



The PitStop!



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January REport

This is my first REport in six years. I hope I remember how to write these. MS-Word just reminded me that it does not like upper case "RE" at the beginning of the word "report." I'm giving Word the word...and thanks to Mr Wanniger, my high school typing teacher, it's also getting a full ten fingers instead of just the one it deserves.

Without a doubt 2011 was another successful year for the club. We had two new faces on the Board with Mike Hutchens as Treasurer and Ben Davis as Secretary. We had a new Regional Executive with Chris Moore taking his first turn in the office. With two successful fund raising events we added significantly to the treasury. Our patch party skills continue to develop. We patched a significant amount of the Mid-American Air Center. In a mutually beneficial arrangement long time Treasurer Gary Heck cleared his garage of a small trailer that we now use as pylon trailer in Lawrenceville. Long time member and holder of numerous Berry, Autocross, and Rally championship trophies, Tom Bootz added his first SCCA road racing national championship to his collection of first place finishes. All that and we even have a few new members to boot. AND we helped install a rocket ship. Now that's a banner year!

I am not going to recap the 2011 Awards Banquet in full here. If you are interested in the year-end standings, you must look in the December '11 Pit Stop. I will however call to your attention that for the first time in several years the Ken Andrew Memorial Indian Award was presented. This year it was presented to Ernie Roales. The Indian Award can be presented to the non-board member that the board feels has done the most for the club in the calendar year. This award recognizes the effort required to cover the Indian-side of the "too many chiefs and no Indians" expression. Ernie willingly took on the leadership of our portion of the Bowler "Day at the Strip" and quickly stepped up to the task of the Mid-west Muscle Car Challenge event. Additionally, Ernie is a patch party regular. He is always among the first at an autocross, is the first to help with the set-up, one of the last to leave, and has become a regular rally entrant. Congratulations Ernie. Thanks for all you do for the club. This is a well deserved honor.

As you read the rest of this issue of *Pit Stop*, you will notice that the schedule is not very complete. Autocross and rally event locations have not been set. Calling upon my tenure as Activities Chair, I told Chris Moore (our new Activities Chair) that I'd cover the schedule for January. For the past few years, most of our regular events have been chaired by board members. This year, I'm urging others to step forward and put on an autocross or rally event. This is the first nudge to e-mail or phone Chris to claim your event. Five Berry points – the same as a first place finish – are awarded to the event chair and in the case of a rally event also to the assistant rallymaster for helping put on the event. I will also note that even working an event as a non-entrant pays two Berry points. If rallying is not your thing you can help the club and yourself by working a rally event.

Our first event of 2012 is the **January club meeting on the 10th**. It will be at **RiRa's Irish Pub** in downtown Evansville. We will be in the **"booth parlor" area (ground floor)** this month. Most of our 2012 club meetings will be upstairs at RiRa's. In addition to our annual trek to the Log Inn (yes, because Scorpio's closed) in August, we will be returning to the Moonlite-Bar-B-Q Inn in Owensboro. This time it will be for our May membership meeting.

Our first "with car" event of the year will be the second "Annual February 29th" event. There IS an advantage to leap years. It's another day to play cars! This year the annual February 29th event will be on a Wednesday. Planning is still under way. The focus will be on having good bit of fun and we'll be mindful that most of us will have to be at work the next morning. Better mark your schedules now for February 7th, 14th, and 29th. That's the membership meeting one week early because of Valentine's Day, Valentine's Day itself, and then the annual Leap Day event.

