

Is South Bend Region in Trouble?

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I am still convinced that South Bend Region(SBR) is one of the best regions in the country. The primary reason for this is our outstanding core volunteers. We have dozens of members that have committed themselves to promoting SBR and the SCCA. Secondly, we offer a complete lineup of SCCA activities; Solo, Race, Starting Line School and Street Survival. Our events are well run and our competitors are treated like family. But, for the first time in years I was alarmed at the lack of SBR volunteers at our Double Regional race at GingerMan on May 19-20.

What's the Problem?

We might be at the point where we hold too many events. In the past five years we've added SCCA Starting Line School in May, monthly SCCA Track Night in America events from May through August, and most recently, SCCA Time Trials. I've got to admit, much of this has been implemented due to my recommendations as a former Regional Executive and SBR board member.

We've added those events in addition to our traditional Double Regional and Majors races at GingerMan, eight Solo events, two Tire Rack Street Survival courses, the Motor State Challenge and the Afdent Autofest car show. What makes this even tougher is most of our events occur between April and September. For those of you keeping track, that's about twenty events in a six month

time span. This is putting a burden on our volunteer base.

What's the Answer? Option #1

Perhaps the SBR Board needs to consider eliminating the number of events we offer in 2019? It doesn't take a mathematician to calculate the fact that less events will ease the burden on our volunteers. The question is, what do we cut? That's where we need your input. Contact information for each board member can be found on the next page of this publication. Let the SBR Board know if we are asking to much of you.

What's the Answer? Option #2

We need more SBR members to volunteer. As of May 26th we have 354 SBR members. The problem is, we are leaning on the same 25 people to chief and volunteer most of our events. If we keep doing this we will face the real possibility of burning these volunteers out.

We don't need 300 volunteers, we need another 20 at various times of the year.

Where Do We Need Help?

1. *Assistant Solo Chair.* You don't have to take over the entire program, but we do need somebody to take over an event or two. Current Solo Chair, Nick Mawhorr can train you as you go.

2. *Assistant Street Survival Chair.* Sam Centellas has been nationally recognized for

his work with our Street Survival program. It would only be prudent to find Sam an assistant to train for the future.

3. *Solo Registrars.* The more people we have checking people in, the faster the registration process will go.

4. *Technical Inspection(Race).* We need 2-3 people to assist our Tech Chief at our Majors race on July 7-8. You will check gear for racers as they arrive and assist Rod Markowicz in the post-race inspections. We will train you on the job.

5. *Flagging and Communication* (aka corner workers). Six volunteers needed for our Majors race on July 7-8. We will train you on the job, no experience necessary.

Who do I Contact if I Want to Help?

Solo Positions

Nick Mawhorr: solo@sbrscca.org

Street Survival

Sam Centellas: streetsurvival@sbrscca.org

Race Positions

Jeff Luckritz: race@sbrscca.org

When Can I Talk to Somebody About Helping?

If you are enthusiastic and like to treat people nicely, come to a membership meeting on the first Tuesday of the month and see what these positions are all about. Location and time of meetings can be found on the inside cover of this issue.

Time Trial and Double Regional Report

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It's been a wet spring. We lucked out with relatively good weather for the newly re branded SCCA Time Trials on April 21-22, the SCCA Double Regional road race was a wet and challenging affair. In spite of the weather challenges, the combined efforts of Detroit Region, Western Ohio Region, Indiana Northwest Region and South Bend Region contributed to successful events.

SBR members really stepped it up for the

Time Trials. We only had about 8 weeks to organize, publicize work out the details of the latest SCCA Time Trials. As Time Trial Chair I thought a Time Trial would be like a Track Night "plus." It ended up being a road race "light." Forty volunteers and 55 competitors showed up for two days of exciting action. I hope we do it again.

The Double Regional on May 19-20 had 100 entrants, 27 of which were novices.

Saturday morning consisted of a practice and qualifying session with races in the afternoon. Most of the races were run in the dry and the sun did finally come out; after the last checker of the day. Sunday was a wet affair and many drivers chose not to run Sunday afternoon.

