



The Pit Stop



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January Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Are you ready for the New Year? Made all your resolutions? Did any of them include the club? In my mind I can see all the refrigerators in all your houses right now, lots of post-it notes that say "go to club meeting" or "do a rally" or "autocross next weekend". No? Okay, that'll be all my badgering for this month.

The Awards Banquet was a lot of fun. Comments from the attendees ranged from "not bad" to "what a hoot!" Gary Heck did a great job as the MC for the awards portion of the meeting. Teresa Bailey got pictures of the individual winners and group pictures for all the competition categories. Bob Sonntag had some very nice awards made up, silver plaques, to commemorate each award winner's achievements.

The presentations got underway with Gary handing out the service awards, which commemorate a membership milestone for a member. The members that got awards are as follows.

Steve Backer	5 years
William Brown	5 years
Barbara Guzowski	5 years
Matt Guzowski	5 years
Ryan Bootz	10 years
Gene Young	10 years
James Cannon	15 years
Tom Tipsword	20 years
Mark Graninger	30 years
Tom Bootz	35 years
Terry Davis	35 years
Mike Freeman	35 years

Mike wore the 35-year shirt he got from the SCCA and on the lapel of his jacket was a gold nameplate that also said 35 years. He said the nameplate

was because he's so old he has to look and see what his name is lest he forget.

After the service awards we got down to presenting the serious hardware. First up was the Rookie of the Year Award. It was a close battle for the title that was finally won by Mitchell Seeber over Kyle Bledsoe. If you've not been to any of our events you've missed out on Mitch's constant energy and enthusiasm. The look on his face when he was presented the award was priceless. I hope this is just the beginning of his club involvement.

Next on the agenda were the Road Rally awards. We had seven events this year that counted towards the trophy.

All alone in third place was Julie Seeber. Julie had 2 wins and 2 thirds on her way to the trophy. Gene Young and Paul Dornburg shared second place. Gene also had 2 wins and 2 thirds while Paul had 3 wins and 3 seconds with 4 different drivers or navigators. On the top step of the podium was the undefeated team of Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis. They entered 5 rallies and won every one of them. They get to split the traveling trophy for the coming year.

Gary started the Autocross Trophy presentation with some quick facts about the season. To summarize, the scores were closer and the winning margin was just slightly larger than last year. With the best 6 scores counting, out of 7, you had to be fastest in at least two events in order to be in the running for first place. Third place finisher Jim Cannon had 2 fast times and was just 7 points out of second place. Tim Brown finished second in points, 25 behind first place with fast times in 4 events. Jim and Tim waged a

yearlong battle in the Street Tire Class with Tim holding sway but neither driver could catch Paul Dornburg and his 911. He made every autocross, which allowed him to drop his lowest score. That was an advantage that neither Jim nor Tim had as they each missed one event. Paul was just 11 points from a perfect 6000 points on his way to his fourth title in the last 7 years.

The last trophy to be handed was the Berry Trophy. The Berry Trophy is given to the club member who accumulates the most participation points throughout the year. You've got to get to a lot of events to beat this years quartet of winners. Gene Young had 76 points to come in third. Paul Dornburg and Terry Davis tied for second with 83 points while Bob Sonntag was the points hog with 98. I meant to count how many times Bob has received this award in the last few years but missed it. Maybe this year I can get some history about the trophy from the long time members.

The Ken Andrew Indian Award was not awarded this year. We started looking for candidates in June. Through the last half of the year we looked for people who exemplified what the award stood for. Our criteria are very subjective. Who was at all (or most) of the events and supported the club like he/she was a board member? We didn't feel that anyone fit that criteria this year, hence no award.

That's it for this month. Next month we should have our schedule of events ready. Looking forward to see everyone soon.
Racingly,
Paul Dornburg, *Regional Executive*

1) **Call to Order**

Paul Dornburg, Regional Executive at 8:35 pm

a) **Thanks**i) **Mary Helen Harl and Gary Heck for help tonight's logistics.**(1) **Mary makes the call to get the menu as well as providing the "gifts"**(2) **Gary does the party expenses**b) **Officer Reports - Pending a motion to dispense with them...**c) **Secretary** **Teresa Bailey, dispensed.**d) **Treasurer**

Gary Heck, we have money.

e) **Activities Chairman** Bob Sonntag
We need event marshals for next year.f) **Assistant Activities Chairman**

Tim Green, nothing to report.

g) **PitStop**Gene Young, deadline Sat the 15th, tomorrowh) **Assistant Regional Executive**

Terry Davis, I do not have anything to report.

i) **Regional Executive** Paul Dornburg,I will be out of town for the Jan./Feb. meetings. Terry will fill in for me. Terry, "Be
meeting.

