



# The *Pit Stop*



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## April 2014 REport

It's hard to believe I'm already writing my fourth report for Pit Stop. It's also hard to believe that it's officially Spring. I drove to work today in blinding snow - not enough to challenge the S5's quattro, though. Before I begin April's report (even though, technically, I already have), I'd like to mention that I'm going to start breaking my reports into a couple of different sections. My goal is to help readers more easily get to the content in which they are interested. I'll always start with an introduction that will likely contain whatever random thoughts are currently rattling around in my head (confined to relevant topics, of course). The introduction will be followed by reviews of recent events, and I'll end with a section on upcoming events. Alright, let's give this new, more organized format a try...

This month we've had some lively conversations on the mailing list concerning our autocross program specifically aimed at the number of runs allowed per heat. Many folks offered opinions on how extra runs could be earned - some realistic...some, not so much. Currently, we all get three runs per heat, and we have an opportunity to earn a fourth run by participating in a work event. Unfortunately this year, getting on the bonus program will be a little more difficult than usual. We were forced to schedule the patch parties over the two weekends that bookend many of the area schools' Spring Break. We heard from several members who were unable to participate in the patch parties due to the Spring Break conflict. I apologize for that. In addition, the May Bowler event, the Midwest Musclecar Challenge, was moved out of our area so we lost that opportunity for work event participation. The Board is exploring ideas for adding some opportunities to earn a spot on the bonus program. No guarantees, of course, but we'll see what we can do.

Concerning all of those extra run ideas posted on the board, I want you all to know that I read them all and did not take those conversations lightly. Even though many of the comments were posted strictly for entertainment value, I think the discussion was a great vehicle for generating new ideas. Don't worry, though, we won't add extra runs for members with blue FR-S's even though I thought that was an awesome idea. The discussion of extra runs has inspired a few ideas that I'm planning to bring up during our upcoming board meetings. I'll share those once we've had a chance to discuss them. Regardless of any changes we decide to implement in the future, you can expect to always see the best rewards offered to those who participate in work events.

Don't forget, all members are welcome (and encouraged) to attend our board meetings so please drop by if you have ideas to share. We are always looking for ways to improve our events and we value every member's opinion. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at Townsquare Media - 117 SE 5th St. Evansville, IN. Alternatively, you can contact me (matbeas@gmail.com), and I'll make sure your idea is shared with the board.

## Recent Events

The weather was not kind to our March event calendar. The wintery

conditions caused us to postpone both of our March rallies and we also had to cancel the concrete delivery for our first of two patch party weekends. The weather in Lawrenceville was too cold to allow the concrete to cure properly.

We are working on getting Bob Sonntag's Novice Rally (a.k.a. the Rally for "Noobs") and Paul and Carolyn Dornburg's Ice Cream Rally rescheduled. As soon as those dates are determined, we'll get the calendar updated. Both will likely happen sometime in May or later. April doesn't provide many opportunities for event additions.

The March weather didn't completely wipe out our event calendar, though. We had a great turn out for Paul Dornburg's Solo Safety Steward class including several members of the Western Kentucky chapter. Those who attended can now become safety stewards for our autocross events once they serve as deputy steward for two events.

The following week several of us met in Lawrenceville to survey our autocross site and mark our patch locations for the patch parties. The site is in great shape considering the harsh conditions of the previous few months. Even better, the trailers that were parked along our "slalom straight" are gone. Let's hope they stay gone.

Our March member meeting was well attended. Thanks to Chris Moore for providing us with an update on Team Monkey See's recent trips to Skip Barber and Road Atlanta. Also thanks to Barry Schonberger and Terry Davis for a great presentation on our club's history. We also had a guest speaker, Charles Stuart, who told us about an upcoming car show he is organizing.

We just completed the first of two patch party weekends. As I mentioned, we were unable to pour any concrete because of the temperature, but our first Dig Day on Sunday, March 23rd was a great success. We finished digging about two thirds of the marked patch locations, and all of the cutting is done. The temperature on Sunday never got above 40, and there was a constant 10 mph+ wind making it feel even colder. Brrrrrr! I'll never complain about the heat in August ever again. This year we are using pneumatic jackhammers, and they really chew up the concrete. There was even a big jackhammer attached to a Bob Cat roaming around the site helping us knock out the really big patch locations - the back straight "jump" is now a big hole in the ground. We proved that I am not cut out for manning a jackhammer - especially the 90 lb. monster we nick-named "Big Bertha". I'm sure those who witnessed my sorry display of jackhammer skill will be more than willing to tell everyone about it. I think I better just stick to drawing maps and putting together run comparison videos.

I have a lot of thank you's to pass around to all the members who stepped up to provide equipment and labor for the event. I'll save that for next month's report after we have completed the second patch party weekend.

