

# PITBOARD

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Ok, so another month has gone by and we are all still dealing with the fact that we are not living a normal life as we remember it. Still, we can all do our own thing that may include things such as visiting our parks and other recreation areas. We can also do the best thing and that is racing or some version of it. There is autocrossing, track events and the such. Just do the right thing and observe the rules set out for us. Maintain the 6 foot area around us or wear a mask. The last thing we want to do is spread any virus and now with flu season coming up it will be more important.

We had a solo last week and it seemed to be a little less attended than our usual. Maybe due to the fact we don't allow on site registration during the virus. People wait until the day due to the unpredictable weather we have. It turned out to be a great day and those that attended had a great time on a great course set-up.

There was also a Track night in America event at Gingerman and we had the usual 60 plus cars. The weather was fantastic and the competitors had a great time.

I am looking for some people that are willing to write an article for PitBoard. This would entail giving us a bit of your history in SBR, why you joined, what you do in the club, how long you have been in, what kind of cars you have owned while in the club and anything else that may be interesting. Help us out to get to know you better. All articles will be published as I receive them. This is all to make our publication better and more interesting. Please include pictures.

So, until next month look for articles in this addition by all those contributing. Special thanks to Mike for putting an article together every month. It helps to make PitBoard better with more content. Looking forward to a better year next year.

Denny

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### NEW MEMBERS

6/14—Anthony Will	6/3— William Belcher	6/14—Nick Thompson
6/16—Steven Pierschalla		
7/1—Jeffery Brooks	7/7—Matt Arnold	7/25—Chris and Tanner Dunn
8/2—Orey Pence	8/5—Greg Gast	8/10—Jared Chapin
8/18—Chris Brabec	8/18—Ed Kowbel	8/19—Dan Asleson

Welcome to SBR and sorry I missed you the last couple of months. Looking forward to meeting you and seeing you at an event.

## 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

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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## MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

At Beef O'Brady's in Granger

Board meets at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting starts at 7:00 P.M.

COME JOIN US!!

## 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](http://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](http://www.scca.com) to join

Choose SBR as your local region

REmarks – August

Another month is almost over. We are still in the COVID ‘nightmare’. My grandkids have been back to school since August 3. It seems like event status changes almost daily. What, no spectators at the Indy 500? It seems to me the government or the press or some other entity is trying to sell us that this is the ‘new’ reality. Personally I liked the ‘old’ reality and will happily wait for its return.

But, some things have remained. This year’s club racing has been a shambles. Western Michigan did follow through with their “*LAST CHANCE MAJORS*” on August 22 & 23. SBR was represented by two drivers, Lenny Basaj and myself. Worker crew had Duane Belisle (Chief) and Dennis Jennings (1<sup>st</sup> Assistant) working Pit Lane. Also dual member Dave Ferris was Chief of T&S. Crewing included H.C. Colwell with me and Kurt Przybysz with Phil Lasco. I saw Mike Jones (aka Max) in the upper paddock area. Sorry if I missed anyone.

This ended up being a **great** event for me. It seems that the last year has been fraught with nickel/dime problems. The WMR race was a turning point in that downhill spiral. As someone else stated I had two flag-to-flag ‘uncontested’ victories. We weren’t fast but remained on the lead lap for both races. Brake and carb issues were resolved on Saturday. Sunday’s race seemed like it would never end, but it did and we brought the car home in one piece. A big shout out to H.C. for the 30 years he has been crewing for me.

Don’t forget September 1 is our next membership meeting. If you are comfortable getting out during the pandemic join us for good food and fellowship. Stay safe!

Some pictures of Paul’s great weekend at Grattan



Pace Lap



In the Toilet Bowl



All by Himself on the way to the checkered



Post Race

Congratulations on a great weekend Paul. It was fun to watch from Pitlane

## RACE REPORT

# South Bend Region Road Racing 2021

### August Race Report

The South Bend Region Board of Directors has begun internal discussions about the 2021 road racing season. Mark your calendars. We have reserved May 15-16 and July 24-25 in 2021 at GingerMan Raceway. Just be sure to mark your calendars in pencil because the scheduling process is about as fluid as a 5-year old kid heading to the beach. You know the kid will end up in the water eventually, you are just not sure when, where or how they will hit the water.

