



The PitStop!



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February REport

It is February and there is not much to report in the way of last month's club activities. We met at RiRa's and were housed in the "booth parlor" area. It was not very conducive to our meeting, but it was loud so it had to be fun (or so some say). We had a very good turnout. That is a great way to start the year. Come back this month. We are to be upstairs and it should be much more comfortable. Still, I wonder if we had a crowd because the room was small or if it only seemed small because we crowd. Let's see how we do on the 7th. The seventh?? We will meet on the first Tuesday this month so that we don't have to fight the Valentine's Day crowd or force folks to choose between an SIR/SCCA meeting & a Valentine's Day date.

The highlights of the January meeting include passing around a magazine featuring Paul Blaylock's Fiat, our excellent turnout, and the presentation of the 2011 rookie trophy to John McCarthy.

Mention was also made of the up-coming second "annual" February 29th event and whether it is an annual or quadrennial event. I'm going with it is more fun to call it an "annual" February 29th thing. If something happens every January 15th it is an annual thing. Ditto for something that happens every April 22nd. Those would be annual things. So why can something that happens every February 29th also be an annual thing? Plus, when was the last time you heard the US Presidential election, the Winter (or Summer) Olympic Games, or Leap Days referred to as "quadrennial" events. Most just say they happen every four years. Talk about avoiding the pompous prolixity route! I will bet that I have used, and you've read "quadrennial" in this paragraph more times than you have in many years.

We will gather from 5:45 to 6:00 on the evening of February 29th at Washington Square Mall. We will then go for about an hour's drive to an Evansville eatery. Just going for a long drive to get to dinner isn't our kind of car club activity. To make that drive a little – and I hope a lot – more fun the route instructions will be on CD and you will be expected to play a version "Name That Tune" while driving to the next turn. The instructions will be very straight forward. Directions like I would write out for my mother and I love her. The music will be stuff we should all have heard before but whose names might be harder to come up with. You will be welcome to replay the music as much as you wish. Watch out though, you will need the next instruction before too long. The music will span several genres so there will be an advantage in teaming up. Use this as a good excuse to bring different friends to the event or team up with different people with in the club.

That's it for now. See you Tuesday, February 7th, at RiRa's.

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Autocross Schedule

April 22 nd	Sunday Southern Illinois Autocross		Lawrenceville, IL
May 20 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Autocross	Point Event #1	Lawrenceville, IL
June 24 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Autocross	Point Event #2	Lawrenceville, IL
July 8 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Autocross	Point Event #3	Lawrenceville, IL
July 29 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Autocross	Point Event #4	Lawrenceville, IL
August 19 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Autocross	Point Event #5	Lawrenceville, IL
Sept 16 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Autocross	Point Event #6	Lawrenceville, IL
October 10 th	Sunday Southern Illinois Autocross		Lawrenceville, IL
October 14 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Autocross	Point Event #7	Lawrenceville, IL

Rally Schedule

April 15 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Rally	Point Event #1	Westside Warm Up	Evansville, IN
May 26 th	Sat Southern Indiana Rally	Point Event #2		
June 3 rd	Sunday Southern Indiana Rally	Point Event #3	Ice Cream Rally I	Owensboro, KY
August 12 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Rally	Point Event #4		
Sept 30 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Rally	Point Event #5		
October 28 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Rally	Point Event #6		
Nov 11 th	Sunday Southern Indiana Rally	Point Event #7		

Club Meetings

Every 2nd Tuesday Ri Ra's, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, Evansville IN

Except!

February 7th, Ri Ra's, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, Evansville IN

May 8th, Moonlite BarBQ, 2840 West Parrish Ave., Owensboro KY

August 14th, Log Inn Warrenton IN

November 30th, Friday, Awards Banquet, Heritage Hills Country Club, Newburgh IN

Board Meetings

Every 1st Tuesday at Townesquare Media Conference Room, Evansville IN

Except December

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 and here's a picture of it...



Here's a picture of the broken piston from Paul Dornburg's 911 engine. The ring land between the second ring and the oil ring is gone and the land between the first and second ring is cracked.



KY Spirits have repainted last year's car.....



Ernie Roales now has a heated shop for his autocross toy.



Jay Wolf is also building a Formula Vee...



