



# The Pit Stop



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## February Report

I don't like the winter in this area for a couple of reasons. One, the weather is too cold and unpredictable to do what we normally do, rallies and autocrosses, but not cold enough long enough to do fun things like ice racing or ice autocrossing. And two, for those of us without heated garages forays to the repair shop means frozen toes and fingers. So what do I do? I go to Tulsa for the best races of the year at the Chili Bowl, I plan for improvements to my Porsche and start accumulating parts for my planned changes. The club activities chair person puts together a schedule for the year and presents it to the Board for approval. This year we have a lot of events planned including our first Rallycross and maybe as many as 3 Street Survival schools.

Planning for our first Rallycross is well underway with a venue already selected at Windy Hollow Raceway/Dragway. I've talked to Scott Slayton about using the racetrack and he's told us that we could use it. I've drafted a rough course layout and I am waiting to talk to the Divisional Rally Steward about what else is needed for the first event. I'd suggest that if you are considering entering or working the rallycross go online at the SCCA website and find the rallycross rules and read them. Pay particular attention to articles 1.1 and 5, not just what class you might be in. If things go according to plan we'll be at Windy Hollow on Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

I talked to Mark Bowler about the autocross during his July "Day at the Strip" weekend. We talked about what kind of event we want to put on and came to this decision. He'll market a "Hot Rod, Street Rod, Pro-Touring" type event and we'll run the event. The Bowler Transmissions group has a lot more experience putting the word out while we've got the experience to run the event. I'll have more details as time goes on but expect it to be more like one of our autocrosses where competitors work and drive. Mark said he'd work on prizes for the event and is excited about making this a "have to be there" event for the Hot Rodders.

Carolyn and I will be joining Dr Jim at the SCCA convention in Las Vegas this month. I'm looking forward to the meetings and hoping we take home the Small Region of the Year achievement award like we have done in the past. Of course we'll take some time and sight see, probably gambling a little bit and take in a show. More on that next month.

Bob's written a good piece about activities and since I'm absent of any kind of material for my report I'll defer to his writings.

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

Berry Points (as of Jan 17)	
Name	Points
Bailey, Darrin	1
Bailey, Teresa	1
Cannon, Jim	1
Davis, Terry	1
Freeman, Mike	1
Jochum, Ron	1
Moore, Carrie	1
Moore, Chris	1
Schonberger, Barry	1
Sonntag, Bob	1

Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
1.00	JANUARY			
1.31	Saturday	Rally		
2.00	FEBRUARY			
2.21	Sunday	Rally		
3.00	MARCH			
3.07	Saturday	Rally		
3.21	Saturday	Autocross		
4.00	APRIL			
4.11	Saturday	Autocross		
5.00	MAY			
5.02	Saturday	Autocross		
5.16	Saturday	Rally		
6.00	JUNE			
6.06	Saturday	Autocross		
6.27	Saturday	Autocross		
7.00	JULY			
7.03-05	Fri - Sun	SCCA Tour Event		Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
7.18	Saturday	Autocross		
8.00	AUGUST			
8.08	Saturday	Autocross		
8.22	Saturday	Rally		
9.00	SEPTEMBER			
9.05	Saturday	Autocross		
9.26	Saturday	Rally		
10.00	OCTOBER			
10.17	Saturday	Autocross		
11.00	NOVEMBER			
11.07	Saturday	Rally		
12.00	DECEMBER			
12.06	Saturday	Rally		

## February Activities Update

Our “playing with cars” events are very nearly upon us. One of my main responsibilities as Activity Chairman is to schedule our events. I have put the schedule together and picked dates by trying to avoid conflicts. The autocross and rally event dates may still change as sites and event marshals have yet to be confirmed. I need your help to successfully finish our calendar. I need more people to let me know they will put on autocross and rally events. It is more difficult to find the event marshals for the rally events. If you are interested in taking on event marshal duties please let me know. My contact information is at the bottom of this article.

Those that subscribe to [SIRSCCA@YahooGroups.com](mailto:SIRSCCA@YahooGroups.com) are sure to know that this year things are coming together for the first SIR/SCCA rallycross event. The “Snow Buster” autocross has become the “Sodbuster” rallycross. This event will be held at the Windy Hollow Dragway in Owensboro, Kentucky on March 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information on the event in next month’s *Pit Stop*. As this will be our first event rallycross event and the first rallycross event that many of us have been a part of, you may find it helpful to hit the SCCA website and review the RallyCross rules. The link to the rules is: [cms.scca.com/documents/Rally%20Rules/2009rxr.pdf](http://cms.scca.com/documents/Rally%20Rules/2009rxr.pdf). We will try to follow those as best we can. Use those rules to determine how to class your vehicle. We will all have more fun if the rules are followed with an “unless the rules say you can, assume you can’t” attitude.

