



# The Pit Stop



## SCCA Southern Indiana Region Monthly Newsletter April 2013 Volume 60 Number 4

### April Report

It is April and this month is one really happening month. We have our second rally of the season. We have trophies to present. We have two rounds of Lawrenceville patch parties. We have plans for a very special membership meeting. That's a full month.

Many of you know that Paul Dornburg and I missed the March membership meeting because of club business. We were meeting with the board and manager of the Mid-American Air Center (MAAC). This year the FAA's Great Lakes Division is paying more attention to non-aeronautical activities happening at its airports. As part of the approval process for our events, the airport needs to show it is getting at least fair market value for the use of its property. To that end, there is now a signed usage agreement with the airport. The gist of the agreement involves a quantification of our patching effort and the implementation of a usage fee. Expect an increase of about \$5 in our entry fee and continued encouragement to help with our patching efforts. There may be a "community service" workday too.

Paul and I both feel that the MAAC is very supportive of our events continuing and their motivation for the more formal usage agreement is simply to meet the FAA's requirements without complicating the funding for the airport. As I write this late in March, we are set with the MAAC. But we have not yet learned how the FAA feels about our continued use of the MAAC for non-aeronautical events. I will share news on this front when there is news.

Our rally season kicked off on Saint Patrick's Day with Ben Davis's "St Patty's Shamrock Shuffle." Unfortunately, only four cars took to the course. Before the rally started, Matt Beasley and Steve Compton admitted to having worked on their rallying skills the day before. They'd bumped into a problem with an old rally's use of an "ONTO Volkman Road" instruction. It seems that the practice session was complicated by the disappearance of the key sign. They spent a good portion of their Saturday dealing with that and working through the problem while sitting at the Log Inn. Sure enough, Ben's rally made good use of ONTO and even looped us back to the Log Inn. Apparently one can go to the Log Inn even if it's not August. I know eight of us that got our fill of the Log Inn without even stopping for dinner!

Ben's rally was a great one for shaking out the cobwebs. All four teams took some lumps. All four teams seemed to have had a blast following the route – or trying to. Ben's attempt to help us all zero a checkpoint didn't quite work out. Lumps and high scores aside, the 2013 rally season is off to a fun start.

Your next chance to get on the rally scoreboard is the Moore's rally on Sunday, April 7th. It will start from the Moore's home (602 SE First Street, Evansville) with tech and registration from 12:30 P.M. to 1:00. Watch the website or e-mail list for more information on that rally. Even if you're not into rallies do come out. Work a checkpoint and join the fun first-hand. Alternatively, you could just say what the heck and then follow the route to enjoy some fun roads. You'd have a fair chance at cleaning-up in the results.

**Sunday, April 14, and Monday, April 15,** are the first of our "patch party" dates. We will follow the normal routine of digging on Sunday and filling on Monday. We will repeat the process the following Sunday and Monday (4/21 & 4/22). This year, we had a large crew that showed up for the marking party. It was a very productive morning. We have three new segments identified that should increase our course options. Winter must have been easy on the MAAC. We will be spending most of our patching effort making general improvements and not just making the course area serviceable. Please plan now to help with those patching efforts.

One of the suggestions made last year was that we start a little earlier. So, this year, we will gather at the MAAC shortly before 9:00 A.M. with the goal of being on the job by 9:00. As the dates approach, I'm certain there will be follow-up e-mails on ride sharing options.

The highlight of the **April 9th membership meeting** will be the celebration of Jim Barrow's 60 years of SCCA membership. WOW! SIXTY years! Think about it. Start with your age. Next, how many digits are in your SCCA member number? How far from an additional digit is your number? Spoiler Alert: There are only three digits in Jim's member number. Your presence is a super way to join the celebration of this milestone. Please RSVP to Barry Schonberger (teamtiger21@aol.com or 812-425-1315) if you have not already done so.

To help with the flow of the celebration evening, we have arranged for a buffet dinner. Chicken fingers, pasta with Alfredo and marinara sauces, lasagna, and salad for \$15 with tax and tip included. We would like club members to start gathering around 6:00 P.M. and the dinner buffet will begin at 6:30.

