



# The *Pit Stop*



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Greetings SIRSCCA!

Is it March already?!? Judging from the red **REport PAST DUE** reminder in my in-box, it must be! Looks like the snow has melted, and spring is springing. I even pulled Carrie's old Porsche out of hibernation for a trip to the office the other day. Hopefully we can work out some minor gremlins and bring the old girl out for some road rally action later this month. (*Carrie points out that I should be clear that "old girl" refers to the Porsche, NOT the navigator.*)

As you may know, we're trying out some new membership meeting venues this year. In February we met in the upstairs meeting room at Main Gate Bar in Evansville, diagonally across from the under-construction star ship that is rumored to be our new stadium. Our March membership meeting will be **Fat Tuesday**, March 8th at RíRá Irish Pub in downtown Evansville. RíRá is located basically across the street from Casino Aztar where Riverside Drive turns the corner and becomes Fulton Avenue. Or where Fulton Avenue turns the corner and becomes Riverside Drive depending on your perspective ;-). Try to get there a little earlier than usual, as I would like to start the business portion of the meeting around 7:00PM in an effort to have the meeting wrapped up by 8:00 PM and in time for: **PUB TRIVIA\***.

I plan on being there for dinner at 6:00PM in time to enjoy some of their excellent pub food with a fresh pint of Guinness on tap before the meeting. I'll be bringing a projector and a little net book computer, so if you've got pictures or videos you want to share bring them on a thumb stick and we'll put you on the big screen.

*\*For the uninitiated, I'll give you a quick overview of RíRá's pub trivia Tuesdays. Everyone competes in teams. There can be no more than 6 people per team. The first round is usually a picture round, after that each round is 10 questions announced by the trivia master on the stage. No smart phones, no phone-a-friend, no sharing answers, no cheating- period. This is a serious high-stakes game. The winning team gets a \$100 gift card. So be thinking of who you'd like on your pub trivia team, and what clever name you'll use for your team. Usually trivia is wrapped up by 10PM.*

March 13<sup>th</sup> we (and by we I really mean you, since I will be racing at Rockingham on the 13th) will be conducting a reconnaissance and planning mission at Lawrenceville Airfield to establish objectives for the upcoming patch party. If you would like to have some input regarding what holes and rough spots we smooth over, and as such, help determine the shape of autocross courses this year, consider helping out marking holes and walking the course March 13<sup>th</sup>. I expect there will be carpooling opportunities from the major surrounding metropolises. Contact Bob Sonntag or the yahoo groups forum to coordinate. We'll then be putting our plan into action Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> (digging day) and Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> (filling day) and again Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> (digging day) and Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> (filling day). Like last year, filling this year will be done on Monday's such that we can use a concrete truck. Believe you me, the time and energy saved pouring concrete directly from the truck vs mixing them by hand more than compensates for the day off of work. Oh, and did I mention – work any of the 4 patch parties and you earn **TWO FREE COMPETITION RUNS** at EVERY SIR autocross event you enter this season! That's one EACH heat! I don't know about you, but it takes me at least three tries just to know where I'm going on course, so that is a competitive advantage that is totally worth the sore muscles. See you at the Patch Party!

Thinking of hosting a rally? Just want to know what rally masters are thinking, or should have been thinking? Want to collect an endorsement on your SCCA license? Come to Bob Sonntag's Rally Master and Rally Safety Steward School March 19<sup>th</sup> at Atlas Van Lines offices at the corner of North Fares and St. George Road in

Evansville. Bob will be going over the basics and advanced topics for setting up and conducting a fun and safe road rally.

Speaking of road rally, do you know who's in first place for rally points? **YOU ARE!** You had better get your driver or navigator and come to the March 27<sup>th</sup> road rally and defend your position! Ben Davis and Mike Hutchens will be rally masters for our 2011 road rally season opener, which will be departing from the Regent Communications / TownSquare Media Radio building at 117 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street (corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Walnut) in Evansville. I plan on being there, so, unless you plan on letting me cruise away with your rally points, you had better get there too ;-).

Wow, this is going to be a busy month. Did I mention that there's also a Chumpcar race in Rockingham March 12-13? Team Dirty Escort could still stand to have a couple extra pit crew. If you would like to get a taste for road racing and experience the mayhem of crap can endurance racing first hand, give me a call or an email ASAP. The Rockingham track is basically  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the NASCAR track with a couple hairpins inserted to detour into the infield and back out. If all our plans fall into place perfectly, we will have a really competitive car. If not, well... at least we'll return with some great stories to tell at the April membership meeting!

