

The Pit Stop



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January REport

Greetings fellow car enthusiasts and welcome to the first newsletter of the SIR/SCCA 2014 Season! Speaking of firsts, this is also my first REport as your new Regional Executive. I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the Southern Indiana Region leadership. I look forward to serving our region in 2014.

Before we look ahead to 2014, though, let's review the end of 2013...

Our final driving event of the 2013 season was a non-points autocross on the small patch of asphalt still in place at the former Roberts Stadium site (for the moment known as Roberts Park). The event was held on December 1st, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. After a cool, cloudy start to the day, we ran in sunny, 55 degree conditions - not bad for December. Terry Davis designed the course - a sequel to his 2012 No Chicanes course. We had sixteen SCCA members and sixteen weekend members - our largest weekend member group of the 2013 season. Cars at the event included a barely street legal Mustang, a flat black Nissan Sentra sleeper (surprisingly one of the fastest cars of the event), and a red Nissan with a freshly signed rental agreement in the passenger seat. The results are included elsewhere in this edition of Pit Stop. Several photos of the event were included in last month's Pit Stop.

After a two week weather delay, our 2013 Awards Banquet was held on December 20th. The evening began with a great dinner from the folks at Rolling Hills Country Club. After dinner, we had a trophy presentation for our last rally of the season (Bob Sonntag's infamous Turn, Turn, Turn rally), we handed out the 2013 season championship trophies, recognized the 2013 board members, and then introduced the 2014 Board. Leonard Goff's service to the club was also recognized with the Indian Award. Following a quick break, we passed around some gifts and then presented a special gift to the SIR member who earned the "Most Dramatic Autocross Adventure of the Season" honors. Congratulations, Jonathan Crowe! Luckily the only victims of that adventure were a fire extinguisher, a Corvette fender panel, and some pride.

Also in December, the 2013 and 2014 board members met to transition duties and begin planning for 2014. We welcomed two first time board members, Paul and Lora Blaylock. Paul will be our new Activities Chairman, and Lora will be taking over for Ben as Secretary. Bob Sonntag, last year's Regional Executive, will fill the role of 2014 Advisor. Ben Davis will be our new Pit Stop Editor and website manager after serving as Secretary for the last few seasons. We also said farewell (for now) to two long time board members, Terry Davis and Paul Dornburg. I have a feeling they will both be adding more plates to their service plaques at some point in the future, though.

To wrap up 2013, please join me in congratulating all of our 2013 championship trophy and award winners!

Rally Trophy	Member	Points
1st Place	Bob Sonntag James Cannon	27
2nd Place	Terry Davis	24
3rd Place	Jay Wolf	22
Berry Trophy	Member	Points
1st Place	Bob Sonntag	115
2nd Place	Ernie Roales	91
3rd Place	James Cannon	82
Autocross Trophy	Member	Points
1st Place	Kenny Dilger	5974
2nd Place	Paul Dornburg	5928
3rd Place	Barry Beaman	5833
Rookie of the Year		
Richard Grav		
Ken Andrew Memorial Indian Award		
Leonard Goff		

And now, let's move on to 2014...

Scheduling for the 2014 event calendar is underway. As in 2013, we'll have seven T/S/D rallies, seven autocross events, two patch parties, and will once again support Mark Bowler's Midwest Muscle Car Challenge and Day at the Strip autocross events.

We are working to secure a date for another Roberts Park autocross event. If we are able to get that scheduled, expect it to occur early in the season. More details will follow as those plans are confirmed.

For the rally program, we are planning a "Bring a First Timer" non-points event. The idea is to have all of the regular rally teams split up and each bring a first time rally participant. The goal of this event will be to introduce people to T/S/D rallies by participating in a fun, stress-free rally with a rally veteran.

We will be returning to Smitty's Italian Family Steakhouse Restaurant (2109 W. Franklin St, Evansville, IN), for a majority of our 2014 member meetings. The first of those meetings will take place on Tuesday, January 14th. Please join us at 6:30 that evening and earn your first Berry point of the year. You can then spend the next four weeks tied with our 2013 Berry champion, Bob Sonntag.