there at 7:15 pm for the 8 o'clock

2) **Old Business**a) **Event Trophies** Bob Sonntagi) **Ice Cream Rally trophies, November 11th** - will be distributed at the Jan. meeting.3) **New Business**a) **Road Racers**i) **Tom Bootz**(1) **1st in GLDiv DSR National Points**(2) **9th at Run-offs**(3) **Comments: I broke, but my arch rival, Bill broke first.**ii) **Matt Guzowski**(1) **6th in MidDiv National Formula Vee points**iii) **Tom Tipword – bent car, not enough time and money won't fix**IV) **Barry Schonberger – concentrated on Kent's karting, Just an owner/crew chief now. Mike, "So you spent time in the hospitality tent?"**V) **Kent Schonberger - Finished 2nd in the Tag Light and 5th in the shifter division. Last race of the season I managed not to hit anything. We sold the shifter and buying a new one. Next year I will run in 3 divisions.**b) **Solo Season**i) **Paul Dornburg – Third place SM2 – Walnut Ridge National Tour**ii) **Paul Dornburg – Fifth place SM2 – Walnut Ridge Pro-Solo**iii) **Bob Sonntag – First Place BM – Peru National Tour**iv) **Topeka Solo Nationals - 2007 Nationals**(1) **4 club members – 2 in SM2 – 1 in BM – 1 in Wal-Mart**(2) **No trophies ☹ but lots of fun**

Insert by Gary, 90% of people say, "Oh Crap," before running off into a ditch, but if your from Kentucky, you say, "hold by beer, watch this."

A) **Service Pins/Acknowledgments****Gary Heck**

- 5 Years - Steve Backer, Bill Brown, Matt & Barbara Guzowski, Carri Moore
- 10 Years - Gene Young
- 15 Years - Jim Cannon
- 20 Years - Mark Graninger
- 25 Years
- 30 Years
- 35 Years - Mike Freeman, Terry Davis, Tom Bootz
- 40 Years
- 45 Years
- 50 Years

B) **Rookie Trophy -- The rookie award is present to the rookie with the highest ratio of Berry point earnings.**

- Third Place: **Rachel Bledsoe**
- Second Place: **Kyle Bledsoe**
- First Place and the trophy recipient: **Mitch Seeber**

C) **Rally Trophies**

- Third Place:
 - **Julie Seeber**, 2 wins, 2 thirds
- Second Place:
 - **Paul Dornburg** – 4 different drivers or navigators, 3 wins, 3 seconds
 - **Gene Young** – 2 wins, 2 thirds
- First Place: Always a team with 5 wins, they didn't lose a Rally all year
 - **Terry Davis**
 - **Bob Sonntag**

D) Autocross Trophies – Fifth year with autocross points based on composite indexed results. The maximum number of points is 6000. (best 6 of 7 events)

- 37 club members competed in at least one autocross
- No single driver carried perfect scores though all seven of our events.
- No single driver earned an adjusted perfect score by taking FTD in 6 of 7 events.
- Last year the top ten finishers were within 25 percent of first place.
- This year the figure is 11 percent.
- Last year the top five finishers were within 3.4 percent of first place while this year the top five are less than 3 percent of the first place finisher.
- 6 drivers made all the events
- Third Place Trophy: **Jim Cannon**, Street Tire Class, 6 events, 2 FTD (06 Champ)
- Second Place Trophy: **Tim Brown**, Street Tire Class, 6 events, 4 FTD
- First Place Trophy: **Paul Dornburg** – Race Tire Class, 7 events, 4 FTD

E) Berry Points Trophies

- Third Place Trophy: **Gene Young** – 76 points
- Second Place Trophy: **Paul Dornburg & Terry Davis** – 83 points
- First Place Trophy: **Bob Sonntag** – 98 points, for the umpteenth time

Ken Andrew Indian Award

- This year's recipient – we reviewed candidates all year long and didn't find a suitable candidate for this year's award.

F) Board Service Awards

- Activities Chairman: Bob Sonntag
- Assistant Activities Chairman: Tim Green
- Pit Stop Editor: Gene Young
- Treasurer: Gary Heck
- Secretary: Teresa Bailey
- Assistant Regional Executive: Terry Davis
- Regional Executive: Paul Dornburg



G) Election by Affirmation Results

- Assistant Activities Chairman: Tim Green
- Activities Chairman: Bob Sonntag
- PitStop Editor: Gene Young
- Treasurer: Gary Heck
- Secretary: Teresa Bailey
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M) 2007 Goals and Accomplishments

- Not Accomplished:
 - Same number of members
 - Same number of participants
- Accomplished:
 - Hot Rod Power Tour event
 - New generator thanks to the Hot Rod power Tour
 - New trailer window covers thanks to Don Kelley and Gene Young
 - Lawrenceville patch work yielded more course variations

N) 2008 Goals Include

- No solo accidents, these are on the upswing nationally
- Successful Solo and Rally weekend memberships implementation
- More Lawrenceville patching for more courses
- Replace the Owensboro Airport Solo sight
- Upgrade/replace Solo computer system, wireless timing lights
- Hold a Street Survival event for Teen drivers - Single day event, will need volunteers



- 6) **Upcoming Events - Bowling**
- 7) **Any Other Business? - Call came in from Santa.....**
- 8) **Passing of the Gavel? – NOT!**
- 9) **Adjournment**

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Rally Events:	Membership Meetings:	Autocross 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	6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. -- Socializing 7:00 P.M. -- Dinner 8:00 P.M. -- Business meeting	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 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		