The folks from Detroit Region were "in-charge" behind the scenes and did a solid job. Overall, a fun weekend.

SBR MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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SBR Calendar

June
2-3 Solo @ Grissom ARB
5 Club Meeting
16 Tire Rack Street Survival
17 Solo @ Tire Rack
23-24 WMR Double Regional at Grattan
July
7-8 SCCA Majors Race at Gingerman
12 SBR at South Bend Cubs Game
20-21 Motor State Challenge
August
5 Solo at Grissom (Hoosier Challenge)
7 Club Meeting
11-12 WMR Majors at Grattan
18 Tire Rack Street Survival
19 Solo @ Tire Rack
September
4 Club Meeting
9 GingerMan Track Night-SBR Members
23 Solo @ Tire Rack
October
2 Karting at Michiana Raceway Park
21 Australian Pursuit
November
6 Club Meeting-Elections/Free Food
December
4 Club Meeting
January
12 SBR Awards Banquet
17-19 SCCA National Convention

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.



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Buy Tires-Help SBR

When purchasing items from The Tire Rack, first go to our web site at 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!

Race Workers Travel Fund

SBR members that work another region's race may be compensated for their travel expenses as listed below:

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

Go to the following link, download a form and follow the directions. <http://www.sbrscca.org/new/club-racing/>

Getting SBR Activity Points

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
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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Upcoming SBR Events...Volunteers Needed *J. Luckritz*

Tire Rack Street Survival June 16 at The Tire Rack

The Tire Rack Street Survival program is a hands-on program where teens learn how to handle their car at the limits. The course consists of classroom and "track" activities. Teen's are paired with an in-car instructor for the day where they are led through various in-car exercises.

A variety of help is needed. We need in-car coaches, help at registration and course workers. You'll get a Street Survival shirt and we will feed you lunch. If you can help out, please contact Sam at : streetsurvival@sbrscca.org

Bert Olson Majors July 7-8 at GingerMan

With your help we have built this into the largest amateur road race in Michigan. Two hundred cars on a 2.14 mile road course is a recipe for tons of on-track action. An event this large requires SBR's full effort.

Friday evening starts with a worker cookout next to the GingerMan pond. You can expect a variety of grilled meats, sweet corn and other side dishes. Bring a chair and enjoy the camaraderie.

Volunteers are encouraged to arrive by 7:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. Specifically, are in need of corner workers, tech help and timing and scoring along with a variety of other duties. No experience necessary. Contact Jeff: race@sbrscca.org

Motor State Challenge

July 20-21 at GingerMan & Tire Rack

This unique event sold out within a few weeks of registration opening. One hundred competitors will be running time trials at GingerMan on Friday, June 20th and then attacking the autocross course on Saturday, June 21st. Even though this is not a SCCA event, SBR has committed to helping our good friends at Lane Automotive.

We will need about 15 people to help out each day. Duties include working the course, tech inspection, and timing and scoring. There is a small stipend for helping out and you will be fed all day. No experience necessary. To help Friday, contact Denny: gridman1@att.net. To help Saturday, contact Nick:solo@sbrscca.org.

SBR at South Bend Cubs on July 12th...Don't Miss Out!

Again this year SBR will be sponsoring a trip to Four Winds Field in South Bend to see our hometown South Bend Cubs play a game. This has become an annual trip and is free to each member and a guest. The date this year will be on Thursday July 12 at 7 P.M. with seating in the Budweiser Picnic Garden. Tickets in, the ball park buffet and a Cubs hat are included in this

deal as in the past. We switched the seating location for two basic reasons. First the area offers seating so all can actually see the game. Second, I wanted to do a Thirsty Thursday and the Tiki Hut is not available for Thursday nights. I believe that this will provide a better experience for all those that attend.

I am now taking reservations for those that

want to attend. The buffet starts serving at 6 and ends at 8 P.M. so get there early to enjoy the experience.

Sign up ends on June 27th so don't miss out. We have seating for 50 but can always add more if needed. Contact Denny: gridman1@att.net if you would like to attend.