## Upcoming Events

By the time you read this, the patch parties will be over and we'll be looking ahead to our April events. The best part?...none of them are work events. We finally get to play! The month kicks off with the board

meeting on Tuesday, April 1st. As I mentioned previously, everyone is welcome to join us.

On Saturday, April 5th, several of us are headed to Louisville to participate in the Evolution Performance Driving School - Phase I. If you haven't been to one of their schools, I highly recommend that you sign up for one. Check out their site for the next opportunity. ([www.evoschool.com](http://www.evoschool.com))

On April 8th, we'll return to Smitty's for our April member meeting. We'll gather at 6:30 for dinner and the meeting will start around 7:30. Don't miss the opportunity to talk about the upcoming season and earn a Berry point.

Speaking of points, we will finally get to earn some competition points on April 12th at Ben Davis' Rally. **Note:** The rally is on a Saturday, not a Sunday. We are scheduling rallies on different days this season to see if we can get more participation. Keep an eye on our website and the mailing list for more details. Also, April 12th is my birthday. I'll be celebrating the 25th anniversary of my 21st birthday so come out and try to beat the birthday boy!

After a break for Easter, we end the month with our first autocross of

the season. It will be a fun event at Roberts Park. Ernie Roales is already hard at work designing the course for that event. We usually see a bump in our weekend member participation at the Roberts events so, hopefully, we can recruit some new members for our club.

Here is the schedule for the April 27th Roberts Park Fun Event:

- 8:00 Set-up starts
- 9:00 – 10:00 Tech & Registration
- 10:30 – Drivers meeting
- 11:00 – First run

I'll see you all in April. Let's hope the weather is better than the weather in March. I'm getting tired of the cold, snowy conditions.

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## SIRSCCA Events Calendar

*(The following dates and times are provisional. Visit the website calendar at <http://sirsc.ca.org/calendar> for the most up to date information.)*

April			
04.08	6:30P	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Restaurant and Steakhouse - Evansville, IN
04.12	12P	Road Rally: Ben Davis "Townsquare Media"	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
04.27	TBD	Autocross: "Roberts Run-up" – Ernie Roales	Roberts Park - Evansville, IN
04.30		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
May			
05.02		Midwest Muscle Car Challenge	TBD - Putnam Park? (We will not be hosting.)
05.04	TBD	Autocross 1 of 7: Terry Davis	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
05.06	5:45P	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
05.13	6:30P	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Restaurant and Steakhouse - Evansville, IN
05.18	TBD	Autocross: Southern IL Autocross #1 of 2	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
05.28		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
June			
06.03	5:45P	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
06.08	TBD	Autocross: Mike Buente, SS Needed #2 of 7	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
06.10	6:30P	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Restaurant and Steakhouse - Evansville, IN
06.25		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
06.29	TBD	Road Rally: Jim Canon "Left 6th Opp"	TBD
July			
07.01	5:45P	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
07.08	6:30P	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Restaurant and Steakhouse - Evansville, IN
07.13	TBD	Autocross: Matt Beasley	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
07.27	TBD	Autocross: Kevin Smalley, SS Needed	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
07.30		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
August			
08.03	TBD	Road Rally #4 of 7	TBD
08.05	5:45P	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
08.12	6:30P	Membership Meeting	The Log Inn - Warrenton, IN
08.17	TBD	Autocross #5 of 7	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
08.24	TBD	Road Rally #5 of 7	TBD
08.27		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
September			
09.02	5:45P	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
09.07	TBD	Southern IL Autocross #2 of 2	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL

09.09	6:30P	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Restaurant and Steakhouse - Evansville, IN
09.14		Road Rally Possibility	Possible date to either move a rally to, have a gimmick rally, etc.
09.21	TBD	Autocross #6 of 7	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
09.24		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
October			
10.05	TBD	Autocross #7 of 7	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
10.07	5:45P	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
10.10	TBD	Bowler Day At The Strip Setup	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
10.11	TBD	Bowler Day At The Strip Day 1	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
10.12	TBD	Bowler Day At The Strip Day 2	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
October continued from previous page			
10.14	6:30P	Membership Meeting	Moonlite BBQ - Owensboro, KY
10.26	TBD	Road Rally #6 of 7	TBD
10.29		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
November			
11.04	5:45P	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
11.09	TBD	Road Rally #7 of 7	TBD
11.11	6:30P	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Restaurant and Steakhouse - Evansville, IN
11.26		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
11.29		Awards Banquet Reservation Deadline	Reservations should be sent to Mike Hutchens, Treasurer
11.30		Tentative "Black Sunday Shopping 'Brake'" Autocross	Tentative Date for a "fun" autocross at Roberts Park.
December			
12.05	6:00P	2014 Awards Banquet and Membership Meeting	Rolling Hills Country Club, Newburgh, IN
12.31		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission

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**2014 Patch Party**  
**Working hard to**  
**improve**  
**everyone's**  
**autocross**  
**experience for**  
**this season!**

**Sports Car Club of America - Southern Indiana Division - Board of Directors Minutes - March 4, 2014**

Attendees:

Matt Beasley, Regional Executive; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chairman; Lora Blaylock, Secretary; Bob Sonntag, Advisor to the Board; Barry Schonberger, Assistant Regional Executive; Mike Hutchens, Treasurer; Ben Davis, *Pit Stop*/Website; Mike Buente, Assistant Activities Chairman; Terry Davis and Paul Dornburg, members.

