



# The Pit Stop!



**SCCA Southern Indiana Region Monthly Newsletter May 2012 Volume 59 Number 5**

## May Report

It's May already. We have done our patching in Lawrenceville. Our Southern Illinois Region friends tested our handy work just a few weeks ago. A few of our own helped them with their testing. We have had our first Time/Speed/Distance rally. In just a few weeks, we will have had our first autocross.

Our first T/S/D rally was presented by Ben Davis and I believe Mike Hutchens helped him write it. It was too bad that only three teams ran the rally. As it was, some of us found the rally more challenging than expected. Perhaps there were just too many cobwebs to be cleared from the rally mind. With just three cars in the field, we had only one contested class. That is a bummer. Thanks Ben for the rally and afternoon's entertainment. Thanks also to Jay Wolf for helping Ben with the checkpoints.

Rallies do take a bit of effort to layout and then to work the day of the event. It is too bad that more of you don't give them a try or two. We are members of a club that offers great opportunities to play with our cars. If you've been one to just run autocrosses, I urge to try a rally. At an autocross you *might* get 7 or 8 minutes of seat time...and even then the goal is to get it done in less than however long it took. With a rally, you're going to get more than 120 minutes and you're penalized for rushing through it. (That's not to say that once you've gotten the list of good roads you couldn't revisit them with more gas for more grins.) I urge you to network a little at our membership meetings or through the Yahoo e-mail list and find yourself a rally partner. Even if your only goal is to take part, you'll have fun, help our participation numbers, make the event more fun for all, and likely stand a reasonable chance of collecting a trophy.

Our second T/S/D rally is **Sunday, May 6th** from Wink Construction, Eichel and Stockwell in Evansville. Tech and registration run 12:30 to 1:00 and I hope to have everybody headed to the fun roads of western Kentucky starting at 1:30. The route is fully paved and is on roads with lots of ups, downs, lefts, and rights. And then there are the turns! For those reading that with a rally mindset, there are no "Just TURN" instructions in the route. It should be fun and is run with a good tempo to make the most of the fun roads. It is a new route on somewhat familiar roads. Not quite a rerun, but not full of surprises either.

Here's a news flash about our point system and participation levels: Doing well helps, but what really helps is participating in all of our activities. As my several of my high school teachers noted, you can't participate if you're absent and that's an F for the day.

This month's **membership meeting will be at the Moonlite Bar-B-Que Inn**, 2840 West Parrish Avenue in Owensboro, Kentucky. A reservation has been made. It would be great if you would confirm your attendance by sending me an e-mail or calling me. That way we are sure to all have seats. Our gathering time is unchanged – 6:30 P.M.

Our **autocross season opens on the 20th** with a course designed by Ernie Roales. He shared his design earlier so you know we are back at the Mid-American Air Center for this event. At one of the patch parties I overheard Ernie and Kevin Smalley discussing the advantage of being the first to use a new path through our autocross track. If you're the first, well then everybody else is just copying you later. Be there or down the road you won't know if you're getting the real thing or just a knock off copy.

On Memorial Day weekend the Midwest Muscle Car Challenge rolls into the Mid-American Air Center. There will be more info on this event and our participation in it at the membership meeting and shared through e-mail later in the month. We're looking for help. More help makes it easier for all of us. This is our big fund raiser. We support most everything the club does through events like this. I do mean everything. Pit Stop, rally and autocross equipment, event trophies, year-end trophies, entry fees, and the awards banquet all benefit from our being able to work such events. Please help us out with a few hours of your time (...or send us your \$250, just kidding...maybe).

Here's another bit of news: You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive a second time. See you at Moonlite.

Zoom-zoom & wup-wup,  
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## Event Calendar

Date	Day	Event	Leader	Location
5.06	Sun	Rally #2 "Simple Trouble"	Sonntag/Davis	Wink Construction
5.08	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Moonlite-Bar-B-Que Inn, Owensboro
5.20	Sun	Autocross #1	Ernie Roales	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.25	Fri	MMC Setup	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.26	Sat	MMC	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.27	Sun	MMC	Board	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.30	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
6.03	Sun	Rally #3		
6.05	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Towne Square Media Conference Room
6.12	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant, 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
6.24	Sun	Autocross #2	Kevin Smalley	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.27	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
7.03	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Towne Square Media Conference Room
7.08	Sun	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	Autocross #4		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.07	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Towne Square Media Conference Room
8.12	Sun	Rally #4	Moore / Moore	
8.14	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Log Inn, Warrenton, IN
8.19	Sun	Autocross #5		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.24-26	Fri-Sun	Frog Follies Weekend		Evansville Iron, 4-H Center, Vanderburgh County, IN
8.27	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Towne Square Media Conference 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	Autocross #6		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.17-23	Mon-Sun	SCCA National Championship Runoffs		Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
9.23	Sun	Rally #5	TBD	
9.26	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
10.02	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Towne Square Media Conference Room
10.07	Sun	Southern Ill Autocross	So Ill Region	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.09	Tue	Membership Meeting	Bob	Ri Ra Irish Pub & Restaurant 701 Northwest Riverside Drive, EVV
10.12-14	Fri-Sun	Bowler "Day at the Strip" Autocross		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.28	Sun	Rally #6	TBD	
10.31	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Paul	
11.06	Tue	Board Meeting	Bob	Towne Square Media Conference Room
11.11	Sun	Rally #7	TBD	
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	Towne Square Media Conference 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  
 12:00 P.M. - Registration and Tech close!!!  
 12:10 P.M. - Guided course walk  
 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

