

# PITBOARD

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## FROM THE EDITOR

This month kind of finishes up a rather unusual and weird year for sports such as ours. We will have one more solo after the publication of this edition of PitBoard. Can't say that I have really enjoyed the year, but yet it seems that I have done quite a bit for the time that we had. Just 2 days ago was our annual night at Michiana Raceway and the go-carts. Even that had a lower than usual turn out. Look for a report on this event elsewhere in this edition along with some pictures. Also, tonight is the last Track Night in America at Gingerman. It looks to be a quite large group with around 75 cars. Attendance at these events has been pretty consistent. Also coming up this Sunday is a solo at the Tire Rack. Looks to be a nice day so I will probably venture over that way and watch.

Would someone please stand up and take over merchandise from me. I like doing our PitBoard but just don't have the enthusiasm to continue with merchandise. Pretty simple to take some things to an event and display on a table. Pretty much the stuff sells itself. We will be in need of ordering some new shirts and this is your chance to order something that you wish we had for sale. All to publicize our club.

I have received a couple of articles from members that tell about who they are and what they do in the club. Would still like to hear from some more of you. Just write maybe a page to publish and send in a word format to me at [pitboard.sbrscca.org](mailto:pitboard.sbrscca.org). Include a couple of pictures and let others know who you are.

Elections will be coming up in November so plan on coming to the November meeting and vote for your club management. If you would like to run for the board contact Duane Belisle at [mazdaman86@msn.com](mailto:mazdaman86@msn.com). Look elsewhere within to see how and who to vote for in the election for the Area 4 director. Voting is online unless you request to get a mailed copy.

That is all for now. See you at the meeting on October 6. Be safe and keep it on the hard surface right side up.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Voinaroski—Portage, Michigan

Reid Voinaroski—Ypsilanti, Michigan

Austin Witchie—Granger, Indiana

Welcome and hope to see 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

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.

### MEETING DATE

**Don't forget our monthly meeting at Beef O'Brady's On Tuesday Oct.6. We will be nominating members for Re and the Board of directors for 2021. Volunteer and be active in your club.**

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



### 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

# SBR Went Karting

## 2020 Results

South Bend Region members have been gathering every Fall at Michiana Raceway Park for over ten years. Typically, we have just over 20 members taking part in the event, but this year 12 people show up to compete against each other and the bumpy road course in South Bend. Our driver count may have been down due to COVID-19, but those that showed up were intense and extremely competitive.

Equipped with our own closed-face helmets, long pants and closed-toe shoes we took part in a 5-minute practice session. This may not sound like a long time, but we are turning laps in the 40-second range and the track surface is extremely bumpy. I can't speak for everybody, but the g-forces through the corners put enormous pressure on my forearms and hands.

We took a 5-minute break after the practice session and headed out to the track for a 5-minute qualifying session. Normally we have a larger turnout and we run in two groups. But, since there were only 12 of us that meant we only had short breaks. Needless to say, this 55-year old guy was pretty pooped after 10-minutes of track time. Denny Jennings and Kim Bollinger were spectating and decided that we would invert the field for the 15-minute race. Slow guys in the front and fast guys in the back.

There were several on-track incidents during the race but everybody still seemed to have a good time. Brian Tack was the first person to take the checkered flag followed by Joe Sawyer and Bill Loring. You can see the complete results below.

Jeff Luckritz

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Kart #</b>	<b>Best Time</b>
1	Brian Tack	45	41.366
2	Joe Sawyer	40	41.720
3	Bill Loring	28	41.122
4	Dave Gushwa	27	42.561
5	Jonathan Shreiner	39	42.215
6	Mark Manninen	42	42.077
7	Ross Bollinger	21	42.803
8	Rich Hammond	37	42.684
9	Adam Locsi	41	41.757
10	Jeff Luckritz	23	42.792
11	Art Reynolds	43	44.089
12	Steve Bollinger	46	42.979

See pictures of the action on the next page



Brian is up to the task



Jeff getting loose



Gushwa waiting



Adam Locsi goes agricultural



Not the right approach



Fight for the lead



The group ran together early



Bill Loring

Brian Tack

Joe Sawyer

The Winners

REport – September

When you receive this Fall will have officially begun. Where has the year gone? For a short period when COVID pandemic started and our social system seemed to break down time seemed mercilessly slow. Once we started to get back on track it seems time has been going at breakneck speeds. Nothing at all like my race car!

