

PITBOARD



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SBR Members Take on Las Vegas

Steve Bollinger

A few paragraphs only, that makes it difficult. There was so much at the convention to share. So, here are the highlights. Most you may know them but it was a good review, and have some new information. I will not detail everything here, but feel free to ask for more info if interested.

Region Solo Leaders- Event /awareness: Waivers - There can be two types, one for the hot areas and one for spectators. Some clubs differentiate by using different wristbands. Minors are allowed in the spectator area without a minor release, if the spectator area is separated.

Karts - can run with cars moving in their grid if the two areas are separated by distance or caution tape (for example). The event does not need to stop. Karts still require the three licensed positions (Steward, Course design, and Tech) as last year. No changes in the program.

Mentors - as a work assignment for new participants has been successful in some regions. The roam around and ask people how things are going, answer questions, ride along, give advice, and basically are a friendly reach out to make them feel more comfortable.

A "Cookie" Class - An index class implemented by one region. The loser must bring cookies to the next event. Typically it is the experienced members that want to let less experienced competitors have a chance to win the class.

Leadership: This was Jeff's seminar. Let me just say that if Jeff ever retires from teaching or SCCA, he has a bright career as a motivational speaker in his future. Several asked if I could take his Red Bull away.

New Brainstorming the future of Solo Nationals: In addition to a brain dump of ideas on how to handle the large number of nationals entries and avoid competition after dark, the real message is that nationals is looking for a solution to what happened

last year. The range of ideas submitted were both encouraging and discouraging, but were meant to simply put all the options on the board for discussion. No decisions were made, just ideas collected which ranged from qualification, to elimination of classes, to limits on entry by date/region/class/pick something, and so on. I have a list more than a page long.

Big News - The rumor of the USAF parking planes on the site is true. However, the city of Lincoln told them that there were three dates that were off limits. Spring nationals, FSAE competition, and Solo Nationals. The planes can just fly around if they want, but they can't park there. They also will be grinding and paving the paddock area to the north of the main entry so the warm up course is in jeopardy.

Stand 21 safety seminar:

Good info there for race workers and drivers on underwear, heat stress, etc. Most notable was breathable nomex underwear beats cool suits, HANS updates, and a new "Lid Lifter" balaclava. Cool stuff. Speaking of cool, a failed cool suit system goes critical for the driver in 2 laps, but he may not be aware he is in trouble at all. Good underwear and suits make it entirely survivable plus give you more time in the case of a fire.

Rich Hammond

I enjoyed the convention this year in a much different way than last year. I learned a lot in 2018, there were almost too many great presentations and topics to cover. I was impressed with the quality of information. This year, my experience was different as I presented 3 sessions across two different topics. I had close to 20 people attend my e-mail marketing session which was focused on clubs not yet doing e-mail marketing. I covered the various services available, general steps to get started, and some key tips (make it personal!). I followed this up with a "lab" session at the end of the conference. I

sat at my computer and walked through live on screen how to use the system. It was a fast paced Q&A session with the attendees dictating the topic and depth of coverage. It was a test of our wi-fi, and my skills to get through everything, but the feedback has been very positive.

My third session was a blast. I was part of a panel of experts (I, by far, being of the least expertise) featuring the owner of Grassroots Motorsports, a fellow SCCA member who's day job is marketing, and then Heyward Wagner sat in as well. This session was driven by questions from the audience, and allowed both presenters and attendees to provide their insight and thoughts. Several great topics dominated the conversation and we got to see what works for various clubs around the country.

I hope we continue to get new folks involved in SBR and allow them the opportunity to see what happens at these conventions.

Paul McBride

First, let me say 'Thanks' to the Club for allowing me to represent them again at the National Convention. We had a good group attending from South Bend Region. Everyone there plays a role in the leadership of our region.