Officer Reports:

The minutes were accepted as sent.

Mike Hutchens presented a financial report. All year-end payments have been accounted for, and we still have 'money in the bank'. The Tire Rack money will be moved to its own line.

With regret, Mike finished his report by announcing his resignation from the board. Due to work constraints, he will be unable to attend many of the club's functions. He will continue until a replacement is found and appointed by the board or April, whichever comes first. The board accepted his resignation with understanding and appreciation for his service.

Ben Davis reported that a recent software update has wreaked havoc with the website calendar. He is working to fix it. Also, email contacts from the website have been tied to board of directors' personal emails. If a person wants to contact the club secretary, they email "secretary@sirscca.org", and the email will be delivered to Lora Blaylock's personal email. Old archived materials have not yet been connected.

Barry Schonberger reported that Jim Barrow has recovered and moved to independent living. Barry hopes that Jim may be able to attend next week's membership meeting. Everyone enjoyed last month's membership meeting with Jack Rogers, including Jack! Barry and Terry are prepared to share a history report at next week's meeting.

We have two new members this month, including one in Western Kentucky, and only one expired membership.

Old Business:

We are out of time to refurbish the trailer before autocross season. Ben will prepare a to-do list for future use.

Atlas Van Lines is interested in the Corporate Discounts idea. We need to provide them with details. It was agreed that the discount would extend to members of the immediate household. Bob Sonntag volunteered to be the caretaker of the Corporate Discount

A new national Tire Class has been created: "Classic American Muscle Car" in hopes of encouraging drivers from other 'classic' series to participate in SCCA events.

Charter Renewal paperwork has been completed, and will be reviewed by the national office.

Paul Dornburg will inventory the radios to see if any need to be replaced or if we simply need more units. Paul Blaylock hopes to complete a photo inventory of the trailer. We will hold off on replacing stop watches at this time.

New Business:

The Mid American Air Center dates have been formally submitted, and we've been notified that it may be 90 days before we have confirmation of the dates. Therefore, we will plan to work on the 2015 autocross schedule in November/December 2014.

There is no new news on the Muscle Car Challenge. They are working on an autocross site at a high school near Putnam, and may have their equipment needs filled. There is a slight chance that they may want to move back to MAAC. The Indianapolis Club is hosting an event on the same weekend, and unable to help.

The recent Safety Steward class was a huge success! 18 people participated and all passed the test. They will now need to be deputy marshals at two autocrosses before receiving their certifications. Paul Dornburg will prepare a list of participants and work with them at upcoming autocrosses. The number of deputies at each autocross will depend on the total number of attendees.

Paul Blaylock would like to see that we post a list of important (emergency) numbers on the trailer in case of a problem at an event. Bob volunteered to take care of this.

Matt reported that the program at next week's meeting will be presented by member Chris Moore, featuring an update on Monkey See Motorsports. Paul D announced a rally he is preparing for the Owensboro Sunset Cruisers on June 7. He is looking for volunteers. Barry Points would be available for this event.

Regarding events, the 'Bring a Noob' rally will be rescheduled following Sunday's rotten weather. Looking at the calendar, it may be after May before there is an appropriate weekend.

Yancy and his equipment are not available for the patch party dates. Options for renting equipment and what to do on what dates were discussed; it was decided to wait until after the site visit to decide specifics on how to proceed. Bob and Matt will coordinate this.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

## Berry Points

Member	PTS
Ernie Roales	23
Bob Sonntag	23
Jay Wolf	23
Richard Grav	21
Matthew Beasley	18
Michael Buente	18
Terry Davis	17
Barry Beaman	13
James Cannon	13
John Memmer	12
Cooper Lilly	10
John McCarthy	10
Kevin Smalley	10
Paul Blaylock	8
Barry Schonberger	8
Don Kelley	7
Ron Jochum	6
David Lehrsfall	6
Joab Schultheis	6
Steve Backer	5
Teresa Bailey	5
Jonathan Crowe	5
Tim Green	5
Maurie Light	5
Lora Blaylock	3
Ben Davis	3
Chris Moore	3
Carrie Moore	2
James Barrow	1
Kenny Dilger	1
Paul Dornburg	1
Mike Hutchens	1
Terry Keating	1

## **Sports Car Club of America - Southern Indiana Division - Membership Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2014**

Regional Executive Matt Beasley welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to receive the minutes as printed. Treasurer Mike Hutchens reported that the club has money, and that with regret, he is resigning his position due to work-required travel. Please contact him if you are interested in taking his place.

