



The Pit Stop



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February REport

This will be another ambitious year for our region. We've got a full schedule of rallies and autocrosses starting in February all the way through November wrapping up with our awards banquet the second Friday of December.

Coming up real quick is the national convention in San Antonio. I've received a bunch of emails from the National office all but begging me to attend but it's not in the cards this year. Our own Dr. Jim Butler has agreed to pick up any awards we may have garnered. The latest email from the Region Development Manager advised me we will be getting an award but he could not divulge what it was lest put a hit out on me. As such we will be holding the February club meeting on Wednesday the 13th instead of Tuesday the 12th so mark your calendars.

Speaking of the convention, there has been a lot of conversation on a Solo Chairman email list about the temporary membership that regions will be required to administer for all Solo and Rally events. What that means is that any guests that choose to participate in our events will have to pay a premium for a temporary membership. That premium can be applied towards a full time membership within a given period of time. What we have yet to decide is how big that premium is going to be. Nationals suggests \$15. We'll decide on the price at next month's board meeting.

In the December PitStop I tried calling to task all the non-participating members of our club. I hope I didn't step on any toes as I tried to understand your thinking

process. And there are members that do put in time for the SCCA although it may not be for our region. Dr Jim Butler comes to mind. But I still want to see more participation by our missing members especially when we put on the Street Survival event.

In case you've been wondering what the Street Survival event is let me explain. (and see the document on the next page) The event will be a one-day event probably on a Saturday in June or July. It will be a driver education for teen drivers. The Teens will be in their daily drivers and will be instructed by our club members. The driving involves hard braking and lane changes on dry pavement. Then the surface is wetted with soap and water and the drivers are put through oversteer and understeer exercises. We'll need about 15 instructors and at least 20 support people. There will be registration, car safety checks, tire inspections, classroom instruction, breaks with drinks and snacks, lunch, driving, more snacks and drinks with a final recap session and awards. It will be a full day for everyone involved but well worth it if we can teach just one driver how to deal with their vehicle in an extreme situation. Getting ready for the event will involve talking to the media to get the word out. We'll be appealing to parents and grandparents to enroll their kids in the program and drag them to the event. Perhaps the biggest obstacle right now is securing a site for the event. Gary Heck has been making presentations to the Evansville government asking to use one of the Roberts Stadium parking lots. We'll need a good-sized lot, 400' x 600', which is why we targeted Roberts

Stadium. Gary is keeping us informed of the progress in his talks. As the event draws nearer we'll be calling asking for your help.

The first SCCA Tour Event is the next weekend in Cecil Georgia, February 23rd and 24th.

Bob's got an event on the schedule for February 29th, the extra day of leap year.

Then there's Easter, which is followed by our annual Snow Buster autocross on Sunday March 30th at the Owensboro Airport. 9tenatively) We've been very lucky with the weather for this event and I'm hoping this year is no different with warm temperatures and no rain.

Just watched the Speed TV viewing of the SCCA National Runoffs' DSR race from Heartland Park Topeka that starred our very own Tom Bootz. I thought Tom got a lot of air time, considerably more than anyone else that wasn't running up front. Despite his finish he did very well and he must have impressed the announcers judging by the number of times they mentioned his name. Good job Tom.

I looked for Matt Guzowski in the Formula V race and only caught a glimpse of his Richie Evans Orange car as the cars moved out of grid for the start of the race. Matt finished and didn't make the highlight reel which makes it a successful outing for him. Nice job Matthew.

That's it for now. C'mon out to the club meeting and see what Dr. Jim has to tell us about the National Convention.

Racingly,
Paul Dornburg, *Regional Executive*



FAST FACTS

How big a problem are accidents and deaths from teen driving?

According to NHTSA, in 2004 alone, 7,386 people perished behind the wheel of a car due to crashes involving drivers aged 16 - 20.

What is Tire Rack Street Survival?

The Tire Rack Street Survival™ program is a teen driving school held at local venues around the country and run by the BMW Car Club of America Foundation. Its goals are to teach students the basics of car control, to enhance their enjoyment of driving and to improve their competence as drivers. Students learn how their actions govern their own car's responses and therefore become safer, more effective drivers.

How does the program work?

Accompanied by a trained driving instructor giving real-time feedback, students maneuver their cars through acceleration, turning and braking exercises laid out with orange traffic cones in a closed parking lot. They experience each exercise element several times in order to learn from their mistakes and to improve their skills. There is no stopwatch or head-to-head competition with other cars.

What makes Street Survival different from other programs?

