

PITBOARD



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June Remarks:

Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines! It's started. Motorsport competition has returned. As I write this our Solo gang is conducting their first solo of the year at the Tire Rack. But wait, on May 30, 31 our solo program got a great kickoff at Grissom. SBR had a points event on Saturday with a Divisional meet on Sunday. I had the opportunity to share Jeff Luckritz's car for the event, and what a great event it was. The SBR Solo group lead by Jason Cleveland did a stellar job. I heard nothing but great comments from other competitors with one exception. That persons only drawback was that he wasn't able to get on site earlier than the facility allowed. Hardly a game changer there as we don't have the site control. All-in-all a great event.

Elsewhere the Northern Conference SCCA has kicked off its Majors schedule with the June Sprints Hoosier Super Tour. Jeff Luckritz had a great run on Saturday but a possible season ending crash on Sunday. I am sure he will have a story to tell. Our July SBR events are in a few short weeks. Stay tuned. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Before I close I want to give a special shout out to one of our newer members. Dave Anson not only towed our club trailer to Grissom for the event but also manned the gate 'both' days. Thanks Dave for a great job!

As of now I am planning on returning to Beef O'Brady's for our July membership meeting. Stay tuned. I'll get confirmation as we get closer to the date.

Stay safe,.....Paul McBride R.E.

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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.

Grattan	\$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

JUNE
02 – Club Meeting - Cancelled
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-Tentative
** - 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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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.

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	Round Table/Worker – Seminar	20
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NOT A SBR MEMBER?

Go to www.scca.com to join

Choose SBR as your local region

SCCA Summer Festival of Speed

Fast Facts

- All the action takes place at GingerMan Raceway on July 25-26, 2020
- The weekend consists of three SCCA programs
 - Track Event for street cars and race cars with fenders
 - Club Racing Experience racing for cars with full roll cages and fenders
 - Regional Racing for all SCCA racing classes
- Sponsored by South Bend, Indiana Northwest and Fort Wayne Regions

Schedule

Saturday	Event	Vehicles Allowed	SCCA Comp. License
8:30 am-2:00 pm	Track Event	Street Cars and Race Cars with Fenders	No
8:00 am-1:15 pm	CRE Endurance	Race cars with roll cages other safety equipment	No
2:15 pm-5:15 pm	Regional Racing(Pr/Qual)	SCCA classed race cars	Yes
Sunday	Event	Vehicles Allowed	SCCA Comp. License
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Regional Racing(Races)	SCCA classed race cars	Yes

Get Involved for Free

Volunteering is a fantastic way to get involved in racing and it costs nothing. If you don't have any experience we will partner you with somebody that does. You can work Saturday or Sunday, or both days. It's up to you. Here's a brief list of opportunities.

- Registration. Help check people in when they arrive at the track. Primarily Friday evening and the first part of Saturday and Sunday.
- Tech Inspection. Check driver's equipment, weigh cars, and assist in vehicle inspection.
- Grid. Direct drivers to the appropriate grid position and make sure they are properly buckled in.
- Flagging and Communications. Work one of the eight corner stations around the track and communicate with drivers through the use of flags.
- Timing and Scoring. You will be located in the third floor of the tower and assist in keeping track of the position of each driver during qualifying and the races.
- Course Marshall. Assist in recovering stranded vehicles on the track.

Get on Track for Minimal Cost-No Competition License Required

A SCCA Track Event is a great way to get your street car on track. In general, as long as your car is safe you should be good to go. We follow the rules for the SCCA Track Night in America program (www.tracknightinamerica.com) for convertibles so be sure to check out their website if you have a convertible. You will need to bring and wear an approved helmet that is rated SA2005 or M2005 or newer. Instruction will be provided for Novice drivers and passing will only be allowed on the straights with a point-by. This is not door to door racing, it is an opportunity to drive your street car at speed on a race track.

Race with a Buddy-No Competition License Required

The SCCA Club Racing Experience(CRE) Endurance Racing is your opportunity to race door to door in a fully caged race car with fenders. There will be classes for Spec Racer Ford 3, Spec Miata and three Bracket Classes. Bracket racing classes are determined by your lap times therefore race cars from ChampCar, NASA, LeMons and other sanctioning bodies are welcome as long as they look like race cars. Another unique aspect to this kind of racing is it allows you to race with a buddy since a pit stop is required for each race. All drivers will be given classroom instruction and their on-track behavior will be monitored to help ensure everybody is having a great time. Drivers must wear all the required safety gear from head to toe.

Regional Racing-Time to Step It Up a Notch-SCCA Competition License Required(or similar)

SCCA Regional Racing is for all the recognized SCCA classes. Formula cars, prototypes, GT cars and everything in-between. This form of door-to-door racing will be a little more intense than CRE, but in general drivers are there to have a good time on track.

If you have questions about volunteering or racing, e-mail Jeff at race@sbrscca.org or check out www.summerfestivalofspeed.com.

FROM THE EDITOR

Time to get ready to race. Great words to hear. Just had our SBR track night at Gingerman and it was well attended. Around 42 cars I believe. There were no major issues and we pretty much stayed on time for the entire evening. That was great for being the first time on track for the year for a lot of the drivers.

