





## SCCA Southern Indiana Region Monthly Newsletter March 2013 Volume 60 Number 3

## **March REport**

It is March and we have had two very challenging membership meetings at Ri Ra's so far this year. Apparently my references to the third time being a charm & being hopeful that I did not jinx the situation just by mentioning were mistakes. The day after I sent the first version of this article to Paul Dornburg for <u>Pit Stop</u>, the word came down. Ri Ra's will have another group in the room with us. Here's the new plan: we will meet at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse (http://www.smittysevansville.com/) this month.

They have a nice room on the ground floor. Smitty's, 2019 West Franklin Street, is at the corner of West Franklin and Tenth Avenue on Evansville's near west side. They have a wide selection of good food. We had a nice swell in attendance when we first switched to Ri Ra's. Let's see if we can make that happen at Smitty's too. As is our norm, we will want our server or servers turn our order into the kitchen in small batches. That's much easier on everybody and that makes for a better time for all.

Activities Chair Matt Beasley has our event marshal needs covered for 2013. If you are interested in being an event marshal and not on the list, touch base with him. An opening might develop or another opportunity may be presented later in the year.

This year we will attempt to enhance the value of our membership meetings. Just in case friends, fun, good food, and trophies are not value enough, we hope a brief presentation of some sort at our meetings will encourage you to attend. The presentations will be 10 to 20 minutes (at the most) on topics of interest to our club. We would like to find a volunteer to coordinate these programs. If you are interested in taking on that role, or even just learning more about it, please contact Matt. He already has a list of topics and potential speakers.

At the February membership meeting, a lack of interest canceled the proposed rally school that would have been Saturday, March 9. Enjoy the day off.

We kick off our rally season this month with a Time/Speed/Distance rally by Ben Davis on Sunday, the 17th. My information shows the title to be "St Patty's Shamrock Shuffle." I suppose that a DeLorean DMC-12 would be the car to run and those that miss the rally will be green with envy when they hear how much fun they have missed. OR I could have hit my head on the Blarney Stone and any car it sure to be fun. Consider helping with the rally, even if you are not interested in running it. I'm sure Ben would appreciate the help and you will also earn rally participation points. We gather at the Townsquare Media Studios, 117 SE Fifth Street, Evansville, at 12:30 P.M.

On Saturday, March 23, there will be a recon visit to the Mid-American Air Center to plan our patching efforts. Those interested are welcome to join the junket. This is the trip that we use to determine what we must patch and what patching gives us the greatest opportunity for new course options. More info on this outing will be shared at the membership meeting.

The next membership meeting is Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. As mentioned above, it will be a new spot. Smitty's Italian Steakhouse. So if you're upstairs and in a room full of strangers, you're the one at the wrong spot. The rest of us will have gathered at 6:00 P.M. for dinner and socializing. The informal business meeting starts about 7:30. We will have our first program at the end of the regular meeting. You will just have to be there to see what it's about.

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## New Members in February

None

March Birthdays		
Lauren Kincaid	3/8	
Ron Jochum	3/13	
Barry Schonberger	3/14	
Andrew Jones	3/23	
Darlene Cannon	3/28	
Amanda Acree	3/28	
Raj Shah	3/30	
Mike Freeman	3/30	

## 2013 Schedule of Events

Date	Day	Activity/Event	Location
3.05	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
3.12	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Smitty's, 2019 West Franklin St., Evansville
3.16-17	Sat-Sun	SCCA National Tour	Cecil, Georgia
3.17	Sunday	T/S/D St. Patty's Shamrock Shuffle Rally (1 of 7)	Townsquare Media Studios, Evansville, 117 S.E. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.
3.23	Saturday	Patch Party Preparatory Visit	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.23-24	Sat-Sun	SCCA National Tour	College Station, Texas
3.27	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	
4.02	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
4.07	Sunday	T/S/D Rally (2 of 7)	
4.09	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	To be determined
4.14?	Sunday	Patch Party Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.15?	Monday	Patch Party Fill It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.21?	Sunday	Patch Party Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.22?	Monday	Patch Party Fill It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.24	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	
5.07	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
5.12	Sunday	Mother's Day	
5.14	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	To be determined
5.19	Sunday	Autocross (1 of 7) - "Season Opener"	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.24	Friday	Midwest Muscle Car Challenge Set Up - 3:00 PM CST	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.25	Saturday	Midwest Muscle Car Challenge Autocross Day 1 - 8:00 AM cst	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.26	Sunday	Midwest Muscle Car Challenge Autocross Day 2 - 8:00 AM cst	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.25-26	Sat-Sun	SCCA National Tour	Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE
5.27	Monday	Memorial Day	
5.29	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	
6.02	Sunday	T/S/D Ice Cream Rally (3 of 7)	DQ on US 60 East, Owensboro KY
6.04	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
6.09	Sunday	Southern Illinois Autocross (1 of 2)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	To be determined
6.15-16	Sat-Sun	SCCA National Tour	Wilmington, Ohio
6.23	Sunday	Autocross (2 of 7)	To be determined
6.26	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	
7.02	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
7.06-07	Sat-Sun	SCCA National Tour	Arkansas Aeroplex, Blytheville, AR
7.09	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	To be determined
7.14	Sunday	Autocross (3 of 7)	To be determined
7.28	Sunday	Autocross (4 of 7)	To be determined
7.31	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	

