



The *Pit Stop*



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January REport

Welcome to 2009! Let's start by recapping the Awards Banquet at the Rolling Hills Country Club. 28 or so club members and guests gathered for our annual December membership meeting/Award Banquet and after the cocktail hour we all enjoyed a good meal. After our meal we handed out the 2008 Performance awards.

Terry Davis took home the Rally Award. He garnered the best scores throughout the split Rally season that began in February and ended in November. Bob Sonntag was second in points followed by Gene Young in third.

Tim Brown won the Autocross award. Early in the season it was obvious he was the man to beat. He capped off his season of perfect scores with another perfect score at the Closing Bookend. Bob Sonntag was second ahead of Barry Beaman.

Bob Sonntag was the winner of the Berry Award. If you come to every event, every meeting and do well in all the competitions you can be a Berry Award winner too. Nice job Bob.

Michael Buente won the Rookie of the Year award. He beat out one of the largest Rookie Classes (16) we have had in recent history. Michael beat Yancy Smith by just .05 points.

The last award was the Ken Andrew Memorial Indian Award. This Award goes to the club member (or members) whom the Board feels does the most for the club at our events. The Board watches everyone and discusses who did what at the monthly meetings. At the end of the year we decide who gets the award. This year the Indian Award winner was Yancy Smith. Yancy was at every autocross and brought workers and equipment to all the events. He also provided all the equipment we needed for the Patch Party at no cost to the club.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be January 9th at the Lone Star Steakhouse in Evansville. Hopefully we'll have a good turn out so everyone can give us his or her plans for the coming year. Terry Davis will be filling in for me because I'll be at the Chili Bowl races in Tulsa, OK.

2009 will be an ambitious year for us. We are planning on doing all the events we did last year as well as 3 Street Survival events.

We are planning on one Street Survival event at Lawrenceville, Evansville and Owensboro. We'll be looking for your participation in putting on these Teen driver schools. I'm thinking that holding them early in the year before school lets out will be the best time. Last October in Lawrenceville we saw that the fall season can have a lot of competition from football and band.

The Bowler Autocross may become a bigger event as they hope to make it a national event for Pro-Touring type cars. I'll be talking to Mark Bowler in the coming months as we prepare for the third autocross at the Bowler Day at the Drags weekend.

Last month I mentioned that the board is considering hosting a Divisional Solo event. We've penciled in the weekend of June 13th as a date. I sent a note to the Divisional Solo Chairman Raleigh Boreen and he said he'd have a reply for us early in January.

Another plan we've got is to host a Rally Cross. I've had some preliminary talks with Scott Slayton who runs Windy Hollow Speedway. We're going to meet soon to discuss the details. If he consents to letting us use the track I'll make a trip out to the track to get a rough idea of the layout. We'll also need to do some homework for this event. If you read through the requirements and rules for putting on a Rally Cross event you'll see we lack some expertise in some areas. I'm thinking we make hold this on our Snow Buster date in late March. The harder the ground the better.

That's it for this month. Check our on-line calendar at www.sirscca.org and register for our events at www.motorsportreg.com.

Racingly, Paul Dornburg *Regional Executive*

p.s. I'll have more old Pit Stops throughout the year.

Activities Past and Future

Two thousand eight was a good year for SIR/SCCA. Though the calendar was not completely filled (we ended one T/S/D rally short) we did have a solid year. Our driving events started with the Annual Leap Day on February 29th. The weekend membership program did not adversely effect event participation. The loss of the Owensboro airport and foregoing the use of the Evansville Centre did have a negative effect. We saw quite a few first time autocrosser entrants return for more than one event. Allen Christy became an event marshal for the first time. Though the class size was very small we successfully presented our first Tire Rack Street Survival School and did it well. Gene Young and Julia Grundhoefer gave us a new twist on a map rallies and ran them back-to-back on what was really a driver's route. Who knew then that those rallies would turn out to be the food rally? We saw the year finish with an up tick in the rally turnout.

Let us keep the good thought and work towards 2009 becoming an even better year. A bit more participation in our events and a few more new faces are achievable goals. Uh, that is new as in new to us. Miles Moore's two events before the age of 6 weeks virtually eliminates the possibility of having new as in younger event participants.

Elsewhere in this issue of Pit Stop is the 2009 schedule as it stands at this point. Understand it is only January. The autocross site and dates have not been confirmed. Do not be surprised if some adjustments are made as our 2009 competition year gets under way. Those that read Pit Stop carefully, pay attention to meeting minutes, or were listening when RE Paul Dornburg spoke of the coming year at our awards banquet last month know that the Board is giving consideration to our hosting a Great Lakes divisional series event and more Street Survival Schools. New to our calendar is a denoting of "off" weekends and a few holidays. Based on your feedback those features will remain or be dropped. What's your thought?

In support of our rebounding rally program I would like to once again have a T/S/D rally school early in the year. In the past, the school has focused on students as rally entrants. This time around I would like to expand the school to include a bit more about being the rallymaster. Unlike our autocross events in which the course designer may compete, rally events require the rally master to be a non-entrant. One team of rally entrants is forced to drop out of a rally so that the other regulars may have a rally to run. With so few rally teams participating regularly this really impacts our rally turnouts. More rallymasters will offer a greater variety of rallies and an easier time of having enough rallies each year.

