



The Pit Stop!



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April Report

I'm so glad you're reading this. It means you're still there and still interested in the club.

Our annual patching effort worked out pretty well. We had two fantastic Sundays and Mondays for doing the work. Twenty-five of us spent at least one day working on our autocross courses at the Mid-American Air Center in Lawrenceville, IL. Only five of us worked three or four days. Ten of us worked two days. In the end, we poured about eight yards of concrete into something over seventy holes. Many thanks to Yancy Smith for the equipment that makes doing the volume of work we do possible and affordable. Thanks to Jay Wolf and Ron Jochum for the use of their tractors. Jim Cannon and John McCarthy shared the use of their trucks for hauling rock. Ron also provided a rock trailer. All of the equipment was a huge help and greatly appreciated.

I also want to single out Ernie Roales and Jay Wolf who joined me in taking a couple of days off of work to help out. Mike Hutchens, Gene Young, Tim Green, Steve Backer, John McCarthy, Kevin Smalley, and Paul Dornburg are also among those that took time off from work to help too. Thank you.

Others to be thanked for helping are: Steve Backer, Teresa Bailey, Barry Beaman, Jane Bridges, Robert Crismyr, Charlie Posey, James Wooldridge, Julie Young, Michael Buente, Terry Keating, Raj Shah, Kevin Smalley and Leonard Goff.

If you've not visited our website recently, it's time to do that. Paul Dornburg, our new webmaster, is revising www.sirscca.org almost daily. See it for yourself. I'm going to stretch the web theme a bit here and segue to a bit of net etiquette or "netiquette."

When responding to messages on sirscca@yahoogroups.com, please remember to delete the in-bound message. There is no need to repeat the original message. This will keep the messages to just the new stuff. Sure you might have to write a better message, but you should be doing that anyway. Also, please be sure to include your name at the bottom of your message. We aren't all easily recognized by our e-mail addresses. If you're the only "Leopold" in the whole group then you might not have to include your family name – but it would still be nice if you did.

Our T/S/D rally season begins on April 15th. The first rally is being written by Ben Davis. The last I knew, Ben was looking for some checkpoint help. Catch up with him at the meeting or get his contact info from the list of officers elsewhere in this issue. We'll get the full scoop on the rally at the meeting.

The Southern Illinois Region has its first autocross on April 22nd at the Mid-American Air Center. Treat this Earth Day event as a warm-up for our autocross season. Expect Craig Straub to share the details via our e-mail list closer to the event
See you at RiRa's on the tenth.

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Event Calendar

Date	Day	Event	Leader	Location
4.03	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
4.08	Sun	Easter Sun		
4.10	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
4.15	Sun	Pt Rally 1 Westside Warmup	Davis & Hutchens	
4.22	Sun	Southern III Autocross	So III Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.25	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
5.01	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
5.06	Sun	Pt Rally 2	Sonntag & Davis	
5.08	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Moonlite-Bar-B-Q Inn, OWB, Not confirmed
5.20	Sun	Autocross 1	Ernie Roales	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.25	Fri	Midwest Musclegar Chall. Setup	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.26	Sat	Midwest Musclegar Challenge	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.27	Sun	Midwest Musclegar Challenge	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.30	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
6.03	Sun	Pt Rally 3 Ice Cream Rally	Paul Dornburg	Owensboro DQ on US 60 East
6.05	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
6.08-10	Fri-Sun	SCCA Southern States Championship National Tour		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	Kevin Smalley	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.27	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
7.03	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
7.08	Sun	Pt Autocross 3		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.10	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
7.25,	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
7.29	Sun	Pt Autocross 4		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.03-05	Fri-Sun	SCCA Northern States Championship National Tour		Grissom AeroPlex, Peru IN
8.07	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
8.12	Sun	Pt Rally 4	Moore / Moore	
8.14	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Log Inn, Warrenton, IN
8.19	Sun	Pt Autocross 5		
8.24-26	Fri-Sun	Frog Follies Weekend		Evansville Iron, 4-H Center, Vanderburgh County, IN
8.27	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
8.29	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
9.04-07	Tue-Fri	SCCA Solo Nationals		Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
9.11	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
9.16	Sun	Pt Autocross 6		
9.17-23	Mon-Sun	SCCA National Championship Runoffs		Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
9.23	Sun	Pt Rally 5		
9.26	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
10.02	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
10.07	Sun	SIL/SIR Autocross	SIL & SIR	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.09	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
10.12	Fri	Bowler "Day at the Strip" Autocross	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.13	Sat	Bowler "Day at the Strip" Autocross	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.14	Sun	Bowler "Day at the Strip" Autocross	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.28	Sun	Pt Rally 6		
10.31	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
11.06	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
11.11	Sun	Pt Rally 7		
11.13	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
11.28	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
11.30	Friday	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party		Rolling Hills Country Club, Newburgh IN
12.04	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Townsquare Media Conf Room
12.26	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	

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:

Not so much to report this month.

