

PITBOARD

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FROM THE EDITOR

OK, we are all having so much fun right now. As of this writing we are in a state of confusion all around our great country. Hopefully we will soon come out of this whole situation. We all need to get back to living our sport along with doing our natural things at home. At this time we have cancelled the May 9 event at Ginger-man as well as postponing the Majors race on May 16-17. Hopefully we can find a date to run the Majors the doesn't conflict with other events.

Thankfully I have a lot of yard work to get done and I can spend the nice days we have outside doing that. Otherwise I may have to drink more wine although my inventory of that is also starting to get thin.

Please watch our website and facebook pages for information regarding our events. This edition will be sent out email only so I hope you all get it. As long as we have a good email address for you it should get to you. This is being done as cost to print and mail exceed \$200.00 per month.

In the meantime , please stay home as you can and stay healthy. Hope to see you all soon.

Denny

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REport

Welcome to a new world. There isn't much happening in the world of motorsports. As you have seen SBR has cancelled or postponed all of our May functions. We are waiting to see what the Stay-At-Home issues are before We actually cancel the May membership meeting.

The Board met by conference call earlier this month. We will continue to do so as needed.

Race chairman Jeff Luckritz is feverously working on ways to salvage SBR road racing.

Stay safe, stay well, hope to see you soon.

Paul McBride - RE



Big boys still play with cars.

SBR MONTHLY MEETINGS

WHERE: BEEF O'BRADY'S
12479 State rd.23
Granger, in.

WHEN: First Tuesday of the month
TIME: 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting
7:00 P.M. general meeting
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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RACE WORKERS TRAVEL FUND

SBR members that work other regions races may be compensated for their travel expenses as listed below.

Gratten	\$75.00
Mid-Ohio	\$150.00
Corvette Museum	\$225.00

Go to the following link, download the form and follow the instructions.

<http://www.sbrscca.org/new/club>

CALENDAR of EVENTS

MAY

05 – Club Meeting - cancelled
09 – SBR Spring Spectacular – cancelled
14 – SCCA - TNIA – Gingerman
16/17 – The Bert Sprints – Postponed
30/31 – Solo#2 (SBR) - Solo#3(GLDV) Grissom

JUNE

02 – Club Meeting
18 – SCCA-TNIA – Gingerman
21 – Solo #4 – Tire Rack
JULY
07 – Club Meeting
16 – SCCA-TNIA – Gingerman
16-18 – Motorstate Challenge – Gingerman
18/19 – Time Trials National Tour -Gingerman
25/26 – SBR Summer Festival of Speed Gingerman

AUGUST

02 – Solo#5 -Hoosier Challenge - Grissom
04 – Club Meeting
13 – SCCA-TNIA – Gingerman
16 – Solo #6 – Tire Rack
20 – SBR at South Bend Cubs

SEPTEMBER

01 -Club Meeting
08-11 – Solo Nationals – Lincoln Ne.
15 – SBR Karting at MRP **
17 – SCCA -TNIS – Gingerman
20 – Solo #7 – Tire Rack

OCTOBER

06 – Club Meeting
05-11 – SCCA Runoffs – Road America
17 – Street Survival – Tire Rack
18 Solo #8 – Tire Rack

November

03 – Club Meeting – Elections – Free food
December

01 – Club Meeting

January

09 – Awards Banquet-Tenative
** - SBR Member only event

FREE DUES

We started it! Hold one of the following positions and get your dues back. R.E., National Race Worker, Race Chair, Pitboard Editor, Street Survival Chair, Webmaster, Solo Chair, Treasurer.
Half off dues for Activity Points Keeper, Divisional Race Worker License, Secretary, and various solo positions.

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NEED TIRES/ HELP SBR

When you need new tires be sure to go to the Tire Rack. Go to our website South Bend Region will earn some dough.at www.sbrscca.org and click on the Tire Rack link at the bottom of the page to make your purchase. By doing so, South Bend Region will earn some dough.

SOLO REPORT

I find myself writing this just days before what should have been our first autocross of the season, hopeful that we can get the season going the end of May instead. As of right now, we are still on for May 30th and 31st at Grissom! I'm sure everyone else is as ready as I am to get the season started. I look forward to seeing many of you there. On a side note, this is my second season as Solo Chair, and I'm two for two on cancelling event #1!

