



# Snakebytes

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Hey Gang! The relentless winter weather seems to be letting up just a little. It won't be that long before Hoosier Cobra begins its 2<sup>nd</sup> full year of operation. The 2015 calendar is published on the website and here in this newsletter as well. We've got plenty to keep us on the move this year. Please note that the calendar is not totally set in stone. The weather might cause us to juggle some dates, or we might just run across something to do that is just too fun to pass up.

Hopefully, those wintertime projects on the car are coming together and you'll be out and about as soon as the weather permits.

## **Yay! Dues are being collected!**

Yeah, it's that time again. Last year, we had a great response for dues. We didn't really insist that members pay dues, because we realized that Hoosier Cobra was still a pretty new and untested idea. We wanted to give those who were not sure a chance to test-drive the club before

investing any money in it. This year, though, we'd really like to get everyone to pitch in. Last year's dues amount was \$70. Because some of our expenses were one-time expenditures, we were able to lower our 2015 dues to \$50. Hopefully, as the club continues to grow, we can drop the amount even further.



Basically, though, \$50 isn't that much when you figure what it gets you. For just

over \$4 a month, you get some new Cobra friends, you get on the e-mailing list, you get a great membership decal for your car, you're included in all our events, and, perhaps best of all, you get a free newsletter. ☺ Make checks payable to Hoosier Cobra, Inc. Send your 2015 dues to Bob Lennon, at 210 Surrey Hill, Noblesville, 46062.

If you missed the chance to be a founding member last year and you'd still like to do that, we are going to offer that for a limited time only. For more details, contact Terry Gentry at [tgentry34@msn.com](mailto:tgentry34@msn.com).

## **Don't forget our sponsors**

As you may recall, our corporate sponsors are SBC Wealth Management and Mikar auto repair shop.

One of Hoosier Cobra's founding members, Scott Holley, has been in the financial industry since 1975 and SBC can professionally handle all your investment and retirement planning needs. Contact them at 866-818-1028.

Mikar is a specialty vehicle repair shop in Carmel. Owner Mike Hamblin has been in the auto repair business for 38 years, including 26 years at this location. He's located at 120 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW in Carmel and his number is 317-575-8282.

## **London Cobra Show Roundup**

Registration is open for Ohio Cobra Club's annual London Cobra Show. If you are unfamiliar with this event, check out [londoncobrashow.com](http://londoncobrashow.com). It's 4 days of Cobra comradery and a fun way to drive

and show your car. Best of all, the whole show is about raising money for cystic fibrosis research.

Hoosier Cobra has 7 cars registered for LCS so far. Join in the fun!

## **Annual Meeting Time**

Our annual meeting will be held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The location has yet to be finalized, so watch your email and the Hoosier Cobra website for the location.

The annual meeting is a great way to meet new people, hook up with some old friends, conduct a little club business, eat some good grub and, if the weather permits, it's a good excuse for a drive in the Cobra.

## **Watson Car Nearing Completion**

Building your own car is quite an accomplishment and quite a lot of work. Probably no one, though, has overcome more setbacks while building their car than Bill and Maggie Watson.

They're just about finished with the car. I've seen sneak photos and it is seriously neat. It's an FFR car, painted in a most appealing shade of green, and full of cool features and examples of Bill's handiwork.

## Staying Busy All Winter

During the cold winter months, club members were craving something do that related to the club or to the cars. John and Karen Czarnecki, along with Mike Bare spent a few days at Ohio car shows, helping out the Ohio Cobra Club by selling raffle tickets for the stunning Superformance raffle car to be given away at this year's London Cobra Show.

In February, some of the club members took advantage of an invitation from the Renegades Car Club to join them for a tour of CFH Racing in Speedway. We got a nice chat with Indycar driver Sarah Fisher and a tour of the really cool headquarters and race shop that houses the race teams of drivers Josef Newgarden, Ed Carpenter and Luca Filippi.

Additionally, some club members toured the Target/Chip Ganassi race shop on the northwest side of Indy. This was during an open house that the race team was holding to raise money for Indy Honor Flight, a very interesting and worthy charity.

The Hoosier Cobra board met once during the winter and stayed in email contact throughout the off-season, keeping the bills paid and proposing ideas for the coming season.

## Staying in Touch and Other Stuff

One of the biggest challenges that faces any organization is communication. Hoosier Cobra is no different in that regard. We've got 46 car owners and others on our e-mailing list, and they're spread over all of Indiana (and slightly beyond).

Getting the word out is always the hardest part. Make certain that we have your updated contact information. Spread the word about the club to all the interested potential members that you know. Come to as many club events as you can. Feel free to use the email recipient list to contact club members for Cobra-related discussion.

Check out the website at [hoosiercobra.com](http://hoosiercobra.com). Don't forget that we have a source for Hoosier Cobra hats and shirts in many colors, just in case you have a car you'd like to match.



This is the car that Ohio Cobra Club is raffling off at London Cobra Show to benefit Cystic Fibrosis.

## 2015 Schedule of Events

April 18 Annual Meeting, time and place TBA

May 2 Morgan/Monroe/Brown County Cruise

May 16 Spring Fling, Brown County State Park  
[insaac.org](http://insaac.org)

May 30 Suds Drive-In Cruise, Greenwood  
[townepost.com/center-grove/suds-cruise-in](http://townepost.com/center-grove/suds-cruise-in)

June 6 Annual Picnic

June 25-28 London Cobra Show, Columbus, OH  
[londoncobrashow.com](http://londoncobrashow.com)

July 4 Carmel Parade  
[carmelfest.net/parade-information](http://carmelfest.net/parade-information)

July 18 Rick Yeager Cruise, Boonville, IN

August 8 Madison Cruise

August 29 Poker Run

Sept. 12 Route 66 Run, Hoosier National Forest

Sept. 26 James Dean Cruise and Car Show, Fairmount  
[jamesdeanartifacts.com/james\\_dean\\_run.html](http://jamesdeanartifacts.com/james_dean_run.html)

October 3, Newport Hill Climb  
[newporthillclimb.com](http://newporthillclimb.com)

October 10 Nashville Cruise and Story Inn  
[storyinn.com](http://storyinn.com)

Well, there you have it—the proposed schedule for this summer. Hopefully, there is something in there that appeals to you. Events may get added or deleted, but this is the plan right now. Included are links or web addresses where you can get more information if you want

to learn more about some of these places. Pick out several that you would like to attend and make plans to join us.

### Just a side note...

Hoosier Cobra made a new friend this winter. Retired educator Quil Standiford of Lafayette is an artist who amuses himself by painting muscle car pictures—and, he's very good at it.

The picture you see on page one of this newsletter is one of his paintings. It is now nicely framed, and Hoosier Cobra will donate it to the cystic fibrosis auction at this year's London Cobra Show. Thanks, Quil!

### And, another thing...

Hoosier Cobra has no elected officers, as yet. Instead, we have a committee of 5 members that serve as board members, to keep things coherent.

Feel free to contact any of us with suggestions or concerns:

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Here's a sneak preview of Bill and Maggie Watson's car. It won't be long now!



Well, friends, that's about going to do it for this edition of *Snakebytes*. Winter is sputtering to a stop and will soon pull over and give way to some serious Hoosier Cobra weather.

Get those winter projects done and let's get ready for some club activities.

In the meantime, be safe. Stay in touch.