The Patch Parties went well although after the sparse turnout for the first one some of us were worrying if all the marked spots would be fixed. There wasn't a need to worry because there was a good turnout for the second party and all the holes were dug out as well as a few additional holes. Fill Day II was still hectic as the 10 volunteers struggled to keep up with the concrete truck. It might just be the nature of the beast to feel like you're always running after the truck.

Just as this newsletter was going to press the Board found out that Mark Bowler wants us to do the autocross for the Midwest Musclecar Challenge. There will be course set up on Friday May 25th and an autocross on Saturday & Sunday from 9am - 12pm & 1pm to 5pm. That'll mean we need volunteers for the Memorial Day weekend to set up and run an autocross. More information to follow, probably by email. Are you on the email list?

Take note of the schedule as there have been some changes since the last newsletter.

Have you looked at the SIR web page lately? It's been updated to get more information at you finger tips. Any comments or suggestions are welcome.

Berry Points

Bob Sonntag	28	Carrie Moore	8
Jay Wolf	25	Charles Posey	8
Ernest Roales	22	Teresa Bailey	7
Michael Hutchens	20	Lora Blaylock	7
Tim Green	15	Paul Blaylock	7
James Cannon	13	Julia Young	6
Chris Moore	13	Steven Backer	5
Paul Dornburg	12	Barry Beaman	5
Ron Jochum	12	Benjamin Davis	5
Terry Keating	12	Duane Duke	3
Raj Shah	12	Jeremy Duke	3
Michael Buente	11	Leonard Goff	3
John McCarthy	11	Jan Bootz	1
Kevin Smalley	11	Tom Bootz	1
Gene Young	11	Darlene Cannon	1
Yancy Smith	10	Dale Fatland	1
Jane Bridges	8	Barry Schonberger	1
Terry Davis	8	Jonathan Scott	1

April Events

4.10	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside
4.15	Sun	Pt Rally 1 Westside Warmup	Davis & Hutchens	(see below)
4.22	Sun	Southern Ill Autocross	So Ill Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville

Hello Everyone, Ben Davis speaking.

It's finally arrived...the beginning of the Road Rally season! And I'm proud to be hosting the season opener for the second year in a row. So mark your calendars for April 15th at Townsquare Media, located at 4th and Walnut in downtown Evansville.

Last year's "The Westside Warm-Up", the Davis and Hutchens version™ made its debut, and is back again for 2012. If you've been thinking about trying a road rally, I strongly urge you to consider running the rally that Mike and I have put together. I'm not saying this because we think our rallies are the best, but because we try to design them to be the easiest. In other words, if you're trying to read extra into the route instructions, you're thinking too hard.

If you're new to TSD rallies, or have some cobwebs that need to be shaken off your rally skills, this is the rally to attend. We attempt to provide you a route and instructions that give you a chance to be sure you know rally terms such as correct, right, acute, at, ODO correction calculations(hint, hint), and how to count opportunities(maybe easy to remove shoes would be nice?).

New for this year is a beginner's route sheet. For teams who have never run a rally, or are still greenies, I'll be offering instructions with a flap on the side. Not sure if you made a correct turn? Lift the flap, and it will tell you what road you should have turned on. Also, this will be a different route than last year, as Mike will be out of town. I needed to adjust the route to have checkpoints near each other so I can cover them all. I will be providing a few free zone/bathroom breaks to make sure of this.

I hope to see you Sunday April 15th, Townsquare Media at 4th and Walnut in Evansville, for "The Westside Warm-Up". Registration starts at 12:30 PM, Tech at 12:30 PM, Driver's Meeting at 1:00 PM, and first car off after Drivers Meeting. We'll be ending the rally near Lloyd Expressway and Red Bank Road, and we'll decide before we start where we're going to eat afterwards!

And Bob - No, you cannot have a beginner's sheet...