A Word From a Longtime Member and Board Member

Most all of you know me as I have been a member of the club for 45 years. I currently serve on your board of directors and am also the merchandise chair. Other items I do are to chair the track day for Lane Pro-touring event at Gingerman, work TNIA, put on road rallies, chair our annual South Bend Cubs visit and a few other things.

I am looking at spending some more time with my wife in our retirement years, so consequently would like to cut back on some of my duties in the club. I am looking for someone to take over the duties as merchandise chair. This job entails selling merchandise at events and ordering new things when needed. It isn't a hard job and just takes the time to set up at events to sell. Not even a full-time job. I would like to see someone that is involved in solo to take this position as you are already at most events and could sell from your paddock space.

Maybe you have some great ideas you would like to make available to the club members. Now is the time to make that happen.

Also, on my list is to retire as an officer of the club. As a board member you will be a lot more involved in the things that effect you as a member. It is an excellent opportunity to have your voice heard as to how the club is run. So, if you have anything you don't like about the club you can do something about it. This position requires that you attend the monthly board meeting before the regular club meeting.

It appears that there also will be other positions available that need to be filled soon in the club. Watch for these opportunities to become more involved.

We need to get some of our younger members (under 50) more involved in the running of the club. If you are not sure of what you can do please talk to myself or

other board members. We will be glad to tell you of your opportunities that SBR has to offer.

On another note please ask yourself why you are a member of SBR. Come to the meetings. Come to watch a solo, work one of our races, come to the ball game in July, work at Track Night in America, run a rally, or just show up at an event. We would love to see you. If you haven't been to an event for awhile you would be surprised at the changes. SBR is probably one of the most successful regions in the country. We have a great base of people that help make this club successful. No one can do it by themselves. Step up now!

I want to hear from you.
Dennis Jennings
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A Jeff Luckritz Weekend

*Saturday was a cloudy and damp day.
I was assigned to Gingerman's station five.
Spec Miatas took to the field.
The drivers all keyed up for this testing drive.*

*16 cars took the green flag.
Luckritz started in P3.
By turn two he had already taken the lead
No one's passing me, thought he.*

*He drove like he was in an F1.
#76 performed without a single fault.
His steady hands kept it firmly on the track.
Everything had been extracted from his
experience vault.*

*All that knowledge was now paying off
As no one could match his pace.
He placed his car way in front of the pack
And went on to win this first race.*

*Elated is what I thought he would be.
But he informed me the challenge wasn't there.
Yes, he is a bit on the modest side.
From my viewpoint though, his attitude is rare.
The second time out he had earned P1.*

*#76 was the leader of the pack.
A white 77 was seated next to him
As the cars sped around the asphalt track.*

*On Jeff's butt is the best way to describe
What transpired during this event.
No matter what Jeff tried to do
This guy was everywhere that Jeff went.*

*Up alongside him or in his rear mirror
Number 77 was intimidating for sure.
Jeff never wavered, his confidence was intact.
He had the right stuff for #76 to endure.*

*Even as they approached the checkered flag
Jeff held his own and never gave in.
The white 77 gave him a run for his money,
But Jeff held on to get his second win.*

*Come Sunday morning and how things can
change.
The weather was cloudy and track conditions
were wet.
Rivers of water flowed over the course.
Without treaded rubber you were not a good
bet.
Jeff started out as a leader of this race,*

*But slowly his thoroughbred fell back.
The wet surfaces he encountered on the course
Proved he needed better rain tires on his rack.
As cars went around him,
And I am sure he had to let them by.
Jeff knew a visit to Tire Rack is in his future
This race was going to be remembered with a
heavy sigh.*

*All the success in the world
Even with the best intention
Can only be brought to a positive result
When you have prepared for every condition.*

*Jeff knows this and he had this post thought,
When you bring your race car to a track
And you have done your due diligence
You very well can be the leader of the pack.*

*But Mother Nature is one who can be fickle
Who will throw you an unexpected twist.
Racing rain tires with solid good treads
Should always be an item on top of your list!*

*Congratulations Jeff on a very successful,
albeit very wet, weekend!
Leon Krauss*