The inside needs a little work.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 01/03/2012

Attendees:

Chris Moore – Activities Chairman
Benjamin Davis – Secretary
Mike Hutchens – Treasurer
Bob Sonntag – Regional Executive
Paul Dornburg – Pit Stop Editor

Special Guests:

None this meeting

2012 Regional Goals:

Better (accurate, topical, unique) reminders
Year-End Trophy Plan
Website
Rally Participation Increase
Cultivation of new Board Members

Call to Order:

6:38pm

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

no minutes available as Ben was unavailable for the December meeting
Motion to accept by Paul Dornburg
Second by Mike Hutchens
Motion Passed

Treasurer

We have money
Motion to add \$100/month to Restricted Funds when available and to add this to Bylaws
Motion to accept by Mike Hutchens
Second by Chris Moore
Motion Passed

Activities Chair

Report to follow during discussion of Event Calendar

Assistant Activities Chairman

Unable to make the meeting

Pit Stop Editor

Pit Stop is in the mail
Reminder of last Wednesday of the month is deadline

Assistant Regional Executive

Unable to make the meeting

Regional Executive

No report at this time
Committee Reports:

Membership

Current Membership unknown at this time

Old Business:

Holiday Party - Recap of event
End of Year Awards
New trophies needed?
Add on to existing?
Drink Coupon discussion
Dessert was received as a wonderful addition
Reminder to send Ballot and Menu in for October
Pit Stop
No other old business at this time

New Business:

Monthly Membership Meeting
Mainly RiRa's with a few events held in Owensboro

Upcoming Events

Discussed ambitious schedule
Planning of "Annual February 29th" Event

2011 Goals, Projects, and Opportunities

Relocation of club trailer
Leave if at all possible
Roberts Stadium for an Autocross?
Mike and Ben to work on Mayor, Chief of Police, and County Prosecutor

Equipment

Will be speaking with Yancy to discuss walk behind blowers
Bowler Day at the Strip 2012
Midwest Muscle Car Challenge 2012
Mid-American Air Center "community service" event
Intra-region Events?
No Interest shown by either region

Chapter Business

Independence?
By-Law adjustments
Online Event Registration
Motorsportsreg.com

Next Meeting:

Townsquare Media, January 31st at 5:30pm
Adjournment:
Motion to Adjourn by Mike Hutchens at 8:30pm
Second by Paul Dornburg
Motion passed

Sports Car Club of America
Southern Indiana Region
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012

Call to Order:

7:55pm

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

Minutes were read to group.
Motion to accept by Terry Davis
Second by Jim Cannon
Motion Passed

Treasurer

We have money.

Activities Chair

To be discussed during new business

Assistant Activities Chairman

No report at this time

Pit Stop Editor

Unable to make the meeting, no report
Next Pit stop deadline Wednesday, January 26th

Assistant Regional Executive

No report at this time

Regional Executive

No report at this time

Committee Reports:

Membership

Current Membership is at 114

Old Business:

Holiday Party

Everyone seemed to enjoy the dessert option
Rookie Trophy was handed out to Jon McCarthy
No other old business at this time

New Business:

Announcements

Board Meetings are not limited to just Board Members.
Learn what is happening
10 months to step up and give some Board Members a break

Upcoming Events

Review of Schedule
Next Event – "Annual February 29th Event"
Next Rally – "Westside Warmup", April 15th

Social Things:

January Birthdays

Gene Young	1/7
Richard Hall	1/13
Greg Collins	1/16
Kent Schonberger	1/17
Jane Bridges	1/18
Michael Buente	1/25
Terry Davis	1/26

January Club Anniversaries

Tom Bootz	40 Years
Jan Bootz	38 Years
Mark Graininger	35 Years

Next Meeting:

RiRa's Evansville, February 7th
6pm Social Hour
6:30pm Dinner
7:30 Meeting

Free Entry Winner:

4 of Diamonds, Ernie Roales

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by Ben Davis at 8:11pm
Second by Mike Hutchens
Motion Passed

2011 National Rally Results

Last year, our rally regulations were changed to make more of our points rallies qualify for national rally points. It seems those participating in our rally program have done alright. The 2011 final standings have been released. In the Sportsman category, we placed 25 people. Heading the top of the list from SIR/SCCA are the Moores. Carrie and Chris Moore finished in a tie for fifth. There were some 750 people listed in the category. Among those just behind the Moores were the Jim Cannon and Darlene Cannon who were among those tied for sixth and seventh respectively. SIR/SCCA placed no one else in the top ten. Mike Hutchens and Bob Sonntag were in the tie for 11th. Terry Davis, Ernie Roales, and Susan Roales were in the tie for 15th. Lora and Paul Blaylock finished in the tie for 17th.

Others from the SIR/SCCA rally program and their finish positions:

Tiffany Hutchens	21st	Bryan Diehl	43rd
Ben Davis	23rd	Bryan Diehl	43rd
Julia Young	25th	Carolyn Dornburg	47th
Steve Backer	40th	Paul Dornburg	47th
Kathy Bauer	40th	Duane Duke	47th
Jane Bridges	40th	Jeremy Duke	47th
Gene Young	40th	Kevin Smalley	47th

Club member Dave Crews recently sold his Diasio D962R and the tow vehicle. When asked what he was going to do without a race car he said, (paraphrased) "I'm going to continue in semi-retirement and spend time with the family."