Ben

Sports Car Club of America
Southern Indiana Region 36
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
March 6th, 2012

Attendees:

Benjamin Davis – Secretary
Mike Hutchens – Treasurer
Bob Sonntag – Regional Executive
Paul Dornburg – Pit Stop Editor
Terry Davis – Assistant Regional Executive
Jim Cannon – Assistant Activities Chair

2012 Regional Goals:

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

Call to Order:

6:25pm

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

Minutes read by Ben Davis
Motion to accept minutes by Terry Davis
Second by Paul Dornburg
Motion Passed

Treasurer

We have money
Members need to watch the price listed when giving out a membership application

Activities Chair

Absent, out of town

Assistant Activities Chairman

No report at this time

Pit Stop Editor

Reminder of last Wednesday of the month is deadline

Assistant Regional Executive

No report at this time

Regional Executive

No report at this time

Committee Reports:

Membership

Current Membership is 115

Old Business:

Roberts Stadium as possible Autocross Location
Mike and Ben have been working over the Mayor and Chief of Police

We have a verbal "I don't care" from both
Next step is to contact Dave Rector for final confirmation
By Laws Adjusted for Chapter
Bob's been working on this one
Mid-American Air Center
Dates and Plans are being discussed/confirmed
Street Survival

Jasper Engines has expressed interest in holding a SS event at their facility, Paul D. is working on it

No other old business at this time

New Business:

2012 goals, projects, opportunities?
Walk-behind mower (Bob)
Need to follow up with Yancy

Bowler "Day at the Strip" and Mid-West Muscle Car Challenge

Bowler will be October 12th-14th
Midwest may be handled by another group

Mid-American Air Center "Community Service" Activity
Bob's working with them to figure something out

Upcoming Events

This Saturday March 8th, Patch Party Recon
March 18th-19th, Dig & Fill #1
March 25th-26th, Dig & Fill #2
First Autocross date and location?

sirscca@yahoogroups.com vs. Bulletin Board vs. Forum?

Jim Butler's George Snively Award

Event Information Flow

Registration to Pit Stop to Points

Unfinished New Business

Intra-region events
Chapter Business
Independence?

Next Meeting:

Townsquare Media, Tuesday April 3rd at 6pm

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by Paul Dornburg at 7:18pm
Second by Jim Cannon
Motion Passed

New Members in March

Leonard Goff
Debbie Goff
Derek Mikesell
Kurt Krodel
Drew Gerth
Raj Shah

April Birthdays

Mark Dailey 4/4
Cory Martens 4/14
Anthony Fortenbery 4/15
Brad Bootz 4/18
Gary Heck 4/20
Bob Sonntag 4/22
Tristie Diehl 4/24

April Birthdays cont.

William Jensen 4/28
Darrin Bailey 4/29
Tim Green 4/30

Sports Car Club of America
 Southern Indiana Region
 Membership Meeting Minutes
 March 13, 2012

Call to Order:

7:46pm

Officer's Reports:

Secretary

- Motion to dispense with minutes reading by Ron Jochum
 - o Second by Terry Davis
 - o Motion Passed

Treasurer

- We have money.

Activities Chair

- Still need Event Marshalls for Autocrosses

Assistant Activities Chairman

- No report at this time

Pit Stop Editor

- Pit Stop deadline last Wednesday of the month
- Currently updating and changing things on the website, bear with him

Assistant Regional Executive

- No report at this time

Regional Executive

- No report at this time

Committee Reports:

Membership

- Current Membership is at 115

Old Business:

Berry Points Standings

- Will be shown on the website
<http://www.sirscca.org>

Finish "Name These Tunes" rally

- Blaylock and Blaylock 1st, Moore and Moore 2nd

Years of Service

James	Barrow	59
Kathy	Tipsword	23
Carolyn	Dornburg	16
Paul	Dornburg	16
Tim	Brown	9
Alice	Goebel	8
Alexandra	Goebel	8
Julia	Young	6

New Business:

Announcements

- Board Meetings are not limited to just Board Members.
 - o Learn what is happening
 - o 9 months to step up and give some Board Members a break
- Mid-West Muscle Car Challenge
 - o Memorial Day Weekend
 - o Probably won't involve us
- Bowler Day at the Strip
 - o 2nd weekend of October

Review of Schedule

- Patch Parties
 - o Next two Sundays and Mondays
 - Need Rock Truck/Trailer
 - Need Extra Hands on Mondays to collect the slop
 - Bonus Qualification Activity
 - Club buys lunch

Member Activity Reports

- None at this time

Other New Business

- Jim Butler collected the George Snively Award at the SCCA convention.

Next Meeting:

- RiRa's Evansville, April 10th, 6p Social Hour, 6:30p Dinner, 7:30 Meeting

Free Entry Winner:

- King of Hearts, Ben Davis

Adjournment:

- Motion to Adjourn by Terry Davis at 8:18pm
 - o Second by Ron Jochum
 - o Motion Passed

Years of Service cont.

Michael	Buente	4
Richard	Hall	4
Greg	Collins	3
Judy	Collins	3
Michael	Lukens	3
Mitchell	Seeber	2
James	Nichols	2
Joe	Mackey	1
Joshua	Prather	1

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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