

PITBOARD

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FROM THE EDITOR

I don't know about the rest of you but I am getting pretty tired of doing the landscaping thing. There is only so much you can do.

Thankfully this Thursday marks the start of a very busy 2 weeks of doing things that we love to do. It starts on Thursday afternoon with the Motorstate Challenge and a meeting at Lane to welcome the competitors. Then early on Friday morning we are set to start some track action with those guys. Should be some pretty good competition with 66 cars entered. They always put on a good show.

Then when they finish on Friday the Track Night in America kicks off at around 5 P.M. They are always a great group that just want to put their cars on the track to see how well they perform. If you haven't done that, then you must, just to know what your car will do under extreme conditions. Great learning experience.

Early Saturday morning we again welcome the Pro-Touring guys to a track sprint running the cars reverse course. Really is different from that perspective.

As that group finishes around 11 we then bring on the SCCA National Time Trials event. Folks from around the country will be there competing. That event runs thru Sunday.

If that wasn't enough the following Saturday bring our regional race, a track event and endurance racing to Gingerman and runs thru Sunday.

Pretty busy if I do say so myself. Looking forward to it. Just trying to figure out when I will get my yard work in.

RE REPORT

REmarks – July

Well, it has happened. We held our first membership meeting since March. There were close to 25 members present. I believe everyone present was 'comfortable' with the situation. I am looking forward to the August meeting.

As I write this I am making last minute preparations for my inaugural race of the season. July 25, 26 will be the *Summer Festival of Speed*. This race event will cap off one of the busiest months I can remember for the club. Lane Motor State Challenge, TNiA, National Time Trials, Solo and SFoS; thanks to all the volunteers that make this possible.

I'll keep it short for now. Stay safe. Hope to see many of you soon.

Paul McBride - RE

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

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

Happy Anniversary for 25 years

Dawn Luckritz

HOOSIER CHALLENGE AUTO-CROSS—August 2 at Grissom

Come out and help SBR win the medals

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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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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At 54 years young the **Trans-am series** continues to be the one of the best if not the best road racing series. The Trans-Am name was created by SCCA , meaning as “Trans American sedan Championship”. They registered “Trans-Am” as a trademark name in 1970, therefore causing Pontiac to come to SCCA to license the name, creating a nice financial windfall for SCCA for future years.

Currently cars running the TA class are full out and out racing cars. They are tube frame chassis, Kevlar and carbon fibre bodies, 366 cubic inch carbureted engines producing 850 horsepower and huge tires.

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Amy Ruman / 2 time TA champion



Lawrence Loshak

Back in the Late 80's and early 90's, it was not unusual to have 40 car fields. That was back when Ford, Chevy and Dodge were in it to win it. At that time motors were limited to 310 Cubic inches. Again, they were out and out race cars. Many well known drivers of the era ran in the series. Some continue to occasionally run in the series



Dorsey Schroeder

1989 TA Champion & current TA race director



Scott Sharp

2 time TA champion

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LANE MOTORSTATE CHALLENGE REPORT

As usual the Motorstate Challenge by Lane went off very well. Here is the event from my perspective as SBR chair for it.

There was a brief meeting at Lane on Thursday for all the participants. This being an unusual year for all things was actually held outside in the Lane Automotive parking lot to maintain some social distancing. After that meeting it was time for the annual Thursday night cruise. We left Lane with a full Berrien County police escort of 8 motorcycle units and the chief in his SUV. The cruise proceeded to go thru southwest Michigan to Silver Beach in St. Joseph and then wound it's way back to the home base motel in Watervliet. There we were greeted by a dinner that was again a bit different due to the virus. Good food as usual.

Friday morning we began a very long day. Tech opened up early as usual and we were done by 7:45. Cars were on track on time and ran very well according to usual ending up early for lunch. We then moved up the afternoon starting time by 10 minutes and the afternoon went very well. A couple of roll-back pickups but very minor things.

Friday being done the workers then settled in for the SCCA Track Night in America segment. Didn't go very well and ended up around 8:15 P.M. That is approximately 13 hours for you that weren't there. A long day. Kudos to those workers.