This REport has run a bit long, and since it is already **PAST DUE**, and I can't come up with a more original closing, I will simply quote Jeremy Clarkson: "On that bombshell, goodnight"

See you at the meeting!

Chris

### March Activities

Our rally program begins the 2011 season with two different kinds of events this month. The first is something new for our region. On **Saturday, March 19**, we will have our first ever (at least in my 25 years of membership) **rallymaster school**. There are several goals of the school. We want to have more people feeling comfortable enough to put on Time/Speed/Distance rallies. We also want to raise the quality of our rallies by eliminating issues that can stem from general instruction sections that are incomplete or a bit too casual. Additionally, those that complete the course should be able to get a Road Rally Safety Steward license. Having more Rally Safety Stewards in the region is a good thing. It will also be good for our rally program to have a larger pool of rallymasters putting on our rallies.

If you have wondered about what it takes to put a rally together this school is your chance to pick up the inside scoop. I suppose too that knowing how a rally is constructed could also help you as a rally entrant.

The school will be held in the Atlas Van Lines training facility. Use the parking lot at the corner of Saint George Road and North Fares Avenue in Evansville. We will gather at 8:30 A.M. I expect that class will run until early afternoon. I'm not really sure. Please let me know you will be attending – 812-477-5936 or [bob.sonntag@att.net](mailto:bob.sonntag@att.net) – so that I may have all of the needed supplies. There is no "on the road component" of the school.

Our first **rally** of the year will be on **Sunday, March 27th**. It is being put together by our newest board members, Ben Davis and Mike Hutchins. They rallied enthusiastically last year so I am sure they will have a fun afternoon lined up for us. I expect that their first rally will also be good learning experience for those that want to try a rally again – or for the first time. For those of us that have rallied lots, this will be one to see how rusty our skills got over the winter. Join us on the 27th to help make Mike and Ben's "Westside Warm-up" a great first rally for all of us. The rally starts from 117 SE Fifth Street in Evansville.

