



The *Pit Stop*



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February 2015 REport

January and February are typically slow months for the club, and 2015 is no exception. There's not much to talk about this early in the season. I would, however, like to provide a couple of updates for some items that came up at our January member meeting.

For those interested in participating in an Evolution Performance driving school, there will be a few events within driving distance early this year. Here are the dates, events, and locations:

03.20.2015 - Phase One - NCM Motorsport Park, Bowling Green, KY
03.21.2015 - Phase Two - NCM Motorsport Park, Bowling Green, KY
03.22.2015 - Challenge School - NCM Motorsport Park, Bowling Green, KY
04.11.2015 - Phase One - Family Arena, St. Charles, MO
04.12.2015 - Phase Two - Family Arena, St. Charles, MO
05.16.2015 - Phase One - Rantoul Aviation Center, Rantoul, IL
05.17.2015 - Challenge School - Rantoul Aviation Center, Rantoul, IL

For more information, visit www.evoschool.com.

Late last year, I mentioned that I was working with some employees at Toyota to put together an event at the Toyota plant near Princeton. I don't have any new information, yet, but will try to get an update soon.

Also, I would like to thank John Warren for providing me with a great scaled drawing of the Roberts Park autocross site. I'll be working on a site course template for Roberts Park soon and John's drawing will provide a great starting point for that map. John is also working on a scaled drawing of the MAAC site. I'll use that information to improve our existing template for the Lawrenceville site. Thanks, John!

Recent Events

Other than the board meeting and a short member meeting, there were no events in January.

Upcoming Events

There are no driving events in February, but there's a Berry Point available. All you have to do is join us for the February member meeting on February 10th.

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 3rd

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Townsquare Media, 117 Southeast 5th Street, Evansville, IN 47705

Visitors are welcome. I recommend that every member set a goal of attending at least one board meeting each year, especially if you are thinking about running for a board position some day.

Member Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 10th

Time: Dinner at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at approximately 7:30 pm

Location: Smitty's Italian Steakhouse Restaurant, 2109 W. Franklin St., Evansville, IN 47712

Program: Jim Spicklemire - Can-Am Chief

Our February member meeting program will be presented by Jim Spicklemire. Jim was a Can-Am Chief in the 70's. He'll bring some picture, videos, and memorabilia to share with the club.

That's it for now. See you all soon!

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SIRSCCA Events Calendar

(All times listed are Central Time.)

No autocross sites have been confirmed yet and should be considered tentative. We will let everyone know when they have been solidified.

Rally Masters and Event Marshals are still needed for rallies and autocrosses. Please contact Paul Blaylock if interested in running an event.

Pit Stop Deadline is the last Wednesday of the Month. Board Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the Month, 5:45PM, Townsquare Media.

February			
2.10	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
March			
3.1	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
3.14	TBD	Rally School - Fun Rally - Warm-up Rally	TBD
3.21	TBD	Patch Party Preparatory Visit	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
3.22	12:30PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7)	TBD
April			
4.11	TBD	Patch Party -- Cutting Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.12	TBD	Patch Party -- Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.14	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
4.19	TBD	Patch Party -- Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.2	TBD	Patch Party -- Fill 'em	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.27	TBD	Patch Party -- Fill It (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
May			
5.09	12:30PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7)	TBD
5.12	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
5.17	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
June			
6.07	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.09	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
6.28	12:30PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	TBD
July			
7.12	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.14	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
7.26	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
August			
8.02	12:30PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7) -- "Ice Cream Rally"	DQ on US 60 East, Owensboro KY
8.11	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Log Inn, Warrenton
8.16	12:30PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.3	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
September			
9.08	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
9.2	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
October			
10.04	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7) - "Closing Bookend"	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.13	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
10.18	12:30PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	TBD
10.25	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross (2 of 2)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
November			
11.08	12:30PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)	TBD
11.1	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
11.15	TBD	Fun Autocross	Soccer Tournament?
11.25		Awards Banquet Reservations Due	
11.29	TBD	Fun Autocross	TBD
December			
12.04	6:30PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Rolling Hills County Club

Please plan to pay for events with cash. SCCA members may pay by check.

We are unable to accept electronic payments. Not all of our event locations offer easy access to ATMs.

Autocross Events:

\$25 per Driver

\$15 Weekend Membership (as needed)

All times are Central. If you will be late, call Paul D. at 270-314-9069

8:00AM - Course Setup

9:30AM - 10:30AM Tech

10:00AM - 11:00AM Registration

11:45AM - Drivers meeting

12:00PM - First car off

Rally Events:

\$25 per car Entry Fee, or \$20 for those who have ran the previous rally

12:30PM - Registration/Tech Open

1:00PM - Registration/Tech Closed

1:00PM - Driver's Meeting

First car off shortly after Driver's

Meeting

Membership Meetings:

6:30PM - Social Hour and Meal

7:30PM - Meeting Begins

Sports Car Club of America - Southern Indiana Division - Board of Directors Minutes - January 6, 2015

Attendees:

Matt Beasley, Regional Executive; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chairman; Bob Sonntag, Treasurer; Paul Dornburg, Advisor to the Board; Ben Davis *PitStop*/Website; Lora Blaylock, Secretary, Ernie Roales, Assistant Regional Executive; Terry Davis, member.