### Rally #2 "Simple Trouble"

Our next rally – "Simple Trouble" – will be Sunday, May 6th. The starting point is Wink Construction, 4007 East Eichel Avenue, Evansville. Tech and registration will be from 12:30 to 1:00 P.M. As is our norm, the entry fee is \$20 and there is no weekend membership charge.

It's a new route on quite a few of the more enjoyable roads in the Henderson County, Kentucky area. There is no gravel on the route – just lots of miles with hills, twists, and changes of direction. The roads are seldom flat, straight, or boring. That makes for a route that drivers are sure to enjoy. I figure this will be somewhat of an up-tempo rally too. That should help keep the navigators engaged. For those that just "wing it" running by the seats of their pants, the rolling hills of western Kentucky will be the amusement.

Like to have many of you join us for the rally. Or if you're interested, a few more checkpoint workers would be appreciated too.

**Paul's Parts:**

- o In case you didn't see this in the news: **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Motorsports Park (motorsportspark.org):** Last week, an announcement was made that plans on a new facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky are moving forward. Proposed to be located across the I-65 interstate from the National Corvette Museum, the NCM Motorsports Park received the approved zoning for a track to constructed. Speaking with Wendell Strode - Executive Director for NCM, their plans include purchasing 184 of the 405 acres and construct approximately a 2.5-mile road course, paddock and a 10 acre auto cross/skip pad area. If the first phase of the NCM Motorsports Park moves forward, phase two may include purchasing the remainder of the acreage for addition track space, including a possible kart track. Strode stated they have not done any due diligence in regards to a karting track, other than discussions with architect Alan Wilson suggesting they construct one. Their main focus of course right now is the larger road course and being able to get it done timely.
- o Barry Schonberger is looking for help at the annual Junior Achievement kart race to be held in June. If you'd like to help out contact Barry at
- o 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.
- o If you don't want this newsletter mailed to you and would rather have the electronic version please send me an email and I'll remove you from the mailing list.
- o I asked Tom Bootz for a few lines about his 2011 racing and his plans for 2012. His short response: 2011, I won the Runoffs. 2012, repeat! Ok, more detail.  
2011 was to some degree a learning year for me and my new crew. They didn't know much about Stohrs and I didn't know how to sit down and stay out of the way. Clearly we worked through that with the year ending on a high note. For 2012 we are looking to improve aerodynamics with drag reduction being the focus. Any improvements in this area can pay dividends at Road America. Chassis wise we did a full tear down and rebuild with new suspension arms and rod ends where needed. We will be testing a new differential since the previous unit had essentially disassembled itself at the Runoffs. While it was working fine, when we went to inspect it, the parts came out in pieces. The guts were poured in a box and sent off for repair.  
Weather permitting shakedown / testing will begin soon at Autobahn Country Club. First race will be Heartland Park Topeka in May followed closely by a race at the newly re-opened Gateway Motorsports Park. ~~ Tom

**Tom on the podium with his 2011 Nation Champion Trophy**



**Berry Points**

Bob Sonntag	32
Jay Wolf	26
Michael Hutchens	26
Ernest Roales	22
Chris Moore	19
Tim Green	15
Carrie Moore	14
James Cannon	14
Raj Shah	13
Paul Dornburg	13
Terry Keating	12
Ron Jochum	12
Terry Davis	12
Lora Blaylock	12
Paul Blaylock	12
Gene Young	11
Kevin Smalley	11
John McCarthy	11
Benjamin Davis	11
Michael Buente	11
Yancy Smith	10
Charles Posey	8
Jane Bridges	8
Teresa Bailey	7
Julia Young	6
Barry Beaman	6
Steven Backer	5
Leonard Goff	3
Duane Duke	3
Jeremy Duke	3
Jonathan Scott	2
Barry Schonberger	2
Dale Fatland	1
Darlene Cannon	1
Jan Bootz	1
Tom Bootz	1

**Rally Points**

Lora Blaylock	5
Paul Blaylock	5
Benjamin Davis	5
Michael Hutchens	5
Carrie Moore	5
Chris Moore	5
Terry Davis	3
Bob Sonntag	3