With so few attending the January membership meeting this may be the first announcement you see that for 2009 SIR/SCCA will not be offering on-line registration for most events. With no on-line registration, there will be no associated \$2 discount either. Our rally and autocross entry fee stands at \$20. (The rallycross event will be \$25.) The board deemed that the on-line registration process creates extra work in our event processes and was used only by about a third of the entrants. We will post event notices and information on [www.MotorsportReg.com](http://www.MotorsportReg.com) and [www.MyAutoEvents.com](http://www.MyAutoEvents.com) so we will still have the web-enabled ways for people to find out events and information about them. Keep your MotorsportReg IDs for the times we do accept on-line registrations.

In last month’s activities article I said that I would like to have a T/S/D rally school early this year. Perhaps I should have said, “I will present the school if there are at least 10 people interested.” So I say, “**Unless 10 people express interest there will be no rally school this year.**” I have adjusted the calendar of events to make the weekends of March 7-8 and March 14-15 the available for this offering. The class would be just one day and is an excellent way to get what could be years of learning curve experience easily making rallies more fun sooner. If you are interested, please be sure to let me know.

I close this article with a repeat of the plea for event marshals. If you enjoy playing cars with us, you know that somebody is taking care of laying out courses – rallies or autocrosses. Is it your turn to be that person? I hope your answer is “yes.” For autocross events the primary responsibilities are doing course design and trophy presentations. For rally events it is a bit more involved in that the route must be designed, the instructions written, leg times figured, workers recruited, and the scoring done (a scoring Excel spreadsheet is available). Tutoring and mentoring is available so don’t let any first time nervousness keep you from stepping up to being a 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.

Hope to hear from many of you soon and see the rest at the February meeting.

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Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
<b>2.00 FEBRUARY</b>				
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 Toribio's, Owensboro
2.15	Sunday	Free Weekend		
2.19-21	Thu - Sat	SCCA National Convention		Las Vegas, NV
2.21	Saturday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
2.22	Sunday	Free Weekend		
<b>3.00 MARCH</b>				
3.01	Sunday	Free Weekend		
3.02	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Bob's House
3.08	Sunday	Fun Rally		
3.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
3.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio'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	Pt Rally (1 of 7)		
3.29	Sunday	"Sodbuster" RallyCross	Paul	Windy Hollow Dragway, Owensboro
<b>4.00 APRIL</b>				
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 Toribio'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
<b>5.00 MAY</b>				
5.03	Sunday	"Ice Cream Rally I" Pt Rally (2 of 7)	Paul & Carolyn	Dairy Queen, 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 Toribio'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 (M-day Wknd)	Sunday	Free Weekend or 93rd Indianapolis 500		Indy Motor Speedway, Speedway
5.31	Sunday	Pt Rally (3 of 7)		
<b>6.00 JUNE</b>				
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 Toribio's, Owensboro
6.12-14	Fri - Sun	SIR/SCCA's Divisional	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
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)
<b>7.00 JULY</b>				
7.03-05	Fri - Sun	SCCA Tour Event		Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
7.04	Saturday	Independence Day		
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 Toribio'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
7.25 ??	Saturday	Street Survival Event?	Paul	
(Parents' Day)	Sunday	Brickyard 400		Indy Motor Speedway, Speedway
7.26 ??	Sunday	Brickyard 400		
<b>8.00 AUGUST</b>				
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	Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
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 (may change)	Sunday	"Silliness Repeated" Pt Rally (4 of 7)	Bob & Terry	Wink Construction, Evansville
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
<b>9.00 SEPTEMBER</b>				
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 Toribio'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		
<b>10.00 OCTOBER</b>				
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 Toribio'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	Dairy Queen, Owensboro
10.31	Saturday	Halloween -- Night Fun Rally?		
<b>11.00 NOVEMBER</b>				
11.01	Sunday	Halloween rally OR Free Weekend		
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 Toribio'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		
<b>12.00 DECEMBER</b>				
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)		March 7/8 or March 14/15	
	Street Survival (3 of 3)			
	Indy karting field trip?			

Arriving late? Contact Paul Dornburg in advance by E-mail or phone by 6:00 PM the preceding day or register at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)  
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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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