At this time we only have Solo #8 left on the Solo schedule. All Divisional racing is finished until after the *Runoffs*. There will be no Street Survival in October. Also, the annual Karting experience was September 15<sup>th</sup>. There were only 12 drivers this year but I think everyone had a good time. And if you heard rumors that we actually wrecked a kart, the rumors are true. Someone else will need to share that story. Fall and Winter look bleak from here (melodramatic).

The last Track Night in America at GingerMan was September 17<sup>th</sup>. South Bend Region members who made that a successful event were: Dennis Jennings, Duane Belisle, Rich Hammond, Paul Hirn, HC Colwell, Dave Gushwa, Steve Bollinger and TNiA Administrator Jeff Luckritz. Also, new (March 2020) SBR dual member Heather Ingraham drove in from Evanston, IL for this final event of the year.

Don't forget the upcoming elections. Duane Belisle and Joe Jameson are our Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving as Regional Executive or on the Board of Directors please contact one of those gentlemen. Nominations will be open to the floor at the October and November meetings with the election at the November meeting, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Beef O'brady's.

Watch for information coming soon regarding our annual banquet. A guest speaker has been procured. The food is always good. Awards are plentiful.

As always, stay safe.

Paul McBride

## SOLO #7 REPORT

I ventured over to the Tire Rack on Sunday to see how the event was going only to find that they were on lunch break. Figures. Anyway when they resumed running I got some shots of people doing their thing. The competition looked pretty close in some of the classes with a good turnout of competitors ( around 60 I believe).

I don't pretend to know very many of those competing so I don't know how many members actually ran, but there were some familiar faces. Steve Jackson was doing the announcing from the trailer. Too bad as it was a beautiful day to be outside. Lots of sun with a nice breeze to keep it cool. Also doing trailer duty was Joe Jamison and Donovan Kitchen. Also helping out were Miles Beasley, Chris Heideman in timing. Thanks to Kim Bollinger and Steve Smalla for the help in registration. This is a great team that does a great job at the solo events and our Summer Festival of Speed. Keep up the good work. You are very much appreciated. We can't do this without all of you helping.

I will publish some of the pictures that I took on the next page. As you can see it looks as though everyone had a good time.



Daniel Moody from Middleville, Mi.



Young Oh of Kalamazoo , Mi.



George Williams



Dave Gushwa



Our timing and announcing crew

Donovan Kitchen, Joe Jamison, Steve Jackson



Jarrett Black of LaPorte, In.



Juan Constantino



Bill Loring



Rodney Stemm from Elkhart, In.



Juan Constantino after a ride with Bill Loring  
Seems to be the feeling after a ride at a solo event

#### ARTICLE ON UPCOMING AUCTION FROM ROD MARKOWICZ

### Tired of TV???

If you are tired of watching reruns on TV, you can get your cat fix by viewing an upcoming local rare/ unique Auction website. The actual Auction is to be held Oct 23-24 at the Elkhart Co Airport along with on-line bidding. This is part of Najeeb Kahn's collection with at last count 285 cars along with auto memorabilia, shop equipment, and even auto themed stuff for the house. The cars had NO Reserve, but too many items for me to check all. To view preview cars go to <https://rmsothebys.com> . "Click" on magnifying glass at upper right. Type Elkhart collection in search line, select "all motor vehicles" from middle pull down menu, and "click" on SEARCH. There are close to 600 items, so if you want to see more than cars then select "all Categories" from middle pull down menu. They display at 40 per page. If one "clicks" on item you will see several additional photos including close up details and sometimes serial numbers. This action also gives additional written description on items, many times including specifics and car's life history. Word has it that on Thursday before Auction one can pay \$20 to get in and view. Think about it....being local one can bid, win, and pick up item and save on shipping.