Students use their own cars so they learn the behaviors and limitations of the vehicles they will be driving every day. In addition, students, parents and community leaders may request a Street Survival school come to their neighborhood by visiting www.streetsurvival.org.

How many Street Survival schools are scheduled for 2008?

The goal is to hold at least 50 schools across the country.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Any licensed driver aged 16 – 21 can participate. Permitted drivers 16 or older may participate if they meet state legal requirements and have held their permit at least half the period required by the state. Parents are encouraged to attend with their teenager.

How much does a school cost?

The cost is \$60 per student, payable by Visa or MasterCard only when registering for a specific school.

How do I learn more, find a list of upcoming schools, or register for a specific school?

For more information, visit www.streetsurvival.org, email survive@streetsurvival.org, or call 864-329-1919.

Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
2.00 FEBRUARY				
2.04	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
2.07 - 2.09	Thu - Sat	SCCA National Convention	- SCCA -	San Antonio, TX
2.12	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
2.16	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
2.17	Sunday	Daytona 500	- NASCAR -	Daytona International Speedway
2.22 - 2.24	Fri - Sun	Solo National Tour	- SCCA -	Cecil, GA
2.29	Friday	Annual Leap Day Event	Bob	Hardee's, 4249 US 41 North, Evansville
3.00 MARCH				
3.03	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
3.09	Sunday	Pt Rally (1 of 7)		
3.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
3.13	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
3.15	Saturday	Patch Party Preparatory Visit	"Willing Souls"	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.15	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
3.30	Sunday	"Snow Buster" Fun Autocross		Owensboro Daviess County Airport, O'boro
3.31	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
4.00 APRIL				
4.08	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
4.10	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
4.13	Sunday	Pt Rally (2 of 7)		
4.19	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
4.19	Saturday	Patch Party #1		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.20	Sunday	Patch Party #1 -- Rain date		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.20	Sunday	Ft Knox Autocross	Kentucky Region	Ft Knox, KY
4.26	Saturday	Patch Party #2		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.27	Sunday	Patch Party #2 -- Rain date		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.00 MAY				
5.04	Sunday	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	Julie & Gene	Dairy Queen, 5030 Frederica St, Owensboro
5.04 or 5.05?	Sun or Mon?	Board Meeting	Paul	Pre/Post-Rally or Bob's house
5.10	Saturday	Test-N-Tune (Entry Level Justifying)	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
5.15	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
5.17	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
5.17	Saturday	KYR Autocross Driving School	Kentucky Region	Papa John's Stadium, Louisville, KY
5.18	Sunday	"Opening Bookend" Pt Autocross (1 of 7)	Bob	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.18	Saturday	KYR Autocross	Kentucky Region	Papa John's Stadium, Louisville, KY
5.23 - 5.25	Fri - Sun	Solo National Tour	- SCCA -	Hampton, GA
5.25	Sunday	Indianapolis 500	- IRL -	Indy Motor Speedway, Speedway
6.00 JUNE				
6.01	Sunday	Ft Knox Autocross	Kentucky Region	Ft Knox, KY
6.02	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's house
6.08	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (1 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
6.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
6.15	Sunday	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)	Gary	Heritage Hills High School, Lincoln City
6.21	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
6.21	Saturday	Street Survival Event?	Paul	Roberts Stadium, Evansville
6.22	Sunday	Ft Knox Autocross	Kentucky Region	Ft Knox, KY
6.27 - 6.29	Fri - Sun	SCCA Tour Event	- SCCA -	Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
6.30	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
7.00 JULY				
7.08	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
7.10	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
7.13	Sunday	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Gene	Owensboro Airport
7.18 - 7.20	Fri - Sun	SCCA Tour Event	- SCCA -	Milwaukee, WI
7.19	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
7.19 ??	Saturday	"Day At The Drags" Autocross	(Board Event)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.20 ??	Sunday	"Day At The Drags" Drag Racing	Bowler Trans.	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.20	Sunday	Fun Rally	John & Mimsie	
7.20	Sunday	KYR Autocross	Kentucky Region	Papa John's Stadium, Louisville, KY
7.26	Saturday	Street Survival Event?	Paul	Roberts Stadium, Evansville
7.27	Sunday	Brickyard 400	- NASCAR -	Indy Motor Speedway, Speedway
8.00 AUGUST				
8.03	Sunday	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Teresa	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.04	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
8.10	Sunday	KYR Autocross	Kentucky Region	Papa John's Stadium, Louisville, KY
8.12	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Log Inn, Warrenton
8.14	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
8.16	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
8.17	Sunday	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)	Paul	Owensboro Airport
8.24	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville

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8.29 - 8.31	Fri - Sun	SCCA Tour Event	- SCCA -	Kansas City, MO
8.31	Sunday	"Sillyness Repeated" Pt Rally (4 of 7)	Bob & Terry	Café Court, Washington Sq Mall, Evansville
9.00	SEPTEMBER			
9.01 ??	Monday	Board Meeting (Resched - this is Labor Day)	Paul	Bob's House
9.07	Sunday	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.09	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
9.11	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
9.13	Saturday	Solo II Nationals - Travel & Warm-up Day	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
9.14	Sunday	Solo II Nationals - Travel & Warm-up Day	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
9.15	Monday	Solo II Nationals - Off Day	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
9.16	Tuesday	Solo II Nationals - Competition	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
9.17	Wednesday	Solo II Nationals - Competition	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
9.18	Thursday	Solo II Nationals - Competition	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
9.19	Friday	Solo II Nationals - Competition	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
9.20	Saturday	Solo II Nationals - Travel Day	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
9.20	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
10.00	OCTOBER			
10.05	Sunday	"Sillyness Returns" Pt Rally (5 of 7)	Terry & Bob	Washington Sq Mall (back lot), Evansville
10.06	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
10.06 - 10.12	Mon - Sun	SCCA Runoffs	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
10.07	Tuesday	SCCA Runoffs	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
10.08	Wednesday	SCCA Runoffs	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
10.09	Thursday	SCCA Runoffs	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
10.10	Friday	SCCA Runoffs	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
10.11	Saturday	SCCA Runoffs	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
10.12	Sunday	SCCA Runoffs	- SCCA -	Heartland Park, Topeka
10.12	Sunday	"Closing Bookend" Pt Autocross (7 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.14	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
10.16	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
10.18	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
10.26	Sunday	Pt Rally (6 of 7)		
11.00	NOVEMBER			
11.03	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
11.09	Sunday	Fun Rally (Food Rally???)	Mike & Tom	
11.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
11.13	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
11.15	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
11.16	Sunday	Pt Rally (7 of 7)		
12.00	DECEMBER			
12.01	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
12.12	Friday	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Paul/Gary/Mary	Rolling Hills County Club
12.20	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
Not Listed:	T/S/D rally school		Owensboro bowling event	
	Indy karting field trip		Evansville bowling event	

Activities '08

Elsewhere in Pit Stop is the 2008 schedule as it stands at this point. The autocross sites have not been confirmed and thus things may change a bit. You may notice that there are more Solo Tour and Pro Solo events listed and several Kentucky Region autocross events. Also listed are two Southern Illinois Region events. The hope is that more of us will travel to the out of region events.

Also notice that there two weekends with Street Survival events. We will have only one Street Survival event. To be able to do a Street Survival event the Board is expecting a serious commitment to the project from lots of the club. Paul Dornburg is heading up the effort and though Paul is based in Owensboro, the plan is for the event to be held in Evansville. Watch for more on our Street Survival project from Paul. If you are willing to commit to the project now, I know that Paul would like to hear from you.

Nearly all of last year's Southern Indiana Region events were put on by Board members and their significant others. That's mostly a result the Board members speaking up at Board meetings as the schedule is reviewed. If you would like to be an event marshal this year, please let me know. There are both rally and autocross events still available. Tutoring is available for first-timers.

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Annual Leap Day Event

This year is a leap year and that means we will have our annual February 29th activity later this month. This year's edition will be a low-tech take on a geo-cache rally event. NO GPS technology required! A map and a compass will suffice. That's all I used to set up the route.

The event will start from the US 41 North Hardee's restaurant in Evansville. Tech and registration will start at 6:30 P.M. The plan is to have the first car depart about 7:15. The route is full paved. This is NOT a Time/Speed/Distance event. Bring a means of knowing which way is north and have a map. More information will be shared at the February membership meeting. That additional information will be whether the helpful maps will be of the county, the country, the continent, or the world. If things go according to plan we will all be socializing at the post-route gathering about 9:15.

As our first with-car event this year this will also be our first event that requires ALL entrants to be members. This is a new requirement by the SCCA. As a region we will still have a separate class for "guest" entrants in our events. If you have been playing cars with us as a guest, you are still most welcome to join us...either for events or to become members. Or better yet both! If you are not an SCCA member, in addition to the \$20 (\$18 with pre-registration) entry fee, there will be another \$15 required for the weekend membership fee. The \$15 weekend membership comes with a coupon for \$15 off of an SCCA membership, so it is possible to recoup \$15. There is more information about the SCCA's new Weekend Membership program on the SCCA website.

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(as of January 18)	
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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		