Zoom-zoom & wup-wup,
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Date	Day	Activity/Event	Event Marshal	Location
1.00	Jan			
1.03	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
1.10	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV ** Booth Parlor -- ground floor **
1.25	Wed	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Paul	
1.31?	Tue	Board Meeting -- Possibility	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
2.00	Feb			
2.0?	?	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
2.07	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
2.29	Wed	"Annual February 29th" Event	Bob	TBD
2.29	Wed	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Paul	
3.00	Mar			
3.01-03	Thu-Sat	SCCA Convention		South Pt Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas, NV
3.06	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
3.10	Sat	Patch Party Preparatory Visit		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.11	Sun	Warm-up Rally? (Daylight Savings Time begins)		
3.13	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
3.18	Sun	Patch Party -- Dig It	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.19	Monday	Patch Party -- Fill It	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.25	Sun	Patch Party -- Dig It	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.26	Monday	Patch Party -- Fill It	Board Event	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.28	Wed	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Paul	
4.00	Apr			
4.03	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
4.10	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
4.15	Sun	Pt Rally (1 of 7)		
4.22	Sun	Southern Illinois Autocross (1 of 2)	So II Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.25	Wed	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Paul	
5.00	May			
5.01	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	TBD
5.06	Sun	Possible "Snowbuster" autocross (non-Axpoints event)		
5.08	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Moonlite-Bar-B-Q Inn, OWB
5.20	Sun	Pt Rally (2 of 7)		
5.26/27?	Sat or Sun?	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) - "Season Opener"		TBD
5.30	Wed	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Paul	
6.00	Jun			
6.03	Sun	Pt Rally (3 of 7)		
6.05	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	TBD
6.08-10	Fri-Sun	Southern States Championship National Tour	SCCA	Arkansas Aeroplex, Blytheville, AR
6.12	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
6.24	Sun	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)		
6.27	Wed	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Paul	
7.00	Jul			
7.03	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	TBD
7.08	Sun	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.10	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
7.13?	Friday	Bowler Play Day (runway/taxiway solo event?)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.14	Sat	Bowler "Day At The Strip" Autocross		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.15	Sun	"Day At The Drags" Drag Racing		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.25	Wed	<u>Pit Stop</u> Deadline	Paul	
7.29	Sun	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville

Autocross Events:

9:30 A.M. - Course set-up begins
 11:00 A.M. - Registration and Tech open
 12:30 P.M. - Registration and Tech close!!!
 12:45 P.M. - Driver's meeting
 1:00 P.M. - First car off

Rally Events:

12:30 P.M. -- Registration and Tech open
 1:00 P.M. -- Registration and Tech close
 1:15 P.M. -- Driver's meeting
 1:30 P.M. -- First car off

Membership Meetings:

6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. -- Socializing
 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. -- Dinner
 7:30 P.M. -- Business meeting

Paul's Parts:

Charlie Posey is renovating a 1964 Kellison-Crusader Formula Vee for the upcoming autocross season ... KY Spirits is building a new race car for the 2012 Chumpcar season ... Tom Bootz received a very nice painting from his friends of him taking the checkered flag and winning the National championship in DSR at the SCCA Runoffs ... Paul Dornburg is working on his 911 autocross car repairing the engine damage and modifying the suspension ... If you are a Facebook user then search for SIRSCCA to see the club's Facebook page ... How come we haven't seen Gary Heck at any club events? ... The Moore's are building a Chumpcar/B.A.B.E. Rally car out of a Lincoln? ... Tom Tipsword will be racing his Formula Ford again in 2012 after taking the 2011 season off ... Have Mitchell's grades improved enough he can drive his car? ... What is Yancy Smith going to do with his "new" 2005 SRT4 Neon? ... For all things autocross, solomatters.com

Awards Banquet photos (not many were taken this year)



Mike Hutchens getting his Rally award



Jim Cannon getting his Rally award

Cars:



Terry Davis at speed

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SCCA: A club with many interests

Many faceted in it's endeavors, the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) might best be described as a service organization. It servers over 50,000 members throughout the United States by sanctioning and administering a variety of automotive related activities through more than 100 independently chartered regions. No other single motor sports organization in the world conducts more events than the SCCA. These events range from amateur and professional road racing to road rallies, autocrosses, rally crosses, hill climbs and auto shows. The SCCA is an ever-growing organization for the automotive enthusiast. Because the SCCA is member oriented, the club stresses participation on a broad basis. Regardless of your experience or background, if you are an automotive enthusiast there is a place for you in the SCCA. The avenues available range from amateur or professional road race driver to weekend rally or autocross driver to race worker or official. In order to successfully sanction and conduct a comprehensive autocross/rally/road racing program many experts in timing and scoring, communications, safety inspection, medical, flagging, course/race control and other skills are needed. Schools are held to train the drivers and workers and various degrees of licenses are awarded based on knowledge, ability and experience.

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