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Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
3.00	<b>MARCH</b>			
3.06	Sunday	Free day		
3.08	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
3.13	Sunday	<b>Patch Party Preparatory Visit</b>		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.19	Saturday	<b>Rallymaster &amp; Rally Safety Steward School</b>	Bob	Atlas Van Lines -- southwest door St George Road & North Fares, EVV
3.20	Sunday	Free day		
3.27	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (1 of 7)	Ben & Mike H	Regent Communications 117 SE Fifth Street, Evansville
3.30	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
4.00	<b>APRIL</b>			
4.03	Sunday	<b>Patch Party -- Dig It</b>	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.04	Monday	<b>Patch Party -- Fill It</b>	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.10	Sunday	<b>Patch Party -- Dig It</b>	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.11	Monday	<b>Patch Party -- Fill It</b>	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.12	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	TBD, Evansville
4.17	Sunday	Palm Sunday		
4.24	Sunday	Easter Sunday		
4.27	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
5.00	<b>MAY</b>			
5.01	Sunday	Free day		
5.02	Monday	Board Meeting	Chris	Evansville
5.08	Sunday	Mother's Day		
5.10	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	TBD, Evansville
5.15	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (1 of 2) with Solo Safety Steward School	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.22	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (2 of 7)		
5.25	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
5.29	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (1 of 7) - "Opening Bookend"	Bob	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.30	Monday	Memorial Day		
6.00	<b>JUNE</b>			
6.05	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (3 of 7)	Paul & Carolyn	
6.06	Monday	Board Meeting	Chris	Evansville
6.10-12	Fri-Sun	Southern States Championship National Tour	SCCA	Arkansas Aeroplex, Blytheville, AR
6.14	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	TBD, Evansville
6.19	Sunday	Father's Day		
6.26	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (2 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.29	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
7.00	<b>JULY</b>			
7.01-03	Fri-Sun	Northern States Championship National Tour	SCCA	Toledo Express Airport, Toledo, OH
7.04	Monday	Independence Day		
7.10	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (3 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.12?	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Chris	TBD, Evansville
7.12	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	TBD, Evansville
7.15?	Friday	Bowler Play Day (runway/taxiway solo event?)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.16	Saturday	Bowler "Day At The Strip" Autocross	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.17	Sunday	"Day At The Drags" Drag Racing		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.27	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
7.31	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (4 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.00	<b>AUGUST</b>			
8.01	Monday	Board Meeting	Chris	Evansville
8.07	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (4 of 7)		
8.09	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	Log Inn, Warrenton
8.14	Sunday	Free day		
8.21	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (5 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.27-28	Sat-Sun	Frog Follies Weekend	Eville Iron	4-H Center, Vanderburgh County, IN
8.28	Sunday	Solo Nationals Travel Day	SCCA	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
8.29	Monday	Solo Nationals -- On-site Prep	SCCA	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
8.30-31	Tue-Wed	Solo Nationals	SCCA	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
8.31	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
9.00	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
9.01-02	Thu-Fri	Solo Nationals	SCCA	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
9.03	Saturday	Solo Nationals Travel Day		
9.05	Monday	Labor Day		
9.11	Sunday	Free day (Grandparent's Day)		
9.13	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Chris	Evansville
9.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	TBD, Evansville
9.18	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (6 of 7)	Paul	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.19-25	Mon-Sun	National Championship Runoffs	SCCA	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
9.25	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (5 of 7)	Chris & Carrie	
9.28	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
9.30	Friday	Tri-State Challenge National Tour	SCCA	Arkansas Aeroplex, Blytheville, AR
10.00	<b>OCTOBER</b>			
10.01-02	Sat-Sun	Tri-State Challenge National Tour	SCCA	Arkansas Aeroplex, Blytheville, AR
10.03	Monday	Board Meeting	Chris	
10.09	Sunday	Tiger East autocross		French Lick
10.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	TBD, Evansville
10.16	Sunday	<b>Pt Autocross</b> (7 of 7) - "Closing Bookend"		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.23	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2)	So Illinois Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.26	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
10.29	Saturday	Nashville Road Tour	SCCA	Nashville Super Speedway
10.30	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (6 of 7)		
11.00	<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
11.06	Sunday	<b>Fun Rally</b>		
11.07	Monday	Board Meeting	Chris	
11.08	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Chris	TBD, Evansville
11.13	Sunday	<b>Pt Rally</b> (7 of 7)		
11.16	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
11.20	Sunday	Free day		
11.24-27	Thu-Sun	Thanksgiving Weekend		
11.28	Monday	Board Meeting	Chris	
12.00	<b>DECEMBER</b>			
12.02	Friday	<b>Awards Banquet &amp; Holiday Party</b>	Chris / Mike	Rolling Hills County Club
12.04	Sunday	Free day		
12.11	Sunday	Free day		
12.18	Sunday	Free day		
12.28	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	Gene	
12.23-25	Fri - Sun	Christmas Weekend		
12.26	Monday	Christmas day observance		
Notes:	None of the event sites have been confirmed.			
	Assume that all of these dates are still subject to refinement. <b>Especially the bold ones.</b>			
	There are rallies and autocrosses in need of event marshals. Please volunteer before phone calls are required.			
	The date of the 2011 food rally is still being worked out.			

Berry Points	
(as of February 21)	
Name	Points
Blaylock, Lora	2
Blaylock, Paul	2
Cannon, James	2
Davis, Benjamin	2
Davis, Terry	2
Duke, Jeremy	2
Freeman, Mike	2
Hutchens, Michael	2
Moore, Carrie	2
Moore, Chris	2
Posey, Charles	2
Sonntag, Bob	2
Aerea, Amanda	1
Bailey, Darrin	1
Bailey, Teresa	1
Bridges, Jane	1
Buente, Michael	1
Cannon, Darlene	1
Christy, Allen	1
Christy, Cathy	1
Jochum, Ron	1
Keating, Terry	1
Roales, Ernest	1
Schonberger, Barry	1
Seeber, Mitchell	1
Young, Gene	1
Young, Julia	1

The Siamese Twins  
-- Supplied by Dick Millar

Siamese twins walk into a bar in Canada and park themselves on a bar stool. One of them says to the bartender, "Don't mind us; we're joined at the hip. I'm John, he's Jim. Two Molson Canadian beers, draft please."

The bartender, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. "Been on holiday yet, lads?"

"Off to England next month," says John. "We go to England every year, rent a car and drive for miles. Don't we, Jim?" Jim agrees.

"Ah, England!" says the bartender. "Wonderful country... the history, the beer, the culture..."

"Nah, we don't like that British crap," says John. "Hamburgers and Molson's beer, that's us, eh Jim? And we can't stand the English - they're so arrogant and rude."

"So why keep going to England?" asks the bartender.

"It's the only chance Jim gets to drive."





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Lawrenceville autocrosses are at Mid-America Air Center near Lawrenceville, IL  
Autocross setup at 9:30 AM, Registration 11:00 AM, First Car off at 1:00 PM

Membership Meetings at LoneStar Steakhouse, Evansville, IN  
Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM

Arriving Late?

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