



The Pit Stop



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February REport

I hope everyone's New Year started off well and you are looking forward to events in 2010.

First up will be a Street Survival School on the first weekend of March. I am working with St. Mary's Hospital, D-Patrick and Media-Mix on the promotion of the event. One of our group is going to meet with Mayor Weinzapfel and ask him to direct SMG to allow us to use Roberts Stadium for free. We'll need instructors to ride with the students as we put them through the school as well as workers for other things. I'll be calling on you to help with this endeavor. By working with St. Mary's and D-Patrick we hope to raise the awareness level and have a full school. Media-Mix is also working on the refreshments and food part of the equation. If the first event is a success we'll try to hold 2 more in the spring. One in April and one in May.

Autocrossers should download the 2010 rule book and make note of the changes to the car classifications. There have been a lot of changes and you should be aware of how the changes affect your class. Go to the SCCA website, click on the Solo tab at the top of the screen and then look for the link to the rules on the left side of the screen. Also of note is that for 2010 rule books are not required at a national event. Competitors are expected to know the rules and pleading ignorance for lack of a rule book, in the event of a protest, will not fly.

Recently I put out an email concerning the tire rating for our Street Tire class. There wasn't much response so I'm saying this is a non-issue at this point in time. I'll talk about it during the year and see if it merits more attention. So for 2010 the Street Tire rating remains at 140.

There are some revisions to our By-Laws this year that include wording for having a chapter in a region. We'll get the proposed changes posted somewhere for review before making them official.

We will be doing 2 events for Bowler Transmission this year. The first is Memorial Day weekend, May 29th & 30th. We'll do our first points autocross that Saturday and then the Bowler event on Sunday. Saturday drivers that work the Sunday event will get back at least half of their entry fee from Saturday. The second Bowler event will be the "Day at the Drags" weekend event where we host the autocross on Saturday. We'll setup early so we can do a little "testing" then the course will be opened to Bowler event cars. That event is on July 17th.

Dr. Jim Butler and Mark Wannemueller, head of the Junior Achievement race, approached the Board about helping with the JA race in May. The Board discussed it amongst themselves and with the people in attendance at the January club meeting and regretfully decided not to help out. We felt that we didn't have enough support to satisfy job we'd need to do and didn't want to do a poor job. And, we have a number of SCCA members that belong to a team in the event.

Our next meeting will be February 9th at the Lone Star Steakhouse in Evansville. Terry Davis will be filling in for me because I'll be at the races in Florida.

That's it for this month. Check our on-line calendar at www.sirscca.org.

Racingly, Paul Dornburg *Regional Executive*

February Activity

The roots of the Iditarod sled dog race have a connection to the 1925 diphtheria outbreak in Nome, Alaska. Diphtheria is not an issue for us. But cabin fever might be. On Sunday, February 28th, there will be a gimmick rally. Leave the dogs at home and bring the motorized sleds. Expect to have a bit of fun getting this dose of cabin fever vaccine. The idea for the gimmick in this event was suggested by John Coen. John and Mimsie put on some pretty darn fun gimmick rallies. So let's see how this one works.

It is an "Average Joe" rally this time. No cameras needed. No having to recognize trees beside the road, start fires, or find GPS coordinates. I suppose the environmentally-friendly version would be called a "Mean Joe Green" rally. Anybody else thinking of the 1980 Coca-Cola commercial with Joe Greene?

There will be checkpoints, suggested CASTs, and a very limited buying of time (time allowances) will be permitted. This is not a Time/Speed/Distance rally. The idea will be for teams to be as close to the AVERAGE leg time – set by those running the rally – as possible at each of the checkpoints. For example, if car 1 takes 8 minutes to get to checkpoint 1, car 2 takes 10, and car 3 takes 9 minutes then the average time to checkpoint 1 is 9 minutes $[(8 + 10 + 9) / 3]$. Car 3 is closest to the average time to checkpoint 1. But if car 3 got there at 6 minutes, two things happen:

- 1) The average changes from 9 to 8 minutes. $[(8 + 10 + 6) / 3]$
- 2) Car 1 with an 8 minute leg time is now closest to the average time to checkpoint 1.

The route will be simple with clear and straight forward instructions following fun roads. We have not rallied in a while and Terry Davis and I paid heavily for being off course on the last two rallies. So I am going to stress the straight forward, simple, and nearly idiot-proofness when working out the route instructions. Having fun roads might be good and it might not be. We shall see which it is. Oh, the roads will be paved and fun roads to run for sure. That always helps make for a good time. But if one starts having a bit more fun and starts running faster than the norm, well, then that will be bad. But how quickly are others going? Are they getting a bit more enjoyment out of the route by being more aggressive with the go pedal? Can you deduce what others are doing? Can you "go with the flow" if you can't see the flow? Being an above average performer will be bad. Being below average will be bad too. Being in the middle of the mid-pack will be better.

Sound like better than average fun? I hope it will be. There will be more details at the February membership meeting. Come get the rest of the scoop at that meeting. Otherwise you will have to wait for the web and e-mail postings closer to the event.