Looking forward to the first Track Night in America coming up on the 18th of this month. Hopefully we will have a good turnout for that also.

The 21st brings us our first solo at the Tire Rack. I am sure there are a lot of folks looking forward to this day. We always seem to put on a great event there as our home course.

Just attended a Michiana Mustang meeting at Beef O'Brady's last night. We actually met outside in the parking lot. Had a bunch of Mustangs and about 40 people. Still got to eat inside but not in the regular meeting room. Hopefully we will get to meet there in July.

Coming up rapidly in July will be our Regional races at Gingerman. Looks like this will become our premier event this year. Watch for details elsewhere in this edition of Pitboard.

Also in July will be the Lane event and our SCCA Time Trials at Gingerman. This will be the busiest month of the year for SBR. Plan on attending and helping out. We can't do these events without all of your help. Get the most out of your club by volunteering to help.

LANE AUTOMOTIVE MOTOR STATE CHALLENGE

Once again we are helping Lane to put on their Motorstate Challenge at Gingerman Raceway. We have been in this relationship from the start. We need your help to make this the best event ever for these folks.

The event starts on Thursday July 16 with a registration and a drivers meeting at Lane. That is followed by a cruise and then back to the host motel for a dinner and party.

Early on Friday morning, the 17th, we will start at Gingerman by doing a cursive Tech Inspection of the cars. That is followed by the groups running timed laps on the track. These guys are fast so be ready to see some great cars and terrific drivers. The day is finally over and will be followed by a Track Night in America by SCCA and SBR.

On Saturday morning the Motorstate group will run the course in reverse and awards will be given out for fastest combined times in each group. It is a great way to finish off the event.

That will be followed by a Time Trials event By SCCA and SBR. This is a national event and will surely attract some top drivers from the area.

If you want to help by doing Tech and working a corner, grid or timing please contact me at gridman1@att.net. I need about 15 to 20 able bodies that like beautiful fast cars.

Denny Jennings

RACING AT GINGERMANN

July 25/26— We have SCCA Club Racing, Track events and Endurance Racing

Come out and support the club by working even 1 day if you can.

“THE STARTERS STAND”

Gingerman Raceway opened 24 years ago. Starting the first year, South Bend Region has been racing at the facility for most of those years and have developed a great rapport with track management, providing a great place to race and to do other car events.

My first visit to the track was in 2002 for a region race. Being invited to be on the starters crew gave me to the chance to meet old friends and to make new ones. Everyone made me feel like I was back home and not a visitor from Arizona.

After retiring at the end of 2006, I have been coming back every summer to work as many region events that I can while back there. (missing the hottest months in Arizona) I even changed my region of record back to South Bend.

Gingerman is an ideal club facility. Located near South Haven, Michigan and Lake Michigan. The track is safe, fun and over 2 miles long. If you have not been there yet, you need to plan a trip up there this summer to one of our events.



Pre Party Preparations



Friday night worker cookout



Traffic Jam



Changing Weather

Memories and friends are what keep us coming back for more. Mike

Watch our website for meeting information on the July meeting. We are determined to hold a meeting soon. It will be good to see all of our smiling faces.

Solo Update

After much discussion amongst the solo team and the club board, our solo season kicked off at Grissom on May 30th and 31st. We set a 50 participant per day threshold to hold the event and reached this within 24 hours. Attention quickly turned to how many participants we could manage and meet SCCA and Indiana COVID-19 guidelines, which we agreed would be 120, and was reached within 72 hours. Over the two days we had attendees from 7 states, including: Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Both days went very well, and I can't thank everyone who helped make it a success enough! We received many compliments during the event and after.

Our next event is scheduled for June 21st at Tire Rack. At the conclusion of the Grissom event, Tire Rack hadn't made a final decision on holding events at their facility. Fortunately, they have decided to open the track for use on Sunday's for the time being, with some additional rules in place. As of this writing we are at 78 of 90 allowed entrants.

Special shout out to Scotland Slabach. At the end of last season, he agreed to take the position of Solo Co-Chair, and will be working with me throughout this season to learn some of the ins and outs of organizing and running events.

Jason

Track Night in America on 6/18/2020

If you didn't go to the Track Night in America event on 6/18 you missed an absolutely beautiful night at Gingerman. The weather was about the best that I have ever seen there. Not a cloud in the sky and around mid 80's. We had around 55 cars or so with a great assortment. No major incidents on track except for a Corvette going cross country from 5 to 11 to get to pit road. Unusual approach but it worked for him. Here are a couple of pictures of the night.



Notice that we were all practicing social distancing as Paul was instructing the novice group. We were also required to wear face masks for the evening when in contact with other individuals.



Don't forget to sign up to come and work our July events. If you want to work the Lane event at Gingerman it is being held on July 17 and 18, contact me soon. That is followed by the Time trials on Sat afternoon and Sunday. Contact Brian Tack if interested. See Jeff's report on race for info on our regional race the next weekend.