See you soon,

Jason

PITBOARD ARTICLES WANTED

I welcome any articles that you would like to see appear in Pitboard. All I ask that they be in word form when you send them. Submit to pitboard@sbrscca.org. I am looking forward to seeing what you all have. Pictures are welcome too. Keep safe and see all of you soon hopefully.

Denny

“THE STARTERS STAND”

For my first PITBOARD article, I would like to offer a little South Bend Region history regarding a local racing team, called “Laurel Racing”.

Back in 1968 and thru 69, Laurel Racing was successfully running a Camaro in the Trans-Am series, A sedan in club racing and enduro series that included the 1969 24 hours of Daytona.

The car was owned by Larry Grover and driven by Larry Bock and Larry Dent. Sad to say that they are no longer with us. Only happy memories.

“Win on Sunday, Sell on Monday” led Chevrolet to offer top performing teams the 1970 second generation Camaro. With this offer commitment, Larry offered the 68 Camaro up for sale via an *Autoweek* ad Sept 20, 1969.



Left photo is at Daytona

Right photo location unknown

The original car has been restored and is running vintage races across the country. It is currently owned and driven by Norm Daniels of Vancouver, Washington



Left photo is at Indianapolis at Vintage race June 2016. Right photo earlier photo from owner. Again, unknown location.

I will continue with some of the 1970 Camaro history in a future PITBOARD edition.

Mike Jennings

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Don't forget to get your SBR merchandise to show your support of the club. I have some long sleeve polo shirts available in most sizes. You have seen others wearing them so now have your own. They come in the great color of red only. I also have T-shirts (blue or white), sweatshirts (sizes limited), and plenty of hats. Order by emailing me at gridman1@att.net with item and size. I will get back to you on availability and if in stock bring it to the next meeting.

Red SBR Polo with new SBR Logo— long sleeve or short sleeve (limited quantity) \$20.00

T-Shirts are \$10.00 each with some sizes limited.

Hats—different styles available. Email me and I will send pictures of what is available—\$8.00 ea.

Sweat shirts gray or blue with medium size only—\$5.00 ea.

Misc. T-shirts. In green, tan, pink, and light gray (sizes limited to medium and large) - \$5.00 ea.

SBR grille medallions—(3.50" diameter with SBR wheel painted) - \$30.00

“Liberty-Biberty”

Travel to Ft. Wayne on Friday afternoon March 6th to attend GLD Spring Training. Jeff (Driver), Paul (Shotgun), along with H.C. and I as backseat “lookouts”. Usual Club conversation along with what we hoped to accomplish while there. Ride went well until approached Ft. Wayne on RTE 30 and discovered each of us had a different take on how to get to conference hotel. Jeff pulled over into industrial park and plugged address into car’s GPS....which he is a Pro at given all the traveling as SCCA Leadership Academy Dean. Discovered none of us were right and we should have taken a left instead of a right. Shortly thereafter we arrived, checked in, and Paul though his and H.C.’s room smelled on fire. Well left the stuff in rooms anyway and headed to the Friday evening social/get-together. Good Italian pasta buffet with homemade desserts. Met several Tech faces I don’t normally see as I usually do not attend races East of us, namely Grattan and mainly several events held at Mid-Ohio. Got caught up with people and what was new and what they planned for coming year (Note: This is prior to the COVID19 explosion). Afterward us 4 SBR members retired to the bar for further discussions on what we accomplished at social and what sessions we planned to attend Saturday morning. Jeff spotted a Duesenburg on shelf of mirrored wall behind bar. Convinced one of the very busy bartenders, he managed to get it hand delivered to himself for a close look. Suggested to Jeff we could stay an extra night and visit the nearby Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Museum (ACDM) on Sunday as it is NOT the RV Hall of Fame in Elkhart. Maybe the Club will do the ACDM as an offseason road trip.

Saturday morning started with a well stocked buffet breakfast in the Hotel dining room as part of the lodging reservation. The Opening Session was 7:45AM. Afterward we split off to the individual sessions we wanted to attend. My first one was for Road Race Tech. It covered the items we typically missing when conducting Annuals on cars along with the new and improved Tech Card (Tech Sheet Driver gets at Registration). There was still plenty of time to ask question of GLD Tech DA (Alan Garside) regarding new changes in the GCR....many of which appear to be hidden. My next Session was going to be on “finding your Successor to avoid Burn-out”. Well Jeff convinced me to attend his on “Regional Racing Issues” which was in same room as Tech one so I didn’t have to move. Glad I followed Jeff’s suggestion as I thought I would hear his speech that he typically gives at Club Meeting on this subject. Turns out it was not simply a “lecture” but more an interactive Session where he opened it to attendees to for suggestions which he quickly typed into his laptop outline that was connected to the projection screen. Many suggestions came from different specialties of racing. The “interactive” nature of the Session, even though the lights were turned down, kept me awake after the filling breakfast buffet. I was late to my next Session about Tech for some of the new programs SCCA is rolling out as it was at the other end of the hotel. The brisk walk didn’t help much keeping my attention at this “lecture” Session.