Saturday morning we were ready to get our timing set up. Joe Jamison and Harold Miller arrived at 7 to set up the timing. By 7:45 we were ready for cars. Way better than last year. Being that the drivers requested that we not run the course in reverse we changed that portion of the event from planned to go race direction for about 80% of the track. Theory was to eliminate the long straights to level the playing field for all the cars. (high horsepower means fast straights) By the time the first car took to the track it was 8:05. All drivers got 6 runs on the course with 4 reruns due to cars off course. No timing issues were had. All together we were complete before 10 a.m. Results were quickly tabulated and awards given out. So in my mind the event went very well due to the great volunteers from SBR.

There was some requests to even make Saturday even shorter and end it before turn 10 to further eliminate the straights. We will look into that for next year. Also discussed over the event was the possibility to take Saturday back to the Tire Rack. I haven't heard the results of that yet.

Thanks again for the members that came to make this event great for me and the competitors. Many thanks from the drivers were received during the weekend. We couldn't do this without you.

WORKERS FOR LANE EVENT

Dennis Jennings
H.C. Colwell
David Bowman
David Anson
Peggy Anson
David Gushwa
Lloyd Loring
Rod Markowicz
Mark Manninen
Leon Krauss
Joe Jamison
Harold Miller
Paul McBride
Brian Tack



Caleb Mullauer's car ready for Lane cruise on Thursday night

RACE WEEKEND REPORT FROM GINGERMAN ON JULY 25/26

I know that Jeff has been pretty busy, so I will fill in for him and give you a little on how our race weekend went at Gingserman this last week.

We had a pretty good start on time for the first group of cars that was the track event. About 11 cars took to the track to have a good time. After that was time for the cars that were going to run the CRE Endurance races. This was a session to practice and qualify for starting positions. Again we had about 11 entries in that event. No major problems were occurred and we went on to the second round of the track event. Again no problems. Following that, the CRE cars went out for their first 60 minute enduro. There were flat tires and even a car that had to come in and refuel (I guess they didn't fill it to start—bad mistake).

After that race we had the third and final track event group and in all I think they all had a good time with about 45 minutes of track time. Soon after was lunch for the workers.

After lunch was enjoyed it was time for the second 1 hour CRE event. It all went smoothly with no major issues.

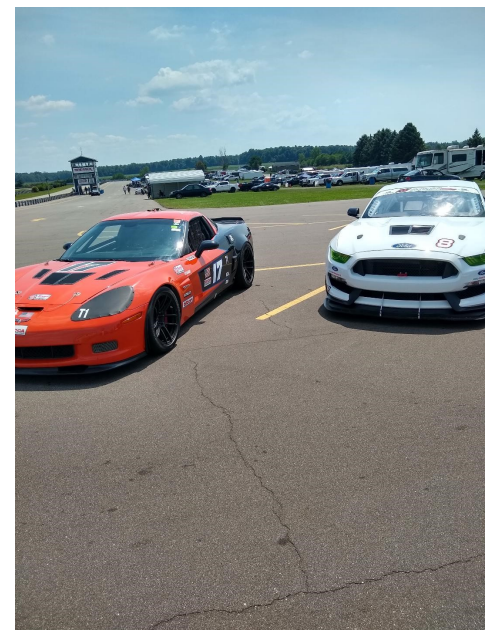
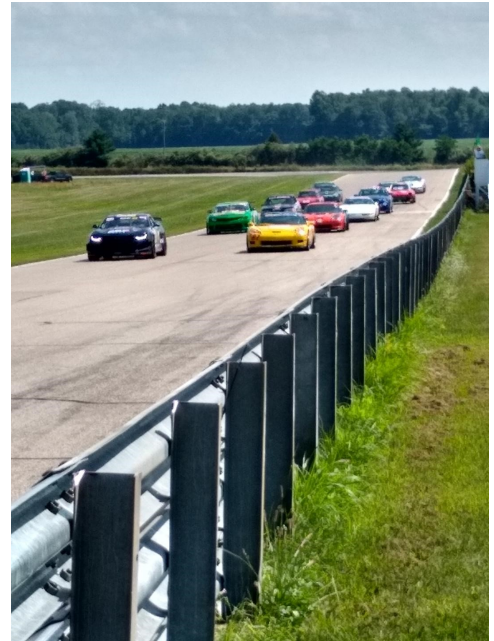
Saturday concluded with practice and qualifying sessions for our race groups.