The convention started with early sessions aimed at Regional Executives. The first session was led by our own Jeff Luckritz. The session was entitled "*The Energy Bus*". Highlights were 1) embracing new people and making them feel involved, 2) we are in charge of our feelings and attitudes and thereby have influence on the entire group, and 3) vision is more important than goals. The next two sessions were RE 101 & 201. These sessions discussed duties that RE's are responsible for getting done on time. Also, individual regions status with the IRS and filing of documents such as annual charter updates. We discussed the need to purge all old and outdated forms. The leaders stressed the importance of communication between regions and the

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

2019

February
5 Club Meeting
9 Solo Planning Meeting at Tire Rack
23 Lane Automotive Safety Summit

March
5 Club Meeting

April
2 Club Meeting
13 SCCA Starting Line School
14 Solo #1 @ Tire Rack
28 GingerMan Track Night(SBR Members Only)

May
5 Solo #2 @ Tire Rack
7 Club Meeting
18-19 Bert Olson Majors @ GingerMan

June
4 Club Meeting
1-2 Solo #3-#4 @ Grissom
16 Solo #5 @ Tire Rack

July
2 Club Meeting(Tentative)
19-20 Motor State Challenge @ GingerMan
20-21 Summer Festival of Speed-Track Event
Regional Races/Team Endurance Races
SCCA Time Trials @ GingerMan

27-28
August
4 Solo #6 @ Grissom(Hoosier Challenge)
6 Club Meeting
18 Solo #7 @ Tire Rack

September
3 Club Meeting

October
1 Karting @ MRP

November
5 Club Meeting-Elections-Free Food!

December
3 Club Meeting

SBR Solo Planning Meeting

Saturday, February 9th
9:00 am - noon
Everybody is Welcome!

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/MSC/TRSS/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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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/>

National Board of Directors. Other items of discussed included membership issues, licensing, sanctions, waivers, and region's fiscal responsibility.

The 'opening' session of the convention included reports from SCCA Foundation, SCCA Enterprise, Pro Racing and the Board of Directors. There's a lot of 'red' ink but the BOD and Staff have a good handle on the losses and have a road map to future profitability. It was noted that the National Office relies on 'Membership Dues' for income while the regions depend on participation levels for income.

The RE breakfast was an opportunity for Area 4 leaders to meet with the Area 4 Director, Marcus Meredith. We discussed at length issues and rumors of Area 4 tracks. The current Area 4 corporate structure was discussed and whether or not it is a viable organization. Spring training was discussed and possible changes in the future. Regional fiscal responsibility was also discussed.

I spent a lot of time dealing with entry level racing. This was both in scheduled sessions and impromptu meetings. Another area which is hard to quantify is interaction with other leaders across the country. Every year the convention allows me to increase my contacts with leaders in our division, our conference and nationally. Once again I want to thank the membership for the opportunity to represent you in this way. I will share some observations on different issues at upcoming Membership Meetings.

Brian Tack

Last November, I accepted the position of Event Lead for South Bend's Time Trials program. I went to National Convention with a very clear and precise assignment; learn all about Time Trials. Lucky for me, SCCA had the convention packed with every conceivable aspect of the Time Trails program.

In 2019, SCCA is devoting a lot into the Time Trials National Tour. South Bend, Detroit and Indiana Northwest regions will host one of the tours stops at Gingerman, July 27th & 28th. I was able to learn a lot from the guys who would be traveling with the National Tour. I was able to meet the Detroit Region too, so it was nice to have that prior to planning. Stay tuned for lots

more information as the South Bend/Detroit 2019 Time Trials event takes shape.

The days were busy, but it never really felt like not was hard work. I feel fortunate to have so many sessions available for Time Trials. There were many more classes that would benefit any member of South Bend Region in different areas. I highly recommend offering to go in 2020.

There was time to enjoy Las Vegas with different people on different days away from the convention. Paul McBride and I watched a lot of people win at blackjack. All from SBR went out to dinner. A few of us went to Fremont Street. Rich Hammond and I checked out the strip. Steve Bollinger and I took a 2 hour horse ride through Red Rock Canyon—I highly recommend!!