Now is the time that it is most appreciated when people volunteer to be event marshals. For autocross events the primary responsibilities are doing course design and trophy presentations. For rally events it is a be more involved in that the route must be designed, the instructions written, leg times figured, workers recruited, the scoring done (scoring Excel spreadsheet available), and trophies presented. Tutoring and mentoring is available so don't let any first time nervousness keep you from stepping up to being much needed event marshal. All of the autocross events and some of the rally events are still available. Let me know which ones you would like to do. Being an event marshal is a sure way to get first place Berry points and in rallies first place rally points too.

See you at the January meeting.

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Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
1.00 JANUARY				
1.05	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	The Moore's
1.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon
1.15	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
1.17	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
2.00 FEBRUARY				
2.01	Sunday	Super Bowl		
2.02	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
2.08	Sunday	Free Weekend		
2.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
2.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
2.15	Sunday	Free Weekend		
2.19 - 2.21	Thu - Sat	SCCA National Convention		Las Vegas, NV
2.21	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
2.22	Sunday	Fun Rally		
3.00 MARCH				
3.01	Sunday	Free Weekend		
3.02	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
3.08	Sunday	Pt Rally (1 of 7)		
3.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
3.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
3.15	Sunday	Free Weekend		
3.21?	Saturday	Patch Party Preparatory Visit		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.21	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
3.22	Sunday	Free Weekend		
3.29	Sunday	"Snow Buster" Fun Autocross		
4.00 APRIL				
4.05	Sunday	Palm Sunday		
4.06	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's house
4.12	Sunday	Easter Sunday		
4.14	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon
4.16	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
4.18	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
4.19	Sunday	Patch Party #1	(Board Event)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.26	Sunday	Patch Party #2 - Rain date	(Board Event)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.00 MAY				
5.03	Sunday	"Ice Cream Rally I" Pt Rally (2 of 7)	Paul & Carolyn	Owensboro
5.04	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's house
5.10	Sunday	Mother's Day		
5.12	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
5.14	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
5.16	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
5.16	Saturday	Test-N-Tune (Entry Level Permitting)	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.17	Sunday	"Opening Bookend" Pt Autocross (1 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.24	Sunday	Free Weekend		
5.24 (Memorial Day)	Sunday	Indianapolis 500 (93rd)		Indy Motor Speedway, Speedway
5.31	Sunday	Pt Rally (3 of 7)		
JUNE				
6.01	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's house
6.07	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (1 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.09	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
6.11	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
6.11-14?	Fri - Sun	SIR/SCCA's Divisional?	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.14	Sunday	Free Weekend		
6.20	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
6.21	Sunday	Father's Day		
6.28	Sunday	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)		(Would roll into our Divisional weekend)
7.00 JULY				
7.04	Saturday	Independence Day		
	Fri - Sun	SCCA Tour Event		Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
7.06	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
7.12	Sunday	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)		
7.14	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
7.16	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
7.18	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
7.18 ??	Saturday	"Day At The Drags" Pro Tour Autocross	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.19 ??	Sunday	"Day At The Drags" Pro Tour Drag Racing		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.26 (Parents' Day)	Saturday	Street Survival Event?	Paul	
7.26?	Sunday	Brickyard 400		Indy Motor Speedway, Speedway
8.00 AUGUST				
8.02	Sunday	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.03	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
8.09	Sunday	"Silliness Repeated" Pt Rally (4 of 7)	Bob & Terry	Wink Construction, Evansville
8.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Log Inn, Warrenton
8.13	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	Diamond Lake, Owensboro
8.15	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
8.16	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.23	Sunday	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)		
8.29	Saturday	Street Survival Event?	Paul	
8.30?	Sunday	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.31	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
9.00 SEPTEMBER				
9.05	Saturday	Solo Nationals (Pro, Travel, Warm-up Day)	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.06	Sunday	Solo Nationals (Pro, Travel, Warm-up Day)	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.07 (Labor Day)	Monday	Solo Nationals - Off Day	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.08-11	Tue - Fri	Solo Nationals Competition	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.12	Saturday	Solo Nationals Travel Day		
9.13	Sunday	Grandparents' Day		
9.15	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
9.17	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
9.19	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
9.20	Sunday	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)		
9.22-24	Tue - Thu	National Championship Runoffs - Qualifying	SCCA	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
9.25-27	Fri - Sun	National Championship Runoffs - Competition	SCCA	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
9.27	Sunday	Free Weekend - sort of		
10.00 OCTOBER				
10.04	Sunday	"Silliness Returns" Pt Rally (5 of 7)	Terry & Bob	Wink Construction, Evansville
10.05	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
10.11	Sunday	"Closing Bookend" Pt Autocross (7 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
10.15	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
10.17	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
10.18	Sunday	Free Weekend		
10.25	Sunday	"Ice Cream Rally II" Pt Rally (6 of 7)	Carolyn & Paul	Owensboro
10.31	Saturday	Halloween - Night Fun Rally?		
11.00 NOVEMBER				
11.01	Sunday	Free Weekend - OR Halloween rally		
11.02	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
11.07 or 08	Sat or Sun	Social Event		
11.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
11.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Torbio's, Owensboro
11.15	Sunday	Free Weekend		
11.21	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
11.22	Sunday	Pt Rally (7 of 7)		
11.26-29	Thu - Sun	Thanksgiving Day Weekend		
12.00 DECEMBER				
12.04	Friday	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Paul/Gary/Mary	Rolling Hills County Club
12.07	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
12.19	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
Not Listed:	T/S/D rally school (design & run)			
	Street Survival (3 of 3)			
	Indy karting field trip			



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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

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