What they sold



Don (L) and Dave (R) circa 2007



ChumpCar Racing Update

A number of our SCCA members are participating in the ChumpCar series. Gene and Julie Young, Tim Green, Jane Bridges, Teresa Bailey and Mike Hutchens traveled to New Orleans recently to race at the new NOLA race track. Here is their story.

Preparations for NOLA began months ago when our team had enough interest in the last ChumpCar race of 2011. However, dates changed due to the NOLA track not being completed. For us it was even a more positive thing because January in the South is better than January in the North on pretty much any given day. The weather in New Orleans for January 20-21 weekend was more than anyone could ask. Foresight and hindsight, the trip was a fabulous idea.

Arriving at NOLA Motorsport Park answered many questions about the type of facility it was and the status of the construction. The perfect, large palm trees through the long driveway were an introduction to what will be an elaborate complex of racing provisions. The many building distributed across the vast area were modern and big. The folks at the administrative building were very nice and the reception area spiced with Fleur-de-lis and cool decorations in the spirit of the park's name and logo.

The garages for park members are sweet and well stocked with sexy cars. The permanent dedicated autocross course, something of which our SCCA SIR Club could be jealous, karting track and sports shop could only be great. We wished for more time and energy to partake in the karting. Next time.

The ChumpCar raced the North 1.8 mile course which is the only track course complete at this time. With dump trucks and implements of all kinds in constant motion more track will be realized shortly. The bangs of the dump trucks made us jump several times during the race at the thought of a wreck. The track surface made tires squeal, but much to the drivers delight it held cars, flowed well and gave what was intended. Track's great, right!?! Awesome! One exception was requiring hot pits be cleared within thirty minutes of checker flag. Sure put a huge damper on celebration. A cherished moment evaporated. That should be changed for future races. Thirty minutes after awards are distributed seems very reasonable.

The NOLA crew was fabulous. It goes without saying the Chump crew is always fabulous! Even when they threaten to kick me out for a bit of adrenaline on pit lane. Joey Todd did a fine job. His team was either near perfect or the race teams were. Let's call it a combo. This Chump organization rocks and has always had my faith and patronage. The initial model and evolution are really sweet; as close to freaking fun, "fair" and "affordable" as one could expect.

The drivers each took two one and one half hour stints. Julie led the line-up taking the green flag with a cautious start, but she quickly got into the groove and moved the KY Spirits up to 5th place before she passed the wheel over to Jane. (see below)



Jane also started out cautious for the first few laps, but quickly started learning the race line and braking points. Her lap times steadily improved throughout her run. Both Tim and Gene seemed to instantly learn the course and put down some excellent lap times. During the second rotation Julie had a long intense wheel to wheel battle going on with the #33 car of which she won on the track and the respect of a fellow competitor. As soon as his driving stint ended, he came down to our pit area to express how much fun he had battling the "guy" in our car. We were quick to let him know it was a girl, and his response was, "she is a good driver!" Jane picked up right where she left off from her first stint and kept improving. She done the team proud. She also made the transition from daylight, to dusk, to dark. Those of us in the pits got to enjoy a beautiful sunset over the track while she focused on gaining spots in turn one. Tim and Gene's second stint were both under the dark skies and on an unlit track. Their talents denied the third place car from gaining any ground and they made up ground on the first place car. As mentioned before, Gene ended up having a large junk of his driving time under full course caution; 30 minutes in his first stint and a full hour during his second. During his night time drive he was faster than the first place car by more than 8 seconds a lap. Julie, Jane, Tim and Gene all did an excellent job behind the wheel, and they are great people to have in the pits and paddock area as well.

With awesome pit stops, all under five minutes except one with fuel included, KY_Spirits brought home a second place victory. Fuel stops require a five minute stay. This near victory had an unnecessary black flag for a suspected loose hood, two women drivers out of four, and the best driver at the track was under yellows for 80% of his stints. The crew was invaluable; it just would not have been possible without them. The team was awarded a trophy, classic Chump wine and \$350 check to put towards a transponder which will save the team rental fees. Don McWhorter, Mike Hutchens' father-in-law, used the wine to fuel his Toyota back to the Chicago area.

Drivers



Pit Crew



Gene set the official track record of 1:29:431 despite all the yellow. His learning curve for this brand new track was very small. Gene has become at one with his pal, the KY_Spirits 300ZX, into which he has breathed his engineering gifts.

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

SCCA: A club with many interests

Many faceted in its endeavors, the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) might best be described as a service organization. It serves 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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