Jeff Luckritz

For me, the SCCA National Convention provides a great opportunity to meet great SCCA members from all over the country. It is very easy to become "regionalized" and do things a certain way because that is how everybody does it in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Presenters from various parts of the U.S. provide a us a chance to see how events can be run in a different and perhaps better way. But this doesn't occur in the sessions, there is a lot of information to be gathered by talking with folks at lunch and in the hallways.

We are lucky in South Bend Region to have people that care about the club and are

willing to take four or five days out of their lives to attend the National Convention and learn something new in order to make our club better. If you are not learning, you are falling farther behind.

For those of you that don't know, it is my job to design the curriculum of the National Convention and to seek speakers for all of the sessions. Even though I was busy giving five presentations and checking in on speakers, I was able to attend several very informative sessions.

The Washington D.C. Region started a race program called "Sprint Bracket Racing." Essentially, they created a run group where racers run in a certain time bracket. Run to fast and you break out of your bracket and you are placed in the next fastest bracket. It's their fastest growing "class" at regional their regional races. After studying it before the National Convention and hearing about it while we were in Las Vegas I am convinced that this is the direction that SCCA Regional Racing needs to go.

My last presentation was about implementing a Team Endurance concept in combination with bracket racing. We would use a concept called "Club Racing Experience" rules which would allow just about anybody to run on a SCCA regional weekend. No SCCA Driver School necessary. Over the course of a weekend, a team of two to four drivers would share one race car and compete in two 1-hour races and one 1.5-hour race. The concept was very well received and several of us are working on the details. More to follow.



Brian Tack and Steve Bollinger took a late flight home play cowboy in the Nevada desert!

Highlights from SBR's 65th Annual Banquet

Granger, IN January 12, 2019

About 60 South Bend Region members traveled to the Juday Creek Country Club to honor our members and enjoy each others company. Our new Regional Executive, Paul McBride acted as the Master of Ceremonies and did a great job moving things along. Raleigh Boreen traveled from Indianapolis to be our guest speaker. Raleigh talked a little SCCA history and also about the future of the club. After a wonderful meal it was time to get down to business and recognize some SBR members.

GLDIV Jeff Luckritz-Spec Miata 1st

SBR Solo Season Winners

ASP Kevin Kirchoff 1st
Cam-C Steve Jackson 1st
Cam-S Rich Hammond 1st
Cam-T Gary Burton 1st
CS Devin McCuen 1st

CSL	Susan Miller	1st
DS	Josh Kenny	1st
DSL	Cathy Kenny	1st
DSP	Dallas Reed	1st
DSPL	Katy Gray	1st
ES	George Schmitt	1st
ESP	Dave Gushwa	1st
FS	Jason Cleveland	1st
FSP	Miles Blakesley	1st
HS	Caleb Mullauer	1st
SMF	Jason Gast	1st
SS	Jim Johnson	1st
SSC	Adam Locsi	1st
SSM	Richard Cimildoro	1st
STP	Paul Cleveland	1st
STR	Jason Powell	1st
STS	Chris Doolin	1st
STX	Joe Jamison	1st
XP	Ross Bollinger	1st
XPL	Kim Bollinger	1st
Novice	Andrew Sakala	1st
Tire Rack Ladies	Susan Miller	1st
Tire Rack Index	George Schmitt	1st
Activity Pts	Jeff Luckritz	1st

Jack Boone Award

Outstanding Race Worker
Duane Belisle

Jeanne Ruble Award
Outstanding Solo Worker
Dave Bowman

Cookier Walker Award
Most Enthusiastic Member
Rich Hammond

Busted Piston
Race Car Woe's
Paul McBride

Red Bud Trophy
Most Tire Rack Index Points
Adam Losci

Thomas Trophy
Most Tire Rack Index Points-Ladies
Susan Miller

BJ Swanson Award
Best Race Driver
Jeff Luckritz

64 Year SCCA Member
Lloyd Loring