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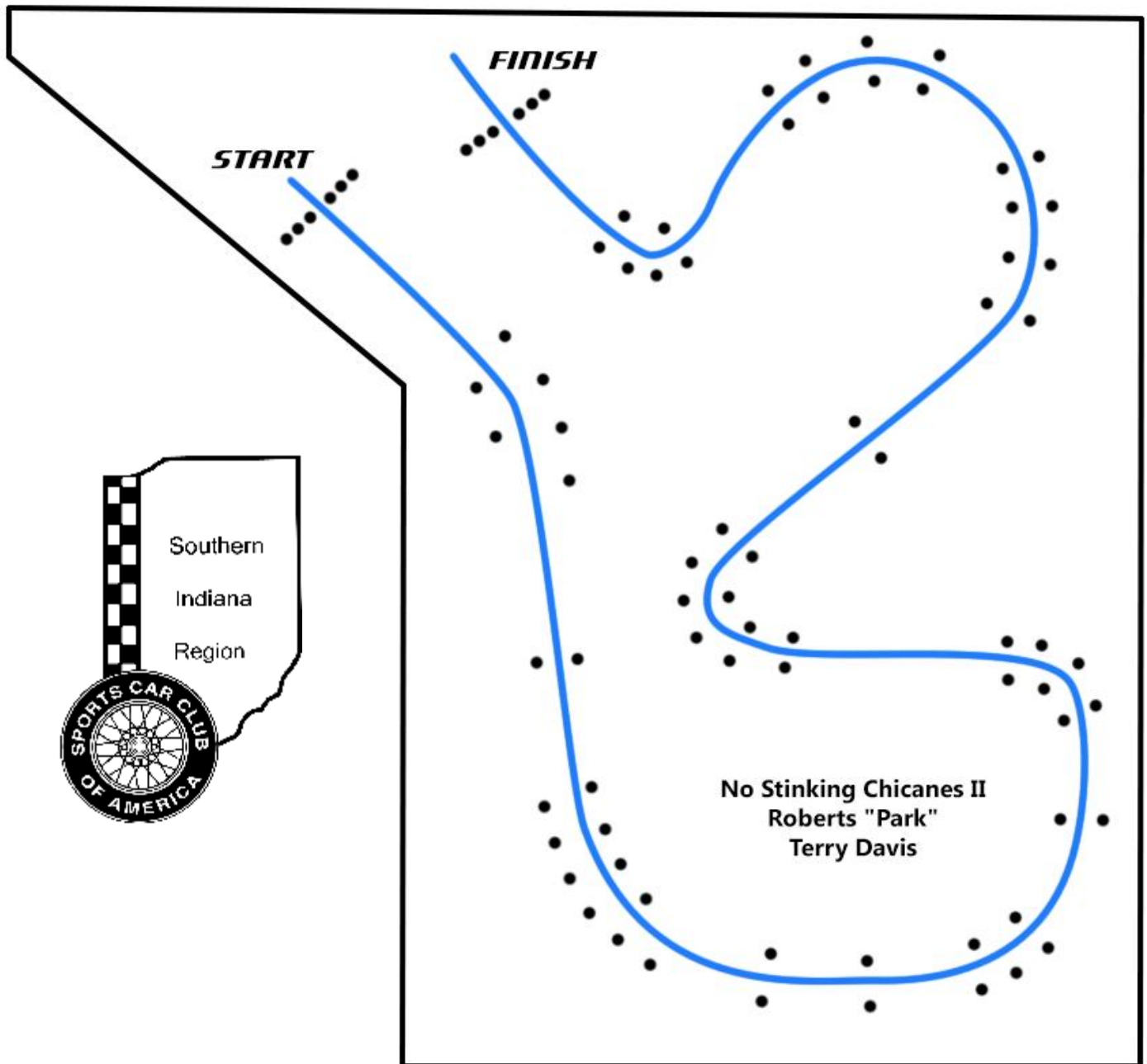
Winter seems to be the time that everyone prepares their vehicle for the next season. Chances are you've been eye-balling a new set of sticky street tires, performance brake pads, or a new set of shocks/struts for your sweet ride. TireRack.com's embrace of the SCCA and racers in general has changed them into a "go to" place for not only racing tires, but performance parts as well. I'm sure you've heard Bob and Paul remind everyone about using the TireRack link on the website, as we receive commission from sales through that link. As of this article, we have earned over \$600 in our first year of being a part of the program. At a recent Board Meeting, we were discussing that affiliate links can be "tricky" to use and still receive commission. Depending on what you click on and also how long you are on the site, it is possible that your sale does not get credited to the club's account! To remove your ability to use this article as reading material to fall asleep, I've pulled all the technical/computer jargon and condensed it down to the information you really need to know. 1.) Know exactly what you are going to purchase before visiting TireRack.com through the link on the SIRSCCA.ORG website. 2.) If you need to browse around to look at various items before your purchase, save the items you would like to buy to your TireRack.com Wish List. Then pull up the SIRSCCA.ORG website, click the TireRack.com link, log into your TireRack account, open your Wish List and buy from there.

We'd like to thank everyone that made purchases through the link in 2013, and would like to ask everyone that if TireRack.com has the best price on something that you are planning on buying in 2014, to please remember to purchase it through our club affiliation link.

Also as a reminder, the National SCCA Office does a wonderful job each year working out discounts with many businesses of different types relating to racing. Although our club does not receive any money from your purchases from these fine businesses, there are a plethora of discounts from hotels, performance parts manufacturers/dealers, and sometimes dealer cost on a new vehicle!

