

# PITBOARD



August, 2015

**SCCA**  
Sports Car Club of America



*A huge group of assorted "tin-tops" takes the green flag*

One of the largest amateur SCCA racing events in Michigan in recent memory took place at GingerMan Raceway on July 11-12th. South Bend and Detroit regions worked together to make the 2015 race better than ever. Seven race groups and 170 entrants provided racing excitement for the better part of the weekend.

SBR's race chair, Jim Krzyzewski had all the t's crossed and i's dotted which meant a relatively seamless weekend could be enjoyed by racers, stewards and the hundred or so volunteers. Warm weather, low humidity and sunny skies provided for the perfect backdrop for everything from formula cars to GT cars.

The fun all starts on Friday evening. We continued a SBR tradition by holding a worker cookout just inside the gate. Brats, burgers, sausage, corn, pies, and of course beer were all part of the menu. It's a little thing, but it provides time for volunteers to relax and get to know each other in a friendly setting.

Saturday starts bright and early at 7:00 am with a corner worker meeting (registration has already opened). In addition to donuts,

coffee and the usual chit-chat, corner workers receive their assignments for the day. While all of that is going on, the grid folks are setting up the false grid with numbers, cones and pavement markings.

The ambulance and wreckers arrive by 7:30 am. Since we can't run without them, it's a good idea to get them there early. Up in the tower, the Timing and Scoring folks prepare for a day of fast times in qualifying and setting the field for the afternoon sprint races.

Qualifying starts at 8:00 am for the first of seven run groups. Twenty minute qualifying sessions provide each racer with enough time to get in 8-10 laps or so. The quickest lap counts and sets the grid for the afternoon sprint race.

The 30 minute sprint races go off without a hitch (for the most part). We finish on time and now it's time for workers and racers to relax. Jim orders the famous Polish Wedding Feast for the Saturday evening party and we manage to feed almost 450 people in a relatively short time. Lane Automotive and the Detroit region provide free T-shirts and hats to almost everybody that wants one.

Sunday morning once again starts at 7:00 am and it's like the movie "Groundhog Day" all over again. After a quick warm up, the Feature races start around 9:00 am. There was one semi-major incident when a BMW and Sunbeam Tiger collided in Turn One, but both drivers were okay, but some pretty major repairs will be needed before their cars take to the track.

In a response to racer input, we added a free evening practice to drivers and lowered the cost. More track time at a lower price is always appreciated. The GingerMan staff did an amazing job keeping the grass cut, the bathrooms clean and providing a brand new racing surface. The new surface was smooth and sticky. What more could you ask for?

After reading the driver survey results it appears there is still more to be done and that's okay. We are always looking for ways to make the weekend better. A more enjoyable experience leads to more entries which leads to more fun for all. If you would like to help out next year be sure to let us know!

## SBR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Where: Beef O'Brady's  
12479 State Rd 23  
Granger, IN  
W: First Tuesday of month  
Time: 6:00 pm board meeting  
7:00 pm general meeting  
Who: All are welcome!



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**Choose South Bend as**  
**your local region!**

## SBR Calendar

**August**  
2 Solo #5(Hoosier Ch) @ Grissom  
4 Club Meeting  
22 Street Survival  
(Volunteers Needed)  
23 Solo #6 at Tire Rack  
**September**  
1 Club Meeting  
13 SBR Track Night @ GingerMan  
27 Solo #7 at Tire Rack  
**October**  
6 Karting at MRP(no meeting)  
25 Australian Pursuit(Tent) at Tire Rack  
**November**  
3 Club Meeting  
(Elections/Free Food)  
**December**  
1 Club Meeting

## Race Workers Travel Fund

No racing region can put on a race without help from volunteers from other regions. In order to encourage SBR members to travel to other tracks besides GingerMan we've set up a travel fund with the following parameters. You must work a SBR race in order to participate. Work both of our races and you can be reimbursed up to two other races. If driving, you must carpool with one other SBR member. The following schedule will help offset fuel costs.

Grattan/MIS	\$75
Mid Ohio	\$150
Corvette Museum	\$225

Contact H.C. for details at:  
[h.c.colwll@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h.c.colwll@sbcglobal.net)

## FREE DUES

We started it! Hold one of the following positions; National Race Worker, Pit-Board Editor, Race Chair, Street Survival Chair, RE, Solo Chair, Treasurer or Webmaster. Half off dues for: Activity Points Keeper, Division Race Worker, Secretary and various Solo Chief positions.



[www.facebook.com/SBRSCCA](http://www.facebook.com/SBRSCCA)

## Wanted Your e-mail address

It would help us contact you quickly about SBR events if we knew your e-mail address. To see if we have it, follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com)
2. Log in(upper right hand corner)
3. Go to "My Account" box.
4. Click on "Account Information"
5. Put in your current e-mail address

## Buy Tires-Help SBR

When purchasing items from The Tire Rack, first go to our web site at [www.sbrscca.org](http://www.sbrscca.org), click on the Tire Rack link at the bottom of the page and then make your purchases. By doing so, the South Bend Region will earn a little extra dough!