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Berry Points	
(as of Jan 17)	
Name	Points
Barrow, James	1
Cannon, James	1
Davis, Terry	1
Freeman, Mike	1
Jochum, Ron	1
Keating, Terry	1
Moore, Carrie	1
Moore, Chris	1
Moore, Miles	1
Sonntag, Bob	1

Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
2.00	FEBRUARY			
2.01	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
2.07	Sunday	Super Bowl		
2.09	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Terry	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
2.14	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
2.14	Sunday	Valentine's Day		
2.24	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
2.21	Sunday	Free day		
2.28	Sunday	"Average Joe" Fun Rally		Announcement at meeting (Feb 9)
3.00	MARCH			
3.01	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Evansville
3.06	Saturday	Street Survival (1 of 3)	Paul	
3.07	Sunday	Street Survival (1 of 3)	Paul	
3.09	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
3.11	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
3.13	Saturday	Patch Party Preparatory Visit		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.14	Sunday	Free day		
3.21	Sunday	Pt Rally (1 of 7) - "Ice Cream"	Paul & Carolyn	Dairy Queen, US 60 East, Owensboro
3.24	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
3.26	Friday	Patch Party -- Hole Digging	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.27	Saturday	Patch Party -- Hole Filling	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.28	Sunday	Palm Sunday		
4.00	APRIL			
4.04	Sunday	Easter Sunday		
4.05	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's house
4.11	Sunday	Patch Party or Playground Party	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon
4.15	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
4.21	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
4.18	Sunday	Free day		
4.24	Saturday	Street Survival (2 of 3)	Paul	
4.25	Sunday	Street Survival (2 of 3)	Paul	
5.00	MAY			
5.02	Sunday	Pt Rally (2 of 7)	Carrie & Chris	Evansville
5.03	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Evansville
5.09	Sunday	Mother's Day		
5.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
5.13	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
5.19	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
5.15	Saturday	Street Survival (3 of 3)	Paul	
5.16	Sunday	Street Survival (3 of 3)	Paul	
5.23	Sunday	Free day -- Or you could help with the JA Grand Prix		
5.29	Saturday	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) - "Opening Bookend"		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.30	Sunday	Bowler "Pro-Tour" Autocross	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.31	Monday	Memorial Day		
6.00	JUNE			
6.01	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's house
6.06	Sunday	Pt Rally (3 of 7) - "Ice Cream II"	Carolyn & Paul	Dairy Queen, US 60 East, Owensboro
6.08	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
6.10	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
6.13	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (1 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.23	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
6.20	Sunday	Father's Day		
6.27	Sunday	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)	Bob	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.00	JULY			
7.02-04	Fri-Sun	Northern States Championship National Tour	SCCA	Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
7.04	Saturday	Independence Day		
7.05	Monday	Independence Day observation		
7.06	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Paul	Evansville
7.11	Sunday	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Terry	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
7.15	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
7.17	Saturday	Bowler "Day At The Strip" Autocross	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.18	Sunday	"Day At The Drags" Drag Racing		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.21	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
7.25	Sunday	Free day		
8.00	AUGUST			
8.01	Sunday	Free day		
8.02	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
8.08	Sunday	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Log Inn, Warrenton
8.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	Diamond Lake, Owensboro
8.15	Sunday	Free day		
8.22	Sunday	Pt Rally (4 of 7)	Bob & Terry	Wink Construction, Evansville
8.25	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
8.29	Sunday	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.30	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Evansville
9.00	SEPTEMBER			
9.05	Sunday	Solo Nationals Travel Day	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.06	Monday	Labor Day		
9.06	Monday	Solo Nationals -- On-site Prep	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.07-08	Tue-Wed	Solo Nationals -- B Modified	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.09-10	Thu-Fri	Solo Nationals -- Super Street Modified	SCCA	"Lincoln Air Park," Lincoln, NE
9.11	Saturday	Solo Nationals Travel Day		
9.12	Sunday	Free day (Grandparent's Day)		
9.14	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
9.16	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
9.19	Sunday	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.20-26	Mon-Sun	National Championship Runoffs	SCCA	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
9.22	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
9.26	Sunday	Free day		
10.00	OCTOBER			
10.03	Sunday	Pt Rally (5 of 7)	Terry & Bob	Wink Construction, Evansville
10.04	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
10.10	Sunday	Pt Autocross (7 of 7) - "Closing Bookend"		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.12	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
10.14	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
10.17	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.20	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
10.24	Sunday	Free day		
10.31	Sunday	Pt Rally (6 of 7) -- Halloween		
11.00	NOVEMBER			
11.01	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Evansville
11.07	Sunday	Free day		
11.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Paul	Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville
11.12	Thursday	Alternate Membership Meeting	Paul	El Toribio's, Owensboro
11.14	Sunday	Pt Rally (7 of 7)		
11.21	Sunday	Free day		
11.24	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
11.25-28	Thu-Sun	Thanksgiving Weekend		
11.29	Monday	Board Meeting	Paul	Paul's House
12.00	DECEMBER			
12.03	Friday	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Paul/Gary/Mary	Rolling Hills County Club
12.05	Sunday	Free day		
12.12	Sunday	Free day		
12.19	Sunday	Free day		
12.22	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
12.24-26	Fri - Sun	Christmas Weekend		
Notes: Mike Freeman has offered a 2010 edition of the food rally if at least 6 six will compete. Will you be one of the six?				
Site approval is still pending on all of the Mid-American Air Center events listed.				



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Lawrenceville Autocrosses are at Mid-American Air Park, near Lawrenceville, IL

Center Autocrosses are at the Evansville Civic Center parking lot

Autocross, Setup 9:00AM, Registration, 11:00 AM, First car off at 1:00 PM

Membership meetings, Lone Star Steakhouse, Evansville, IN

Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM

Arriving late? Contact Paul Dornburg in advance by e-mail or phone by 6:00PM the proceeding day

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