Geography presents a problem for SBR since we are sandwiched almost halfway between Great Lakes Division and Central Division racers and race tracks. First off, we need to know when races will be scheduled at Road America and Mid Ohio since those are the premier tracks in the Midwest. We make every effort not to schedule a race within two weeks of race at Mid Ohio and Road America. What makes it even tougher is the fact that there are usually 3-4 races at each track. Finally, since Road America and Mid Ohio holds pro races, the local SCCA regions usually don't have a choice in date. Once IndyCar, NASCAR, Moto GP, Xfinity, and IMSA get their dates, SCCA gets whatever is left over.

Next, we have to know when races will be scheduled at Blackhawk Farms in Illinois and Waterford Hills in Detroit area. While those tracks are no more interesting than GingerMan Raceway, they do tend to draw pretty well since they are closer to major city hubs than we are.

We are lucky in one respect. GingerMan Raceway likes having SCCA racing and they are usually very flexible in awarding us dates. The "big fish" at GingerMan is the June GridLife event in June which draws thousands of spectators and hundreds of competitors. After that, we are generally welcome just about any other weekend. We are blessed to be welcome at GingerMan Raceway.

We will keep you posted as the mystery of SCCA scheduling unfolds. Thanks again for all your support in 2020.

Jeff Luckritz

South Bend Region

Race Chair

## SOLO REPORT

Turn out was light for our August event with only 59 participants. If you didn't attend, you missed out on a beautiful day. Each group got 6 runs and most were home by 3:30pm. If you've completed one or more events this season there is still time to qualify for season trophies, as we have two events left at Tire Rack, and you only need 3 events total to qualify (best 5 used for determining trophies). The dates for those events are: September 20th and October 18th. A bit of good news, Jason Powell has been working with several others on the issues with [AXTI.ME](https://axti.me) (live timing we use) and together they have found a fix. We should be in good shape for the next two events, hope to see you there!

Jason

## “THE STARTERS STAND”

### “People in Racing”

It is not just the racing, but it is the people you meet and the friends that you make, that keep you coming back for more.

***It's the characters in your life that make the stories you remember, and the very best you can hope, is to be one of those.*** Thru out my life in racing I have been fortunate to meet some of the best both in the amateur and professional side.

South Bend region, has many great people who have been with the club for years and years. I have dug thru my photos and am offering the following shots of true characters and the movers and shakers of the region.



Denny Jennings and Dave Bowman



Jeff Luckritz and Lloyd Loring



Left to right, the Movers and the Shakers –Paul McBride, H.C. Colwell, Leon Krauss, Denny Jennings, Duane Belisle, Jeff Luckritz, and Dave Bowman

2 South Bend people in racing. One has made it big time and the younger one is on the way. Ryan Newman runs in Nascar and Hanna Marie Zellers has raced in Go Carts, SCCA club racing, and currently will drive anything with wheels.



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Starting out in club racing and moving to professional racing, these are two of the friendliest and best ambassadors for the sport. Lynn St James has raced for most of her life and is still racing in vintage race events. She is active in doing personal presentations of her racing and is always helping other women in racing. Dorsey Schroeder was the Trans-Am Champion as a rookie in 1989 driving a Mustang for Jack Roush. He also drove for Tom Gloy racing for many years and is currently the race director for the SCCA Trans-Am series. Lawrence Loshak is another amateur racer who turned pro and ran about 5 years in the Trans-Am series. He previously won the Mark Donohue award which is the highest award in SCCA. He even ran and won at a couple of our major races at Gingerman. He ran the South Bend Region sticker on his Trans-Am car at Indianapolis. Picture on the right is Lawrence with 2 time trans-Am champion Amy Ruman.



Your article could be here next month. Just write a couple of paragraphs or make it as long as you want. We would like to hear from all of you.

Just send me you article today.

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Hi, my name is Joe Blow and I became a member of SBR in order to be a race worker. In love cars and this was a way for me to be around them and close up. I OWN.....

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This is Jeff Luckritz receiving his long awaited although well deserved divisional series trophy for 2019 at the August meeting at Beef O'Brady's. Congratulations to Jeff on a great year.

David Bowman showing off his rewards from Summer Festival of Speed. Way to go David. Thanks for running the event and supporting the club. Thanks to all the workers for doing the event either working or racing.