### WANTED ALIVE

We are looking for some dedicated people in the club to run for either the RE or to serve on the Board of Directors. You don't need any experience as we will teach you along the way. You get to see and be part of the inner workings of your club. No need to be shy! All you need to do is contact either Duane Belisle at [mazdaman86@msn.com](mailto:mazdaman86@msn.com) or Joe Jamison at [joseph.p.jamison@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.p.jamison@gmail.com).

Then come to the October meeting.

We will be sending out the absentee ballot to all members and will include it in the next PitBoard. If you can't make the November meeting fill out the ballot and email (we don't trust the UPSP—ha ha!) to one of the two above.

# MEET THE MEMBER

## MEET DAVID & PEGGY ANSON

David drag raced a 1969 Mustang MACH 1 in the 1970's and early 1980's.

In 1982 - 1987 we managed a 24 hour service station with gas, repairs and towing service. A non stop business was our priority! After that David went on the road as an Over the Road truck driver.

He loved being on the road, which meant there was no time for anything else.

In 1996, a trip was made to Battle Mountain Nevada for the Pony Express road race. A race that was run on the highway with all the side roads and personal drives that were silver mines blocked. That race was done in a 1994 Mustang GT, Again in 1997, with the 1969 Mustang MACH 1. She had a 2 day old paint job and took the 'ULTIMATE DREAM CAR' at the event. Both races had a Pilot and Co-pilot. Peggy was the Co-pilot.

Now into 2004, we head to the Nashville Super Speedway for a road race on the road course inside the track. The 1969 had track time and the 1994 was there for everything else. The cars had to park about 2 football fields apart. What a walk!

2009 was the 45th Mustang Birthday at Barber Motorsports in Leeds Alabama. This is a very wide track for motorcycles. Well maintained. 1994 Mustang GT got to do the honors this time!

2014 was the 50th Mustang Birthday at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Again the 1969 Mustang MACH 1 was on the road course inside the track.

*Bricks at Indy*



*Cars & Coffee*



*At Home*





## David & Peggy Cont.

In 2016 it was the 40th MCA (Mustang Club of America) celebration at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The first car club to have the track at higher speeds, The 1969 Mustang MACH 1 was on the road course. The front straight-away he was doing 123MPH. The road course is run opposite of the Indy 500.

Now we move to 2019. 55th Mustang Birthday and opening of the Mustang Owners Museum at Charlotte Motor Speedway. The road course has been redesigned and now called the ROVAL. We take the 2018 Mustang GT Automatic with the Performance Pack.

This puts him in a different class. He doesn't mind because now he has the braking power and speed to keep up with the rest of the high performers, GT 500's and Boss 302's!

We joined SBR after Denny Jennings convinced us in November 2017. We wanted to be workers, flagging and grid were our choices. All workers jobs are important to each race because without the workers there would be no event. We enjoy members events at Gingerman. The road racing is a little closer to home and just enough to satisfy the NEED FOR SPEED. There are some cool and unique cars you see while flagging and working grid. The drivers and other people you meet while flagging has been in the SCCA a lot longer than us and have some interesting stories!

**18 at Charlotte**



**2018 & 1969  
at  
Sonic Drive In**



**1969 & 1994  
at  
Crossroads  
Cruise In**



# “THE STARTERS STAND”

## *Laurel Racing part 2*

Construction of the second generation Camaro began. With help from Chevrolet's Bill Howell, Laurel Racing developed the 1970 Camaro. In addition to parts and engineering from Chevrolet, more help came from Goodyear via a sponsorship agreement to provide tires in exchange for Goodyear decals on all four fenders.

The finished car was painted white with red lettering and red wheels.

By May of 1971, the Camaro was well sorted. Larry Drover in wet conditions at Lime Rock qualified 14<sup>th</sup> in a field of 31 TA competitors.

Later in 1971, Fushida Racers formed a sponsorship agreement with Laurel Racing to fund an effort with Hiroshi Fushida driving the car. Hiroshi had never driven a sedan prior to the effort, but quickly proved capable and could give good feedback and set up changes.