**Sports Car Club of America**

Southern Indiana Region

Board of Director’s Meeting Minutes

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

**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:**

6:40pm

**Officer’s Reports:**

**Secretary**

Minutes read by Ben Davis

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by Terry Davis

Second by Chris Moore

Motion Passed

**Treasurer**

We have money

Current balance does not reflect a small amount of Patch Party expenses

**Activities Chair**

Not Present due to being out of town

Assistant Activities Chairman

No report at this time

**Pit Stop Editor**

Reminder of last Wednesday of the month is deadline

Website Additions

Let Paul know if you see errors

**Assistant Regional Executive**

No report at this time

**Regional Executive**

No report at this time

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership**

New Members in April

Chris Nelson

Dominic McClung

Current

Membe

rship 115

**Old Business:**

Roberts Stadium as possible Autocross Location. Mike and Ben have been working over the Mayor and Chief of Police. Contacting Dave Rector for final confirmation By Laws Adjusted for Chapter - Bob’s been working on this one

Mid-American Air Center, Kurt reports ads are running to promote airport activities. Keep tabs on visitors to event to see how they found us. No known “Community Service” project at this time

No other old business at this time

**New Business:**

2012 goals, projects, opportunities?

Walk-behind mower (Bob) - Need to follow up with Yancy

Also need to have Yancy service the backpack blower

Patch Party Review

Mid-West Muscle Car Challenge – Is fundraiser for the club May 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Friday Setup, Saturday and Sunday, 9a-Noon and 1-5p Our Equipment and Workers

Bowler “Day at the Strip” October 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> As this is a community charity event, we make very little on this event in exchange for a higher price on the Mid-West Muscle Car Challenge

**Upcoming Events**

April 15th Rally #1 – Davis and Hutchens

April 22nd S. Ill. Region Autocross #1

May 6th Rally – Sonntag and Davis

May 20th S. Ind. Region Autocross #1

Lemons/Chump Car Autocross Classification for this year will be a “special” trophy class managed by Chris Moore

**Event Information Flow**

Registration to Pit Stop to Points

**Unfinished New Business**

Intra-region events

Chapter Business

Independence?

**Next Meeting:**

Townsquare Media, Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Paul Dornburg at 8:08pm

Second by Jim Cannon Motion Passed

May Birthdays

Tom Bootz 5/1

David Crews 5/8

Ryan Bootz 5/10

Joe Mackey 5/20

Richard Basham 5/23

Eric Eplee 5/25

Charlie Posey 5/28

Steve Backer 5/29

**Sports Car Club of America**

Southern Indiana Region  
 Membership Meeting Minutes  
 April 10, 2012

**Call to Order:** 7:31pm

**Officer's Reports:**

**Secretary**

Motion to dispense by Terry Davis  
 Second by Jim Cannon  
 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

**Assistant Regional Executive**

No report at this time

**Regional Executive**

No report at this time

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership**

Current Membership is at 109

**Old Business:**

Patch Party Recap  
 Possible to start earlier?

**New Business:**

Announcements

Motion Passed

Turn here and here...



On your mark.....



He's almost on time.....



They better hurry up....



Relaxing after the run



Ben and Mike's Westside Warmup Rally

Board Meetings are not limited to just Board Members.  
 Learn what is happening, 9 months to step up and give  
 some Board Members a break

Mid-West Muscle Car Challenge May 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>, Need  
 workers

Bowler Day at the Strip

2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of October

Looking at moving our Autocross a week earlier to go with  
 So. Ill. Autocross

Rallycross – Jonathon Scott

Mid-American Air Center Site reviewed and nixed

Review of Schedule

4-15 "West Side Warm Up" Ben Davis and Mike Hutchens

4-22 So. Ill. Autocross 1 of 2

May 6 Rally, Bob Sonntag and Terry Davis

Member Activity Reports

JA Kart Grand Prix – Barry Schonberger, need volunteers  
 to work the kart races

**Other New Business**

None at this time

Next Meeting:

Board Meeting, Townsquare Media May 1st

Membership Meeting RiRa's Evansville, May 8th, 6p Social  
 Hour, 6:30p Dinner, 7:30 Meeting

**Free Entry Winner:**

Ace of Diamonds, Bob Sonntag

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by Terry Davis at 8:07pm

Second by Jim Cannon

**Year of Service in May 2012**

James Cannon	?
Darlene Cannon	?
Gene Young	15
Ryan Bootz	15
Steven Backer	10
Lorelei Cannon	4
Jim Breidenbach	4
Mark Dailey	4
Yancy Smith	4
Lora Blaylock	2
Bryan Diehl	2
Paul Blaylock	2
Benjamin Davis	2
Michael Hutchens	2
Tristie Diehl	1
Austin Diehl	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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