Activities Chair Paul Blaylock announced Sunday's Ice Cream Rally starting at the Dairy Queen on US 60 East in Owensboro. The snowed-out 'Bring a Noob' Rally will be rescheduled, possibly in May. Paul reminded everyone that a full calendar of events is available on the website. The Patch Party inspection day went well last Saturday, and a map of up to 50 patch sites has been prepared. Final details are still being settled for the patch parties, (tentatively scheduled for March 23 and 24 and March 30 and 31) and will be posted on the website as soon as they are available.

*Pit Stop*/Website editor Ben Davis reminded all that the deadline for next month's issue is the last Wednesday of the month, and welcomed submissions. He also noted that an update to the website software caused problems with the calendar. If you had linked your calendar to the website, you'll have to re-subscribe now that the problem is fixed.

Assistant Regional Executive Barry Schonberger reported that the annual Junior Achievement Grand Prix will be held on June 14 in the Vectren parking lot downtown. He invites all to volunteer at this worthy event.

The Safety Steward School at the beginning of the month was a great success! 18 people passed and will be certified following being deputy marshals at two autocrosses. Paul Dornburg will coordinate the rest of the process.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Patch Party survey. As mentioned, a map of work to be done has been created, and will be available on the website.

Paul Dornburg shared two upcoming events: The Ice Cream Rally this Sunday starting at the Dairy Queen on US 60 East in Owensboro, and another rally in Owensboro for the Sunset Cruisers on June 7. SCCA volunteers are wanted for the June 7 event, and organizers are hoping for a little competition between area car clubs during the rally. He also noted that the St. Louis club is selling raffle tickets \$20 for a chance to

attend the F1 race in Texas, plus \$5,000 in traveling money.

The club welcomed Charles Stuart of Home Depot, who invited all to a Car Show to be held on March 29 at the West Side Home Depot. The event is free, and a donation (made by Home Depot) will be given to area veterans for every car entered. There will be events throughout the day, including a visit from Rolling Thunder. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Matt encouraged everyone available to help out with the patch parties, particularly on the Monday fill day. Final details will be available on the website soon. He also reminded all that the Midwest Muscle Car Challenge will not be available as an event at which to earn extra autocross runs, so the patch party is where one can earn extra autocross runs.

Matt also shared information about the April 5 Evolution School in Louisville. 3 local folks are planning to attend. Phase 1 registration is only \$260 for a full day of driving and instruction.

Barry and Terry Davis presented a moment in SIR/SCCA History - tonight's topic: the Traveling Circus. The Traveling Circus was a group of about 12 SIR/SCCA members, family, and friends who wanted to promote competition and SIR/SCCA in the late 70s and early 80s. They traveled around the area, participating in events and helping inspire what would become national events. The State Autocross series was one such very successful event, eventually inspiring the SCCA Division Solo Championship.

Chris Moore updated the membership on recent outings of Monkey See Motorsports. He recently was able to participate in a Lemons race at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama. It is a great track, and if you're not racing, there is a wonderful museum from which you can watch the track. This was Chris' first opportunity to participate in Lemons, which, although they share the \$500 car rule, is markedly different from Chumpcar. The field is often larger, with over half the cars in a similar class as Chumpcar; however, there are also cars which are lucky to make laps at all - and they're all on track at the same time. The real fun at Lemons begins after sundown - there are the typical make-or-break repairs, but there's also a good party - including a trailer with a full bowling lane at the Barber race. Monkey See ran as high as 3 of 70+ that weekend, eventually finishing 13 in rainy conditions. The Monkey See II is currently under construction, and Chris welcomes all who are interested to be in touch.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

## **April Membership "Anniversaries":**

Steve Compton, 1 year  
Henry & Loretta Miley, 1 year  
Dominic McClung, 2 years  
Chris Nelson, 2 years  
James Nichols, 4 years  
Mitchell Seeber, 4 years  
Charline Buente, 6 years  
Richard Hall, Jr., 6 years  
Julie Young, 8 years  
Alexandra & Alice Goebel, 10 years  
Mike Buente, 11 years  
Carolyn & Paul Dornburg, 18 years  
Jim Butler, M.D., 24 years

Kathy Tipsword, 25 years  
Greg Goebel, 34 years  
Jim Barrow, 61 years

## **April Birthdays:**

Darrin Bailey  
Matt Beasley  
Brad Bootz  
Charline Buente  
Mark Dailey  
Richard Grav  
Tim Green  
Gary Heck  
Joab Schultheis  
Bob Sonntag

## ***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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— Dodie Smith, *I Capture the Castle*