A Buffet Lunch was held back at my original end of Hotel. So after my long walk I was glad to get a good dinner type lunch complete with dessert. Someone at our table brought Paul a dessert he really didn’t want...but ate anyway. I think they had pump bottles of hand sanitizer at both end of the Buffet. Lunch had a Session dealing with New Code of Members Conduct. Made it on time to my next Session (other end of Hotel) relating to How to Increase Class Participation at races. It was conducted by Frank Schwartz who had many sub-programs up and running to increase participation in B-Spec. One included a page on the B-Spec website where drivers can list B-Spec races they would like to enter. This way drivers from the Class can see what races might be attended by other as these racers like to race against others in Class. This is outside MSR where these racers wait until someone enters, then another decides to also enter and then entries start to go up. This way the B-Spec racers can plan ahead of MSR where there may be a field of competition. I first met Frank at a diner picnic table on hill of a cold, windy night at Laguna Seca Run-Offs. He had just assembled his Mini late in Season and just managed to qualify for Run-Offs. B-Spec appears to be an up and coming Class. Maybe that is why Jeff is co-Owner of one so he can get inexpensive, fun seat time in a well subscribed Class in addition to his SM. My final Session was related to Resolving & De-escalating Conflict. It was a long walk back to the other end of Hotel, but well worth it. After a short presentation, numerous attendees became “interactive” by splitting into 5 groups that each of us determined would be the best way to resolve and de-escalate. The Groups were Avoid, Accommodate, Compete, Compromise, and Collaborate. Turns out I joined the Collaborate Group which was the best way to deal with these situations, however, it usually takes the most time to work through. Most of my time as a Tech Inspector I report facts to someone higher up that “deals” with the situation, however, it was useful to see how things work higher up in process.

More information is available on the “Resolving” session and other topics on the SCCA Website. It makes for good reading during what is probably everybody’s time of isolating. One simply needs to log into ones account at my.scca.com using one’s member number and password. I forgot how to create the account/password but one can sign-up at the my.scca.com site. Once there, go to Member Resources at top and select File Cabinet from pull-down menu. There is a wealth of information and forms in cabinet.

Ride home was faster than ride there. If you get a chance, attend one of these Training Seminars as there is usually something beneficial at the numerous Sessions. Sound like will be held at same hotel in Ft. Wayne next year, but probably better as this was first year there.

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Oh, "Liberty Biberty" is from a Liberty Mutual Commercial (Not the one with Emu & Doug) that all 4 SBR members at the bar Friday knew the saying from. Nobody got drunk, just an advertising commonality we all knew. Who said the act of positive advertising your Club can't be beneficial.

Rod Markowicz #199252

SBR Track Opportunities

In light of COVID-19 we have been forced to make changes in our 2020 calendar at GingerMan Raceway. Participant safety has always been our number one concern. Here's a quick summary of where we are at as of April 19th.

- April 26th South Bend Track Night for SBR members has been CANCELLED.
- May 9th SCCA Spring Spectacular has been CANCELLED.
- May 16th-17th Majors race has been postponed. Future date TBD. It all depends if we can find an open date that makes sense.
- July 25th-26th Summer Festival of Speed will still take place. We plan on having a Track Event for street cars (think track day), a CRE Endurance event that is wheel-to-wheel racing and traditional SCCA sprint racing.

We will keep you informed on future track events at GingerMan via the Facebook SBR Social page and e-mail.

Stay healthy and stay safe.

Jeff Luckritz

SBR, SCCA

Race Chair



Like karting? Join SBR (this is a member only perk) and get a special deal for karting at Michiana Raceway Park.

We will be there on September 15th this year. Watch for more info later from Jeff.

How many of you remember this particular sticker that was very prominent back in the 70's? This one is proudly displayed on the fridge of a long time member down in Florida. (rod M. can tell you about him) He was a driver and all time good guy. I believe it to be created by a group of SBR members and made to put on all of their race cars. I used to see them at Road America in the 70's on all SBR competitors cars.