Later in the season, while my family and I were sitting at Road America's Canada corner watching the Trans-Am race, a spectacular accident happened in front of us. Hiroshi lost control, crashed thru a guard rail and hit a tree pinning him in the car for 2 hours while emergency crews worked to get him free. He spent 2 days in the hospital with numerous broken bones. Hiroshi never raced in the TA series again, but he continued driving in other series.

The car was repaired and returned to racing.

Somewhere around 2005, the Camaro was restored and began competing in vintage races and concours events on the west coast.

Mike Jennings



In August 2008, the Laurel Racing Camaro won the coveted award for Best Presentation and Performance at the Monterey Historics.



SCCA Trans Am race, Road America, 1971. Hiroshi Fushida (driver), Larry Drover (owner), and the Laurel Racing crew: Jim Linger, Jim Hablick, & Paul Powell. Photo courtesy of Larry Drover.

The election period for your Area 4 Director is coming up October 15, 2020-November 16, 2020.

This year's voting will be handled via the Member Account Portal at [my.scca.com](http://my.scca.com). An email notification will be sent to eligible voters with an email address on file prior to October 15, 2020.

Please take a few minutes to review the questions below to ensure that you have a smooth voting process. If you are on a family membership, each family member must log in with their SCCA Member # to cast their vote. A first time log in requires a valid email address on the member account and family members may use the same email address.

Have you been able to successfully log in to your Member Account Portal at [my.scca.com](http://my.scca.com)?

o Yes? Great, skip to the next question.

No? Contact Member Services Department at [membership@scca.com](mailto:membership@scca.com).

o Is your membership expiration date greater than October 1, 2020?

o Yes? Great, you're an eligible voter - be watching for your electronic notification.

No? Renew your membership before October 1, 2020 at [my.scca.com](http://my.scca.com) or call 800-770-2055.

If you prefer to have a paper ballot mailed to you, you must opt out of electronic balloting on or before October 1, 2020 through one of the following methods:

Edit your Email subscriptions in your account at <https://my.scca.com>

o "Edit Contact Info" on "My Profile Page"

o "Edit Subscriptions" in the lower right under "Email Subscriptions"

o Add checkbox to "Opt out of electronic balloting"

o Click "Save"

Email [membership@scca.com](mailto:membership@scca.com) and request to "opt out of electronic balloting"

## **Marcus Merideth– Area 4 Director/ Election Biography**

My professional background is mechanical engineering with a Professional License in the state of Michigan. I have worked in the auto industry primarily for the last 33 years after starting my career in aerospace. My longest stint of employment was with Ford Motor Company and I now work at Rivian as a Closures Mechanisms Engineering Manager. I have served on the SCCA Board of Directors for the last 4+ years and also served a three year term earlier. My competition history and volunteer experience include: Solo Events Board 2005-2007, member 2001-2007; Regional Executive - Detroit Region; Solo Competitor 1987-Present; Regional Road Racing License holder 1999-2002; Formula SAE SCCA Chairman; Detroit Pro Solo Chairman; Chairman for numerous Regional Solo Events; Solo Safety Steward; Solo Safety Steward Instructor; Solo Youth Steward; Race Volunteer; Rally Competitor; Rallycross competitor; Time Trials competitor; Pro and Regional Race Crew and member since 1990. I have made every effort to represent the passion and joy of motorsports the Great Lakes Division has while serving on the Board of Directors and I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue serving the SCCA and you.

2020 has been an interesting year for everybody and the SCCA is not immune to the current conditions we live in. The President of SCCA Mike Cobb with his team has done an excellent job assuring the future viability of SCCA in trying times this year. The BoD has been meeting every other Monday night with Mike for most of this year to try and understand and help where possible the process of surviving 2020 for a not for profit mostly volunteer organization that works on events happening to fund it.

Happy to answer questions at [mmerideth@scca.com](mailto:mmerideth@scca.com).

Thanks for your time!