#### Years of Service Tom Bootz 41 Thomas Betz 35 Harold Davis 15 Ron Jochum 5 Karen Davis 4 Kim Clark 4 Caroline Fairbanks 3 Howell Fairbanks 3 Amanda Acree 3 Lisa Posey 3 Charles Posey 3 Dennis Duke 2 Raj Shah 1 Kurt Krodel 1 Drew Gerth 1 Derek Mikesell 1 Debbie Goff 1 Leonard Goff 1

### Berry Points

1	Matthew Beasley		2	
2	Michael Buente		2	
3	Benjamin Davis		2	
4	Terry Davis		2	
5	Kenneth Dilger		2	
6	Carrie Moore		2	
7	Chris Moore		2	
8	Bob Sonntag		2	
9	Jay Wolf		2	
10	Barry Beaman		1	
11	Lora Blaylock		1	
12	Paul Blaylock		1	
13	James Cannon		1	
14	Carolyn Dornburg		1	
15	Paul Dornburg		1	
16	Don Kelley		1	
17	David Lehrschall		1	
18	Aaron Miller		1	
19	Barry Schonberge	r	1	
20	Kevin Smalley		1	
Rookie PointsJimmy Wooldridge0.500Connor Murt0.000				

The rest of the schedule is on the web at http://www.sirscca.org/schedule.htm

Sports Car Club of America Southern Indiana Region Board of Director's Meeting Minutes February 5th, 2013

Attendees: Benjamin Davis - Secretary Mike Hutchens - Treasurer Matt Beasley – Activities Chairman Mike Buente - Assistant Activities Chairman Bob Sonntag - Regional Executive Paul Dornburg - Pit Stop/Website Editor Barry Schonberger – Assistant Regional Executive Terry Davis - Advisor to the Board **Special Guests:** None at this time 2013 Regional Goals: Adoption of updated By-Laws Year-End Trophy Plan -Website **Rally Participation Increase** Cultivation of new Board Members Call to Order: 6:36pm Officer's Reports: Secretary Motion to dispense with the reading of minutes by Terry D. Second by Barry S. - Passed Treasurer "We have money" Motion to accept by Terry D. 0 Second by Barry S. - Passed 0 Activities Chair No report at this time Assistant Activities Chairman No report at this time Pit Stop Editor Last Wednesday of the Month is Pit Stop Deadline Assistant Regional Executive No report at this time **Regional Executive** No report at this time Advisor to the Board Has sent in sanctions for upcoming events Committee Reports: Membership Current Membership 110, 94 SIR, 16 W. KY Chapter **Old Business:** By Laws Adjusted for Chapter Posted for review, however no action needed until April for May vote Mid-American Air Center All quiet Autocross Equipment Trailer refurb/replacement research and plan Looking at new software 0 Cleanup of trailer 0 Rewiring/installation of new equipment rack 0 **Review of Private Contact Information** Also considering putting "Bio's" in PitStop No other old business at this time New Business: Schedule Review for 2013 Season Special Programs during Membership Meetings Industry Speakers, Car Games, Book Reviews

Mid-American Air Center Some FAA changes are incoming 90 days notice for events, more policies Next Meeting: March 5th, Townsquare Media, Evansville 6p Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Terry D. at 8:35PM - Second by Mike B. • Motion Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Sports Car Club of America Southern Indiana Region Membership Meeting Minutes February 12th, 2013 Call to Order: 8:02pm Guests: Sue Wolf Officer's Reports: Secretary Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Terry Second by Barry S. Motion Passed Treasurer Not Present, "We have money". Activities Chair No report at this time **Assistant Activities Chairman** No report at this time **Pit Stop Editor** No report at this time Assistant Regional Executive No report at this time **Regional Executive** No report at this time Advisor to the Board No report at this time Committee Reports: Membership Current Membership is at 110, 94 SIR and 16 W KY Chapter Old Business: - None at this time New Business: Upcoming Events Solicitation for Event Chairs Any interest in a Test-N-Tune event? Program Coordinator and Topics for Membership Meetings Membership Contact List List seems to be leaning towards -Car Photos and "social" information on website 0 Private info(phone and addresses) locked down 0 under Yahoo Groups Autocross Point Revision Robust explanation will be given at Membership Meeting before the first event Other New Business None at this time Next Meeting: Board Meeting, Townsquare Media March 5th, 6p Membership Meeting, Ri-Ra's, March 12th Free Entry Winner: 4 of Hearts, Paul Dornburg Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Terry D. at 8:35pm 0 Second by Barry S. Motion Passed

**Paul's Parts:** Our club meeting site will change for March. We'll meet at Smitty's on Franklin Street. I hope it's quieter than Ri Ra's. ... There will be a change in the autocross points system in 2013. We're going to apply a Road Tire multiplier to street tired cars and then put everyone in one result. Kevin Smalley will explain it at one of the upcoming club meetings before our first autocross. ... If you haven't looked at the website lately you should. I've been trying to keep it up to date with club happenings. ... The St. Patrick Day rally will be Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Drive a green car and wear green clothes and maybe you'll get a special reward. ...

# SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA: 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 115 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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