



# The Pit Stop



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## March REport

Please check the calendar in this month's issue for changes to some dates.

Bob Sonntag is putting on an annual Leap Year Day event on Friday February 29<sup>th</sup>. I doubt this will get to you before the event and it'll be too early for results so I hope you went and had a good time navigating in the dark on a rare February day.

The Owensboro Ice Cream Rally is Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>. It'll start at the Dairy Queen on US 60 east in Owensboro and end at the DQ on US 231 in Owensboro. Pay attention to your email for more details. If you've been on this one before you should "Ace" it this time.

Some of us will be going to the Lawrenceville airport on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> to do our annual survey of the concrete. If you'd like to ride along, the longest part of the trip, and walk around looking for concrete to patch, send a note to one of the Board members and we'll let you know exactly what our plan is, as soon as we formulate it.

The Snow buster autocross will be held Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Owensboro airport instead of the Evansville Centre lot. Although the Centre is fun to run the problem of people walking across, or near, the course while cars on it, causes us great concern. If we could secure the Centre lot better we'd use it but we don't feel good about it. Plus, at the airport there aren't any planes these days so course setup could be done the day before. And it has a bathroom close by and if it's cold you'll still get some grip on the concrete. Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> is the day of the event.

We've moved the Patch Party to a Sunday because Yancy Smith has volunteered his time on the only day off he has in a week to bring us all the equipment we need to do our patch work. You may remember Yancy from the Lawrenceville events as the guy from Terre Haute in the silver Honda with the wide short tires.

We're still waiting for a confirmation that we can use Roberts

Stadium for our Street Survival event. Dr Jim Butler said he would contact someone at Whirlpool to see if it's available for us to use and we've got a fallback plan to use the Owensboro airport. We hope to finalize the location in the next month.

Just to reiterate, the weekend membership program has started. At an autocross a non-member will pay an additional \$15 above and beyond the entry fee paid by club members. At Rallies the fee will be an additional \$15 for a non-member driver and an additional \$5 for a non-member navigator above and beyond the car entry fee. Two of those fees, \$60, can be applied towards an SCCA license. If you are thinking about inviting some friends to our events remember the extra costs.

Moving the February club membership meeting to Wednesday night for paid off because we avoided the snow/ice storm that made driving miserable on Tuesday.



Dr Jim Butler was there to present us with the 2007 Region Achievement Award for Small Regions. The award goes to the region that "consistently shines year after year in its efforts to energize and invigorate its membership". And on and on it goes extolling the virtues of a successful region, our region. To get this award the RE, that's me, fills out a self rating questionnaire. I conferenced with Bob Sonntag, who twice won this award while serving as the club's RE, and we discussed the kind of backup information that would have to be provided for the ratings. I thought long and hard and then put pen to paper, or fingers to keys to be precise, and outlined all the things we do as a

club to satisfy the ratings I choose for each question. I dared not exaggerate anything only writing about the things we do to keep this club going. Lo and behold about 2 weeks before the National convention I get a call from the SCCA Regional Development Manager, Mike Dickerson, all but pleading with me to go to the convention. I cited the cost as the problem but he argued it would be worth it. Eventually I told him I would be on a business trip and unable to attend so he relented and asked who could be there to pick up the award? He couldn't tell me anything about the award only that there was one. I told him I would call Jim Butler and have him represent the club, which he did.



In the picture to the left you can see Jim presenting me with the award at the February Club meeting. I could take all the credit for it but it's the Board and club members that make this all work.

One last item. Registration for all events will be done on [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). You will have to setup an account with them much like you had to do on [myautoevents.com](http://myautoevents.com). Once you are setup you can register for all our events. Bob Sonntag and I will begin setting up the events by the end of February. So get your account established so you can register for our events and save yourself the price of an ice cream cone, or 2/3 gallon of gas.

So that's it for this month. Come out to our events, have a good time and enjoy your car. Racin'ly,  
Paul Dornburg, *Regional Executive*

<b>Berry Points</b>	
(as of March 1)	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
Davis, Terry	7
Sonntag, Bob	7
Butler, Jim	3
Coen, John	3
Dornburg, Paul	3
Young, Gene	3
Seeber, Julie	2
Totten, Frank	2
Bailey, Darrin	1
Bailey, Teresa	1
Bootz, Tom	1
Brown, Tim	1
Cannon, Darlene	1
Cannon, Jim	1
Coen, Mimsie	1
Dornburg, Carolyn	1
Freeman, Mike	1
Guzowski, Matt	1
Heck, Gary	1
Schonberger, Barry	1
Wior, Glenn	1



### "Geocache"

This Year's Annual February 29th Event

Bob Sonntag, Rallymaster

Terry Davis, Assistant Rallymaster

		<b>Scores</b>				
<b>Team</b>	<b>Atlas</b>	<b>Compass</b>	<b>RI Geo</b>	<b>Caches</b>	<b>Total</b>	
1	Jim Bulter / Mark Wannemueller	80	80	70	120	350
2	Frank Totten / John Coen	80	80	20	120	300
2	Gene Young / Julie Grundhoefer	80	80	40	100	300
4	Paul Dornburg	80	80	60	70	290

Maximum Points:      80                  80                  210                  130                  500

Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
<b>3.00 MARCH</b>				
3.03	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
3.09	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (1 of 7) - "Ice Cream" Rally	Paul & Carolyn	Dairy Queen, US 60 East, Owensboro
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	<b>"Snow Buster" Fun Autocross</b>		Owensboro Daviess County Airport, O'boro
3.31	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
<b>4.00 APRIL</b>				
4.08	Tuesday	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
4.10	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
4.13	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (2 of 7)	Gene & Julie	
4.19	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
4.20	Sunday	<b>Patch Party #1</b>		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.20	Sunday	Ft Knox Autocross	Kentucky Region	Ft Knox, KY
4.27	Sunday	<b>Patch Party #2</b>		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
<b>5.00 MAY</b>				
5.04	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (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	<b>Test-N-Tune (Entry Level Justifying)</b>	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.13	Tuesday	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	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	<b>"Opening Bookend" Pt Autocross</b> (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
<b>6.00 JUNE</b>				
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	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
6.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
6.21	Saturday	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Gene	
6.22	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (2 of 7)	Gary	Heritage Hills High School, Lincoln City
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
<b>7.00 JULY</b>				
7.08	Tuesday	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
7.10	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
7.13	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (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	<b>"Day At The Drags" Autocross??</b>	(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	<b>Fun Rally</b>	John & Mimsie	
7.20	Sunday	KYR Autocross	Kentucky Region	Papa John's Stadium, Louisville, KY
7.26	Saturday	<b>Street Survival Event?</b>	Paul	Roberts Stadium, Evansville
7.27	Sunday	Brickyard 400	- NASCAR -	Indy Motor Speedway, Speedway
<b>8.00 AUGUST</b>				
8.03	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (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	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	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	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (5 of 7)	Paul	Owensboro Airport
8.24	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.29 - 8.31	Fri - Sun	SCCA Tour Event	- SCCA -	Kansas City, MO
8.31	Sunday	<b>"Silliness Repeated" Pt Rally</b> (4 of 7)	Bob & Terry	Café Court, Washington Sq Mall, Evansville
<b>9.00 SEPTEMBER</b>				
9.01 ??	Monday	Board Meeting (Resched - this is Labor Day)	Paul	Bob's House
9.07	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (6 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.09	Tuesday	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	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



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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