2014 Schedule of Events

Date	Day	Activity/Event	Location
1.00	January		
1.07	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
1.14	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Tavern, Evansville
1.29	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	
2.00	February		
2.04	Tuesday	Board Meeting	Townsquare Media Conf Room
2.11	Tuesday	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Tavern, Evansville
2.26	Wednesday	Pit Stop Deadline	



**Sports Car Club of America
Southern Indiana Region
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes**

December 18th, 2013

Attendees:

Benjamin Davis – Secretary
Matt Beasley – Activities Chairman
Paul Dornburg – Pit Stop/Web Editor
Barry Schonberger – Assistant Regional Executive
Bob Sonntag – Regional Executive
Terry Davis – Advisor to the Board
Paul and Lora Blaylock - Guests

2013 Regional Goals:

- Adoption of updated By-Laws
- Membership List
- Year-End Trophy Plan
- Website
- Rally Participation Increase
- Cultivation of new Board Members

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Officer's Reports:

Secretary, Motion to Accept as Read by Bob S., Second by Matt B. - Passed

Treasurer, "We have money"

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, needs to check with Mike H. to see if reimbursement has been made to him for Sept. or Oct. Pit Stop. Will be working with Gene Y. and Ben D. to move website to new hosting company, hopefully by end of the year

Assistant Regional Executive, "Damn glad to be here"

Regional Executive, No report at this time

Advisor to the Board, No report at this time, but will be officially retired by the end of the year

Committee Reports:

Membership, Current Membership 118

Old Business:

Autocross Equipment; Trailer refurb/replacement on hold
Updated/Finalized Course Maps; Need to put scale on map, and we have a separate map to mark bad spots for next year's Patch Party
2013 Patch Party; Mike H. will order some test patching material
Comp Regulation Change for 2014 – Reviewing change to calculate Autocross Bery Points like AX Points; Bowler event adjustments, workers, ROI, Paul D. will stay in contact with Mark Bowler

New Business:

Schedule Review for 2013 Season

Review, Updates, and Adjustments; Traveling trophies;
Awards Banquet Update (38 expected);

Post Event Reviews

December 1st Fun AX, logistics for future site use, issues;
Event Registration, Membership Check/Requirement, Change Fund; Weekend Memberships and cut-off for passenger forms; Event Paperwork Flows;

2014 Board Changes

Leaving the board are Paul D. and Terry D.; RE moves from Bob S. to Matt B.; Pit Stop from Paul D. to Ben D.; Secretary from Ben D. to Lora B.; Activities Chair from Matt B. to Paul B.

2014 Private Contact List

2014 Planning and Prep

Changes to BOD mail list; Set any changes to BOD meeting day, time, and location; New 2014 Business

Undone New Business

2013 Goal Progress

Rally Program; "Pay to Play", Membership List on Website, Event Publicity, Equipment Adjustments, Additional stopwatches purchased, Fire Extinguishers

Next Meeting: January 7th, Townsquare Media 6P

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Terry D. at 7:58PM, Second by Paul B., Motion Passed

**Sports Car Club of America
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Membership Meeting Minutes**

December 20th, 2013

Call to Order: After Dinner...

Guests:

Introduction of Guests

Officer's Reports:

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

Treasurer, We have money

Activities Chair, No report at this time

Assistant Activities Chairman, No report at this time

Pit Stop Editor, Last Wed. of month is Pit Stop Deadline

Assistant Regional Executive, No report at this time

Regional Executive, No report at this time

Advisor to the Board, No report at this time

Old Business:

None at this time

New Business:

Event Trophies

- "Turn, Turn, Turn" Rally, Nov. 10th – Bob S./Terry D.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 7th, BOD Meeting, 6P, Townsquare Media
- Jan. 14th, Membership Meeting, Smitty's Italian Steakhouse

Membership Pin Recognition

35 years, Barry Schonberger

Rookie of the Year Trophy – Richard Grav

Rally Trophy – Jim Cannon and Bob Sonntag

Autocross Trophy – Kenny Dilger

Berry Trophy – Bob Sonntag

Ken Andrew Memorial Indian Award – Leonard Goff

Board of Director Service Awards

Recap of what the Club accomplished during 2013

Introduction of the new 2014 Board of Directors

Brief Overview of 2014 Goals

- Increase Rally Participation
- Update AX registration to comply with new National SCCA requests
- Cultivate new Board Members

"The Game"

Special Trophy Presentation to Junior Crowe

No Other New Business at this time

Next Meeting:

Board Meeting, January 7th, 6p Townsquare Media

Membership Meeting, January 14th at Smitty's, Evansville

Adjournment: Sometime after we all stopped laughing at Junior and his "trophy"!

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. These avenues range from amateur or professional road race driver, to weekend rally or autocross driver, and from 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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