



The Pit Stop



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April 2015 REport

Spring is here!...well, sort of. I'm pretty sure I saw snowflakes last week and there was definitely frost on my lawn this morning. Still, though, we should be seeing more warm days than cold ones in the weeks ahead. I was very happy to finally spend a day in my garage spraying all the sand and crud off the floor and cleaning all the salt off of my Audi. It hadn't been that dirty since the Ice Cream Rally two years ago.

April will be a busy and very important month for our club. It's time, once again, for our annual patch party in Lawrenceville. A few of us were up there a couple of weeks ago to do a survey of the site and mark patch locations. Thanks, Bob Sonntag, Richard Grav, and Jay Wolf for helping me with the survey! We marked a lot areas in need of repair. Check out the map of the patch locations later in this newsletter.

I have received quite a few responses from members planning to help out during the patching efforts, but we still need more volunteers - especially on the two dig days. If you can help out during our 2015 patch party, please let me know as soon as possible (re@sirscca.org).

Note that the dig and fill days will likely be your only opportunity this season to qualify for the Autocross Bonus Program - earning you a 4th run in each heat of our autocross events. Please plan to attend at least one of these work days if you can.

Recent Events

Rally School - March 14th

On Saturday, March 14th, Bob Sonntag held a rally school at the Evansville Central Library. We had 14 people attend the school including a couple from the Kentucky Region. Bob started the class with a review of important rally terms and concepts and then we worked through several classroom exercises to help us better understand main road rules and opportunities. For our final exam, we were given instructions for a 20 minute/6 mile rally leg that ended at our lunch destination. Everyone passed the final exam and found their way to Hacienda for lunch. Thanks, Bob, for putting that rally class together!

Rally #1 of 7

Unfortunately, we had to postpone Don Kelley's rally originally scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd. Several of the roads on Don's route in Owensboro were under water and there wasn't enough time to put together a new route. We are planning to select a new date for the rally at the next board meeting and will update the calendar as soon as that date is confirmed.

Upcoming Events

Patch Party 2015

Start Times: TBD (likely, we'll get started at 9 am each day)

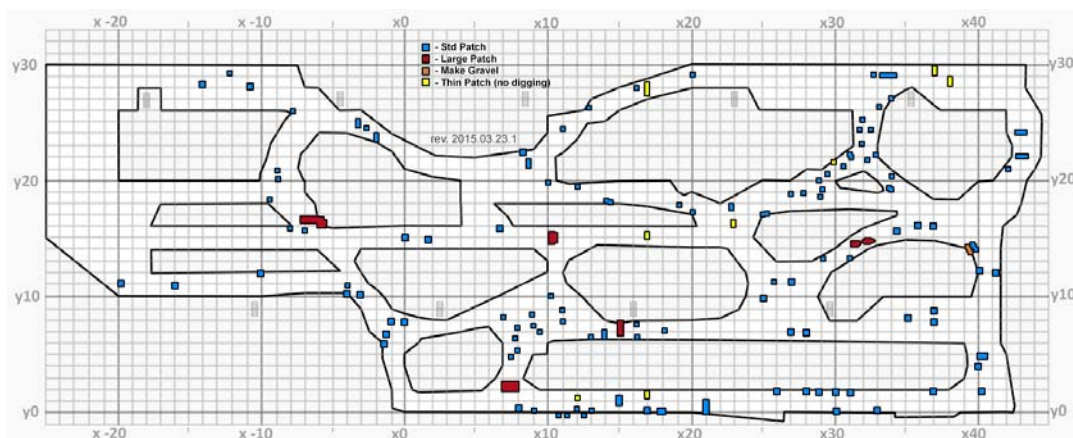
Cut Day - Saturday, April 11th

Dig Day 1 - Sunday, April 12th

Dig Day 2 - Sunday, April 19th

Fill Day - Monday, April 20th

Alt. Fill Day - Monday, April 27th



Ridetech Open House and Rally (1 of 7)

Amanda McCarthy and Jim Cannon have helped organize a great start to our rally season (technically, it was supposed to be the 2nd rally of our season, but, with the postponement of Don's rally, the Ridetech rally will be our season opener). On Saturday, May 9th our rally will be part of the Ridetech open house event taking place in Jasper. Thanks, Amanda and Jim, for organizing this rally! Stay tuned for more information on this event.