Matt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Officer Reports

Secretary Lora thanked PaulB for taking notes at last month's Board meeting. Minutes are available as sent and in the upcoming *PitStop*.

Treasurer Bob noted that we should have plenty of funds to cover this spring's patch party needs. The Tire Rack link continues to make significant money for the club with virtually zero effort.

Activities Chair PaulB reported that he has reviewed the pictorial inventory taken of the trailer last spring, and has decided that it would be easier (and therefore more likely) to keep current if it were not converted to text. Pictures are available via a shared Google link.

Ben reported that *PitStop* should go to print tomorrow. He has started on 2015 cleanup on the website - moving 2014 results out of current, etc.

We have 115 members in good standing. Matt will check with John Memmer about taking on some membership tasks - in particular being a point of contact for potential and new members.

Old Business

Equipment was discussed - Carolyn Dornburg will keep an eye out for a good price on a few new radios. Following a discussion of the pros and cons of atomic clocks and stopwatch functions, it was decided to continue using our current equipment.

Paul Dornburg will check with the national office on how the separation of funds between SIR and Western Kentucky is going - there haven't been enough events for Bob to see an effect.

Upgrades to the trailer were mentioned. Paul Dornburg will talk to member Gene Young about scheduling a trailer cleanup day at Gene's. This task needs to be completed by April.

New Business

2015 goals include:

- growth of rally and autocross programs - perhaps get a listing in the event calendar of local newspapers.
- Cross-training on autocross jobs - we need to get more folks doing more of these jobs.
- Update the registration card to match the computer entry format.

2015 Calendar dates were re-checked. The autocross calendar will be sent tomorrow to the Lawrenceville authorities. Southern Illinois, despite having been given our full calendar, chose to set their spring autocross on May 9 - the same day as SIR has scheduled a rally. Following discussion, it was decided to keep our rally date as is, despite the conflict. PauB will update the Google calendar and release, noting that the autocross dates are tentative until we receive the OK from the FAA.

Supplies were reviewed. Bob will get weekend membership forms to the trailer and check other paperwork supplies. PaulB anticipates needing to order trophies sometime during the year; it was decided to only order "First Place" items when the time comes. ("Trophy Winner" glasses will be used for the Roberts Park autocross.)

Fees were discussed briefly. Terry will check to see if there are any new or increased fees coming our way. The topic was tabled until more information is available.

There are a few autocross rule changes involving tire class changes and the elimination of a few classes. PaulD will write an article explaining these for the February *Pit Stop*. An updated class "cheat sheet" will be needed for autocross season.

Matt will confirm next week's membership meeting and 2015 schedule with Smitty's. No program is scheduled, but trophies will be presented. Bob will invite people receiving anniversary pins (who weren't at the Christmas Party) to the meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sports Car Club of America Southern Indiana Division Membership Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2015

Matt Beasley, Regional Executive, called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

The minutes are available online via *Pit Stop*. Bob Sonntag reported that the club is operating in the black. *Pit Stop* is on its way to you, reported Ben Davis, who also mentioned that 2014 results have been moved to a new section on the website. Assistant Regional Executive, Ernie Roales, reminded all that in order to finish first, you must first finish!

In new business, anniversary pins were awarded to Darren Bailey (15 years) and Mike and Lauren Kincaid (20 years).

Trophies were awarded for the final rally for 2014, which may have set a record for a car taking the longest time to finish - the Wolfs were out and about for some 3 hours! Class B was won by the Cannons, who also received a "Zero Checkpoint" prize, and class A by team Beasley/Davis. The guest class was won by Ken and Diane Berry. Terry Davis set a fun course for the final autocross of the season at Roberts Park. Although no points were awarded for the event, Kenny Dilger had the fastest time of the day.

It's time to start marking your calendars for 2015 events! A rally school is set for Saturday, March 14 - which will be helpful not only for those brand-new to rallies, but also to those who wish to sharpen their game! Patch parties are set for April 12, 19, and 20. These dates are your chance to earn bonus autocross runs for 2015, so be sure to come and lend a hand! The board is in touch with a contact at Toyota in Princeton about an autocross there. And, if you've got the itch to autocross sooner rather than later, check out the offerings at the National Corvette Museum. If you have ideas for meeting programs this year, please share them with Matt Beasley.

The door prize was won by Jay Wolf, after which, the meeting adjourned.

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA: A club with many interests

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