## Getting SBR Activity Points

Activity	Points	Activity	Points
Race Chair	400	Car Show Display	75
Assistant Race Chair	200	Solo Co-Chair	75
PitBoard Editor	200	Race Worker/day	50
Website Manager	200	SBR Race Driver	50
Race Chief of Specialty	200	PitBoard Article/page	40
Associate PitBoard Editor	100	Rally/Solo Worker	40
Rally Series Chair	100	SBR Meeting Attendance	20
Solo Chair	100	Car Show Booth/day	20
Solo Series Specialty Chief	100	Rally Navigator	20
Event Chair	100	Race Crew/day	20
Program Director	100	Rally/Solo Driver	20
Club Officer	100	Race/Solo Meeting	20
Event Co-Chair	75	RoundTable/Worker Seminar	20
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# Motor State Challenge

Once again SBR members show what they're made of. Over seventeen members dedicated their skills each day to make the seventh Motor State Challenge a huge success. Fortunately, Dennis Jennings took on the leadership role for me this year as work commitments at Lime Rock Park didn't allow me to be there. Reports via text from Dennis, H.C. Colwell and Scott Wahlstrom all conveyed the same message...outstanding event!

South Bend Region has been running this event for Lane Automotive since its inception. During my debrief with Scott from Lane Automotive he gave our group tons of kudo's for our organization and professionalism. In return for our efforts, Lane Automotive sponsors our Majors Race and makes a contribution to SBR. For everybody that worked the event, you are entitled a discount at Lane Automotive on your purchases. Please shoot me an e-mail for the super secret discount code.

# Everybody Gives Back!

SBR helped raise over \$2100 during the Majors weekend to help out two families with serious medical issues. Funds were raised through track rides(provided by Dennis Jennings and Paul McBride) at lunch and worker donations.

Dennis Jennings knows a boy in his softball family undergoing chemo treatments. SBR provided his family with a check of \$810.

Cameron Campbell, son of SBR member, Doug Campbell took a very nasty fall this spring and suffered spinal damage which has paralyzed him from the chest down. He is currently receiving therapy and treatments in Salt Lake City. On top of the donations received at the track, SBR contributed another \$500 for a total of \$1310 to help the Campbell family with their medical expenses.

# SBR @ SB Cubs

We lost our meeting site for August, so what did we do? We decided to take the meeting to the South Bend Cubs game. For only \$5, 42 members were seated at the Tiki Hut in left field. Each person received a Cubs hat and was treated to a buffet of ball park hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips and cookies. As a special bonus it was \$2.00 beer night.

Apparently the group was having so much fun several cute girls tried to crash the party. Rumor has it the ND mens basketball coach also tried to "crash" our party, but one of the SBR "bouncers" politely had to ask him to leave.

I'm not sure any club business got taken care of, but that's fine, there's always the September 1st meeting.

## SBR Events Just Around the Corner

### Street Survival

Street Survival is an advanced driving school for teens. Our next class is on Saturday, August 22nd at the Tire Rack. We are in need of volunteers of all kinds, but especially driving coaches. We'll feed you all day and you'll come away knowing you may have done something to save a teen's life. If you can help out, send Sam an e-mail at [street\\_survival@sbrscca.org](mailto:street_survival@sbrscca.org).

### Solo #6

Everybody is welcome to compete on August 23rd. It's a great way to hone your skills on the Tire Rack test track. Details can be found on our website. Rookies welcome.

### Track Night in America

While this is not officially a SBR event, it is staffed mostly by SBR members and

run by yours truly. This track experience is open to all licensed drivers and no SCCA membership required. The next event is Wednesday evening, August 26th. We could always use corner workers. In fact, if you volunteer I can get you a 20 minute session on track for free. To register as a driver go to [www.tracknightinamerica.com](http://www.tracknightinamerica.com). To volunteer, contact Jeff at [re@sbrscca.org](mailto:re@sbrscca.org).

### SBR Track Night

This track night is for *SBR members only*. It will be held on Sunday, September 13th for a cost of only \$30(please bring cash and exact change). You will need a safe car, 3-point seat belts, and a helmet rated 2005 or newer. All convertibles must have roll-over protection. Driver's meeting at 5:00 p.m. and we will run until dark. No reservations needed. Contact Jeff for more information at [re@sbrscca.org](mailto:re@sbrscca.org).

### SBR Kart Night

Another event for *SBR members only*. Kart night is Tuesday evening, October 6th. Required weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. This is a team event and each karter will get 10 minutes of practice and approximately a 40 minute race with a driver change. Long pants and closed-toe shoes required. If you have a closed-faced helmet you can bring it, but all safety gear is provided. Cost is \$35 or \$25 if you helped at a Street Survival, a SBR Race, or the Motor State Challenge. Space is limited to 30 karters. To save your spot you can e-mail Jeff at [re@sbrscca.org](mailto:re@sbrscca.org).

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## Morning Meeting of the Minds...Corner Workers Make Plans for the Day