Note: *This event takes place on Saturday, not Sunday, and the start time has been moved back by 30 minutes.*

Date: Saturday, May 9th

Times (all times Central):

- 12:00pm - Registration/Tech Open
- 12:30pm - Registration/Tech Closed
- 12:30pm - Driver's Meeting
- First car off shortly after driver's meeting

Location: Ridetech, 350 South St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546

Rally Master: Jim Cannon

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 7th

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, April 14th

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: Tim Ivan Jerome - History of Racing in the Tri-State 1900 to 1950

Be sure to join us on April 14th. We have a great program planned. Tim Ivan Jerome will be joining us to share pictures and history of racing in the Tri-State from 1900 to 1950.

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.

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
4.02	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
8.03	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
September			
9.08	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
9.02	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
11.01	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

March 3, 2015

Attendees:

Matt Beasley, Regional Executive; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chairman; Bob Sonntag, Treasurer; Ben Davis *PitStop/Website*; Lora Blaylock, Secretary, Ernie Roales, Assistant Regional Executive; John Memmer, Assistant Activities Chairman; Terry Davis, Member

Matt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for officer reports. Bob reported that the club has funds and outstanding invoices of less than \$250, which he plans to pay in the near future. Upon Bob's recommendation, it was decided to hold the reserve funds at \$3,700. Ben reported that *Pit Stop* is available now via PDF, and the paper copy should leave the printer tomorrow. There are 120 current members, and 11 are due to to renew this month. John will check in with these folks.

In new business, the desire to add an additional event notice to the regular email was discussed. Paul will ask event chairs to send a special note to the yahoo group, highlighting the 5 W's. Once Ben gets the email, he will put it on the website, which will is set up to copy it to all of the club's other electronic channels. The target date for the email from the event chair to go out is the Monday prior to an event.

The need for new information on the front page of the website was discussed. This will be helped by the addition of new content as discussed above. In addition, Ben will update the "expiration date" of stories on the front page. Paul will update Berry points for 2015.

Bob and Terry visited TMMI last Saturday and viewed two possible sites for an autocross. Both possibilities have a minimum of room for a course. They have answered questions from the TMMI safety team, but have not yet heard if they're ready to go ahead with the event. Additionally, they do not have an answer if SIR cars will be able to participate in the event.

The MAAC site survey date is Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m.. Matt will bring maps and ensure a few key folks are in attendance. Bob will bring the marking paint. Thanks to Jay Wolf for volunteering to be the equipment marshall for the dig/cut/fill days.

Terry reported that he has heard that ABATE is not providing motorcycle training for the state this year, as the state awarded a contract to a California firm. He is going to talk to ABATE about the availability of the Roberts site.

At the moment, no program is planned for the membership meeting. Terry and Barry will check their notes to see if they can remedy that issue.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sports Car Club of America - Southern Indiana Division - Membership Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

Matt Beasley, Regional Executive, gaveled the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The officers all reported that they were happy to be there.

In new business, Bob and Terry reported that they have met with the safety folks at Toyota (TMMI) and are awaiting to hear from them about whether they will hold an autocross, and whether or not SIR cars will be able to participate.

Upcoming events include:

- Pi Day Rally School is set for Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Library. Park in the garage, as there will be a driving component to the day's exercises as well as a field trip!
- MAAC Site Survey is Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m. While all are welcome to help mark course areas that need repair, this outing does not qualify as a work day.
- Rally No. 1 is set for Sunday, March 22 at 12:30, with Don Kelley as rallymaster.
- The MAAC Patch Parties are set for 4/12, 4/19, and 4/20. Mark your calendars and plan to earn those extra autocross runs.

Terry and Barry presented a program on the Sports Vintage Racing Association event at the Brickyard. The SVRA, a privately owned organization, was formed from several smaller vintage groups. The event in 2014 covered 4 days and featured racing on the road course as well as exhibitions on the oval. The atmosphere was extremely friendly, and included access to the pits, cars, owners, and celebrities. Check online for this year's dates and pick up your tickets (2014 tickets were only \$40!) early.

All are invited come out to the National Corvette Museum Track this weekend and see local race teams Monkey See Motorsports and Kentucky Spirits race in the World Racing League.

Jim Cannon shared pictures from a visit today to RideTech in Jasper, as they began building a 1978 Corvette in only 48 hours. He noted that folks can either visit in person, or follow the build online.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned after Stacy Grav won the door prize.

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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