Sunday started with a bang with 30 minute races for all four race groups. Then it was lunch time as we still shut down for quiet time at the track. That was followed by a 15 minute qualifying race for all four groups. After a short worker break it was time for the final four races for our race groups.

It turned out to be a great weekend even though it was a bit on the warm side. Heard a lot of thanks from the competitors for putting on the race and the amount of track time they got. About 1 hour and 45 minutes for track time.

A little bit of house keeping followed and then a quick trip home. If you didn't come I believe you missed a great event with SBR; Ft. Wayne and Indiana Northwest. Maybe it wasn't a Majors race but it was still well done by the three groups.

Here are a couple of pictures of our race group on the grid and at the start.



SOLO REPORT

I hope everyone is having a great summer! We have completed three events this season, with four remaining. Our next points event is the Hoosier Challenge on August 2nd, hosted by Fort Wayne this year. The Hoosier Challenge pits all the Indiana SCCA clubs against each other for a travelling trophy. This year scoring will be different than in previous years, as it will utilize an average PAX time for each region instead of the previous points system based on individual classes. Below are the other remaining season events:

August 16 – Tire Rack

September 20 - Tire Rack

October 18 – Tire Rack

If anyone is interested in exploring a new position, Joe Jamison is looking for someone to learn Timing and Scoring! The position covers part of your membership dues, and keeps you in the trailer on those rainy day events!

Jason

LATE INCOMING NEWS FROM JEFF ON OUR RACE WEEKEND.

SCCA Summer Festival of Speed 2020

Race Report

GingerMan Raceway, South Haven, MI. South Bend Region's only road race of the season is in the books. A huge shout-out to all the SBR members that made the event possible. The dedication and hard work of our region membership never ceases to amaze me; especially in the truly bizarre world in 2020.

Saturday morning started off with Driver's Meetings for the 13 Track Event(TE) drivers and the 13 Club Racing Experience(CRE) teams. While we saw some familiar faces, most of the people that ran in the Track Event and CRE were new to GingerMan or new to an SCCA event. All the drivers did a great job on the track and seemed to truly enjoy themselves. Smiles were plentiful.

Right around 64 Traditional SCCA Regional drivers started their weekend on Saturday afternoon with 15-minute practice and qualifying sessions. Sunday was hot, humid and breezy. Racers competed in two 30-minute races and a qualifying race. As the day went on, fewer and fewer cars could be found on the grid. Either the heat got to the drivers or the heat got to the cars, it is hard to say.

For complete results and a link to photo's check out <http://www.summerfestivalofspeed.com/>.

I've included a list of SBR members in attendance below. I did this from memory, so if I left your name off the list please let me know.

Thanks again.

Jeff Luckritz
South Bend Region, SCCA
Race Chair

SBR Volunteers at SCCA Summer Festival of Speed

Chiefs (2 days)

Dave Ferris-T&S
Rod Markowicz-Tech
Steve Bollinger-Course Control(Saturday)
Mark Manninen-Course Control(Sunday)
Dennis Jennings-Grid
H.C. Colwell-F&C
Stuart Laks-Sound
Brian Tack-Pace Car
Dawn Luckritz-Food Chief
Marcia McBride-Food Chief
Duane Belisle-Pit Lane Chief
Kim Bollinger-Radio Chief

Administration (2 days)

Jeff Luckritz-Race Chair/CRE Chair
Paul Hirn-Assistant Race Chair
Brian Tack-Track Event Chair(1-day)

Paul McBride-Track Event Coach
Lloyd Loring-Announcer

Volunteers (2 days unless noted)

Dick Cimildoro-Flat Tow
Steve Bollinger-Pit Lane(Sunday)
Lynnette Markowicz-Grid
Mark Bublitz-F&C
Dave Gushwa-F&C
Chad Murfin-Tech
Dwite Murfin-Flat Tow
Dave Anson-F&C
Peggy Anson-F&C

Race Participants

Dave Bowman
Paul McBride
Doug Campbell

PICTURES FROM SUMMER FESTIVAL of SPEED

