scores			
				Actual	Perfect	Error	Actual	Perfect	Error	Actual	Perfect	Error	Actual	Perfect	Error		L1	L2	L3	L4
1	Davis / Sonntag	A	12:00:00	12:36:03	12:36:03	0	13:03:36	13:03:01	35	13:43:20	13:42:54	26	14:07:51	14:08:30	-39	100	0	35	61	100
2	Heck / Heck	A	12:02:00	12:38:47	12:38:03	44	13:06:44	13:05:45	59	13:47:21	13:46:02	79	14:12:06	14:12:31	-25	207	44	103	182	207
3	Young / Seeber	B	12:04:00	12:40:04	12:40:03	1	13:07:44	13:07:02	42	13:47:24	13:47:02	22	14:12:15	14:12:34	-19	84	1	43	65	84



<b>Berry Points</b>	
(as of November 23)	
Name	Pts
Bob Sonntag	98
Paul Dornburg	83
Terry Davis	83
Gene Young	76
Gary Heck	57
Julie Seeber	57
Jim Cannon	52
Darrin Bailey	50
Tim Brown	48
John Coen	45
Tim Green	42
Steve Backer	39
Teresa Bailey	37
Kyle Bledsoe	32
Don Kelley	29
Jane Bridges	27
Barry Beaman	24
Cathy Heck	22
Allen Christy	19
Carolyn Dornburg	19
Cathy Christy	19
Kent Schonberger	18
Mitchell Seeber	18
Tom Bootz	17
Mimsie Coen	16
Adam Totten	15
Barry Schonberger	15
David Mooredock	15
Mike Freeman	15
Rachael Bledsoe	15
Frank Totten	14
Myles Grant	14
Glenn Wior	13
Eric Provost	11
Matt Guzowski	11
Andy Grayson	10
TJ Secord	10
Bill Brown	8
Jim Barrow	8
Ryan Bootz	8
John Esche	7
Jonathan Scott	6
Nathan Breivogel	6
Darlene Cannon	5
Tom Tipword	5
Jan Bootz	4
Glenn Deno	2
Greg Lukach	2
Jim Sutton	2
Joshua Lester	2
Scott Payton	2
Angie Schonberger	1
Donald Lester	1
Kate Schonberger	1
Lori Bootz	1
Paul Condi	1

<b>Autocross Points</b>	
(as of November 23)	
Name	Pts
Paul Dornburg	5989
Tim Brown	5964
Jim Cannon	5957
Bob Sonntag	5854
Barry Beaman	5784
Tim Green	5501
Terry Davis	5394
Gene Young	5358
Allen Christy	5353
Julie Seeber	5343
Cathy Christy	5259
Darrin Bailey	5106
Steve Backer	4443
Teresa Bailey	4175
David Mooredock	4132
Don Kelley	3904
Kyle Bledsoe	3751
John Coen	3681
Jane Bridges	3553
Rachael Bledsoe	3374
Bill Brown	2548
Mitchell Seeber	2170
Ryan Bootz	1963
Kent Schonberger	1884
Mike Freeman	1820
Myles Grant	1757
Adam Totten	1617
Eric Provost	1476
Frank Totten	1457
TJ Secord	962
Glenn Deno	886
Nathan Breivogel	855
Jonathan Scott	837
Matt Guzowski	832
Scott Payton	812
Joshua Lester	810
Andy Grayson	804

<b>Rally Points</b>	
(as of November 23)	
Name	Pts
Bob Sonntag	35
Terry Davis	35
Gene Young	26
Paul Dornburg	26
Julie Seeber	24
Cathy Heck	21
Gary Heck	21
Carolyn Dornburg	12
John Coen	11
Mimsie Coen	7
Mitchell Seeber	7
Tim Green	7
TJ Secord	7
Jane Bridges	5
Frank Totten	4
Allen Christy	2
Cathy Christy	2
Darlene Cannon	2
Don Kelley	2
Glenn Wior	2
Jim Barrow	2
Jim Cannon	2
Kyle Bledsoe	2
Rachael Bledsoe	2

<b>Rookie Points</b>	
(as of November 23)	
Name	Pts
Mitchell Seeber	1.500
Kyle Bledsoe	1.391
Rachael Bledsoe	.652
Allen Christy	.633
Cathy Christy	.633
Joshua Lester	.167
Scott Payton	.125
Donald Lester	.083
Lori Bootz	.067

Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
12.00	<b>DECEMBER</b>			
12.14	Friday	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Paul/Gary/Mary	Rolling Hills County Club
12.16	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
12.22	Saturday	Holiday Light Tour – A Remote Possibility		



## 2007 SCCA Solo National Championships

### 2007 Board Members contact list

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#### **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

#### **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

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 - (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