If I don't see you at the rally on the 7th, I'll expect to see you at the membership meeting at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse (2019 West Franklin Street, Evansville) on the 9th.

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### New Members in March

None

### April Birthdays

Joab Schultheis	4/4
Mark Dailey	4/4
Matt Beasley	4/12
Anthony Fortenbery	4/15
Brad Bootz	4/18
Aaron Miller	4/19
Gary Heck	4/20
Bob Sonntag	4/22
Darrin Bailey	4/29
Tim Green	4/30

### Years of Service

Jim Barrow	60yrs
Kathy Tipsword	24yrs
Darlene Cannon	18yrs
Carolyn Dornburg	17yrs
Paul Dornburg	17yrs
Alexandra Goebel	9yrs
Alice Goebel	9yrs
Julia Young	7yrs
Richard Hall	5yrs
Michael Buente	5yrs
James Nichols	3yrs
Mitch Seeber	3yrs
Dominic McClung	1yr
Chris Nelson	1yr

## 2013 Schedule of Events

Date	Day	Activity/Event	Location
4.02	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
4.07	Sunday	T/S/D Rally #2 Westside Warmup	602 SE 1 <sup>st</sup> St., Evansville IN
4.09	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Smitty's 2019 West Franklin St., EVV
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	Smitty's 2019 West Franklin St., EVV
5.19	Sunday	Autocross 1 - "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	
6.01	Saturday	T/S/D Rally #3 Ice Cream Rally	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	Smitty's 2019 West Franklin St., EVV
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	Smitty's 2019 West Franklin St., EVV
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	
8.03-04	Sat-Sun	SCCA National Tour	Grissom Aeroplex, Peru IN
8.06	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
8.11	Sunday	T/S/D Rally (4 of 7)	Knox County Indiana
8.13	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Log Inn, Warrenton, Indiana
8.18	Sunday	Autocross (5 of 7)	To be determined
8.27	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
8.28	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	

### Berry Points

Ben Davis	8
Bob Sonntag	8
Jay Wolf	8
Matt Beasley	5
Jim Cannon	4
Mike Buente	3
Terry Davis	3
Kenny Dilger	3
Carrie Moore	3
Chris Moore	3
Ernie Roales	3
Barry Beaman	2
Lora Blaylock	2
Paul Blaylock	2
Paul Dornburg	2
Don Kelley	2
Dave Lehrschall	2
Susan Roales	2
Barry Schonberger	2
Kevin Smalley	2
Darlene Cannon	1
Carolyn Dornburg	1
Dwayne Duke	1
Jeremy Duke	1
Mike Hutchens	1
Ron Jochum	1
Terry Keating	1
Aaron Miller	1
Jimmy Wooldridge	1

### Rookie Points

Jimmy Wooldridge	.008
Connor Murt	.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  
March 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 Mike B. - Passed

**Treasurer:** "We have money", Motion to accept by Terry D., Second by Barry S. - Passed

**Activities Chair:** Calendar is up to date, and all events are filled

**Assistant Activities Chairman:** No report at this time

**Pit Stop Editor:**

Last Wednesday of the Month is Pit Stop Deadline

We have a Facebook account that is bringing us some leads

**Assistant Regional Executive:** No report at this time

**Regional Executive:** Smitty's Steak House for March Membership Meeting

**Advisor to the Board:** Turned in Insurance for 1<sup>st</sup> Rally and W. Kentucky's 1<sup>st</sup> Event

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Current Membership 108, 93 SIR, 15 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 "Community Service" All quiet

**Autocross Equipment:**

- Trailer refurb/replacement research and plan
  - o Looking at new software
  - o Cleanup of trailer
  - o Rewiring/installation of new equipment rack

No other old business at this time

**New Business:**

**Anniversary Celebrations**

- Jim Barrow's 60<sup>th</sup> year of membership
- Region's 61<sup>st</sup> year of existence. State of Indiana showing 10/20/1952