Marcus

## Dayle Frame - Area 4 Director Election Biography/Platform

I am running for this position for two reasons. One, it is time for me to find another way to “pay it forward” and give back to the Club that has given me so much enjoyment over the years. Two, because our current Director does not seem to want to communicate with the membership. During his tenure (2011 to present), Mr. Merideth has shown that he cannot be counted on to tell us what he has been doing while in the position. In this era of modern telecommunications, that is distressing. This should not be accepted when the membership has so much invested in this Club. Whether you are a worker or a driver, between dues, entry fees, event travel expenses, etc., most of us have hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars invested in our sport on an annual basis. Our elected officials need to be more accountable when the membership has so much on the line.

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I have been around the SCCA all my life. My father raced back in the mid to late 60’s when I was a kid. He was a lifelong member of Chicago Region. While I was in college and graduate school in the 80’s, I worked grid at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit (just west of Tulsa, OK) every chance I could. After school was done, my wife and I moved to Michigan and once we were settled in, we joined the club and began pursuing my lifelong desire to go racing.

In an effort to learn “how the sausage was made,” I became a flagger and worked at all the CenDiv tracks to understand how each different region put on a race. I talked to other workers, stewards, drivers, etc., to gain some insight into the process. This experience was invaluable in helping flatten my learning curve as I jumped into the deep end of the Club Racing pool.

I raced Sprites in H Production for 18 years with moderate success (a few wins.....but lots of fun). I decided to walk away from the car in 2018. The last three years, I have competed exclusively in Solo events in my Chevrolet Bolt in HS. As it’s a full electric car (all torque), it’s made for the tight, twisty confines of a Solo course and it’s a blast to drive.....on the course as well as the street.

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I have been an analytical chemist for over 35 years. After working for large and small firms as well as in academia, I am currently self-employed as an instrumentation sales rep for several firms. This position has allowed me to work from home for the last 12 years. This fact has given me the choice of being able to address my “non work” items at my convenience. I realize not everyone has this luxury and I plan on taking advantage of this and being available to the membership to a greater extent.

I believe I have the requisite, broad based experience within the Club to be qualified for the position:

- WMR member since 1997
  - WMR BoD member for over 15 years (Assistant RE, Director at Large)
  - WMR Club Racing event Race Chair (with Verne Wandell) for over 10 years including Regionals, Nationals, Majors
  - WMR Competition Manager for over 15 years. This position oversees all WMR competition programs (Solo, Club Racing, RallyX).
  - Club Racing worker experience in these specialties: Grid/Pits, F&C, Sound, Race Administration, Tech and Registration
  - GLDiv Club Racing Regional Champ Series committee member (rules writing, etc.)
  - Club Racing National Competition license holder for 18 years (2001-2018)
  - GLDiv Lead Instructor (over saw GLDiv driver’s school)
  - CenDiv Regional Champion in HP in 2001
  - GLDiv Champion in HP in 2010
  - Eight-time Runoffs participant
  - Solo participant for over 10 years
  - F&C worker at the Runoffs (2011, 2014, 2015)
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Should I gain the favor of my colleagues in Area 4, I will make sure to do the following:

- I will always have an “open door” policy so any member can let me know about specific questions, comments or concerns they may have about the Club’s operations or policies. I cannot draw conclusions in a vacuum. I must have input from the membership in order to act on your behalf.
  - I will always keep the membership informed as to my position on topics.
  - I will inform the membership on how I voted on items that come before the BoD.
  - I will email our membership on a monthly basis, so they understand my involvement on the BoD.
  - Use my professional training as a scientist to evaluate and collate data so I can properly make conclusions based on that data.
  - As my schedule permits, I will do my best to travel to regional meetings (post pandemic) and various SCCA events in our division (Club Racing, Solo, RallyX, TNiA, etc.).

Thank you, in advance, for your support. For further details about the campaign, my biography, my platform and my commitment to the membership, please visit my campaign’s web page at [wmr-scca.org/Dayle4Area4](http://wmr-scca.org/Dayle4Area4)

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