**Schedule Review for 2013 Season**

- Review, Updates, and Adjustments
  - o SCCA Starting Line Program

**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
- Usage Agreement Update

**Midwest Muscle Car Challenge**

- Prefer their Insurance
- Going to ask for \$1,000
- Autocross one way Saturday, Reversed for Sunday

**Autocross Point System Clarifications**

- Weekend Member Classes

**Membership Chair**

- Should Monitor Membership List
- Follow Up on late renewals
- Advise new members
- Contact long-time members not seen

- Keep in touch with WKY chapter
- All things related to membership
- Kevin Smalley comes to mind as a candidate

**Club Email Addresses**

- Looking at creating "<office>@sirscca.org" addresses, such as [Activities@sirscca.org](mailto:Activities@sirscca.org)

**Next Meeting:**

- April 2nd, Townsquare Media, Evansville 6p

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn by Terry D. at 8:12PM, Second by Mike B., Motion Passed

**Sports Car Club of America  
Southern Indiana Region  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
March 12th, 2013**

**Call to Order:** 8:01pm

**Guests:** Sue Wolf, Leslie Beasley, Mrs. Lehrschall, Angie Schonberger

**Officer's Reports:**

**Secretary:** Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Terry D., Second by Jim C., Motion Passed

**Treasurer:** We have money. And our retirement plan isn't going well. We only earned \$0.44 in interest

**Activities Chair:** No report at this time

**Assistant Activities Chairman:** No report at this time

**Pit Stop Editor:** Not Present, attending Mid American Air Center Board Meeting, however 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of month is Pit Stop Deadline

**Assistant Regional Executive:** No report at this time

**Regional Executive:** Not present, attending Mid American Air Center Board Meeting

**Advisor to the Board:** No report at this time

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Current Membership is at 108, 93 SIR and 15 W. KY Chapter

**Old Business:** None at this time

**New Business:**

**Upcoming Events**

- 2 Rally's before next meeting
  - o March 17<sup>th</sup> "St. Patrick's Shamrock Shuffle"
  - o April 7<sup>th</sup> Moore/Moore
- Any interest in a Test-N-Tune event?
- Program Coordinator and Topics for Membership Meetings
- Pre-Patch Party Prep Visit Saturday, March 23rd

**Membership Contact List**

- List seems to be leaning towards
  - o Car Photos and "social" information on website
  - o Private info(phone and addresses) locked down under Yahoo Groups

**Autocross Point Revision**

- Robust explanation given at Membership Meeting by Kevin Smalley

**Jim Barrow**

- Next Membership Meeting, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring our longest tenured member for his 60<sup>th</sup> year membership

**Don Kelley/SIR Brit**

- Has expressed interested in a Road Rally

**Other New Business:** None at this time

**Next Meeting:**

- Board Meeting, Townsquare Media April 2nd, 6p
- Membership Meeting, Smitty's Steak House, April 9th

**Free Entry Winner:** Ace of Hearts, Ron Jochum

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn by Terry D. at 8:46pm, Second by Don K., Motion Passed

**St. Patty's Shamrock Shuffle**

**Ben Davis Rally Master**

**March 17th, 2013**

	Team	Class	CkPt1	CkPt2	Total	Trophy
Winners	1 Tom Ruck / Bob Sonntag	A	385	735	1120	T
	2 Matt Beasley / Steve Compton	A	2719	3555	6274	
Winners	1 Jay Wolf / Sue Wolf	B	267	585	852	T
	2 Ernie Roales / Sue Roales	B	755	DNF	DNF	

**Paul's Parts:** The Moore's are putting on the next road rally, Westside Warmup on April 7<sup>th</sup> ~~ Coming up in May is the Midwest Muscle Car Challenge. I'm going to challenge the muscle car drivers to beat my time on the course each day. I wonder if any of them can do it? ~~ The Ice Cream Rally may be moved to Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> to coincide with the Owensboro Cruise-In held the first Saturday evening of each month. Make plans to do the rally and then relax in downtown Owensboro, eating at local restaurants and enjoying the cars and people.

## ***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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