

PITBOARD



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FROM THE EDITOR

So another month has gone by. Cannot believe that it is October already. This year has gone by really fast for all the stuff going on.

November 3 is an important night for SBR. We will be holding our elections for the RE and Board of Directors. So do come to the meeting and let your voice be heard in who will be running your club for the next year. If you cannot make the meeting then be sure to send in your absentee ballot that you will find elsewhere in this issue. We have a great slate of candidates for the board that are willing to step up. You can also get your vote in online by going to <https://forms.gle/qj3Z1Tc4BEcTLdvTA>. You received the link that was sent in an email to all the members that list their email address with the National office. If you didn't get an email make sure that you give your email to the National office.

You can find some members bio in this issue. We attempt to make you aware of those that are running for office so that you can make an informed selection. If they haven't sent me their info then that means they didn't respond to my request.

Hope to see you at the meeting. Oh yeh! Don't forget that other election. Get out and vote for your favorite.

Denny

Update on Lloyd Loring

Most know by now that Lloyd had a medical problem on October 2nd. Initially thought to be a stroke turned out not to be. That is the good news.

Lloyd had some surgery done and is now in recovery at Memorial hospital. He is doing well and I am sure he would appreciate hearing from members that have known him over the years. You can send him good wishes on his facebook page via messenger.

Best wishes Lloyd from all of us at SBR

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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!

CALENDAR of EVENTS

November
03 – Club Meeting – Elections

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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ELECTION NIGHT

November 3, 2020

Beef O'Brady's at 7:00 P.M.

Don't forget to come to the meeting and vote for your person that you want as RE or on the Board.

Better yet, come and volunteer to run for office.

Hear from the nominees and decide who is best.

This is your club and you have a say in who runs it, so don't miss that opportunity to vote.

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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.

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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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>

NOT A SBR MEMBER?

Go to www.scca.com to join

Choose SBR as your local region

R.E. REPORT

Fall is gearing up; competition is winding down. The last SBR Solo is October 18. The last GLD Regional Race is October 17, 18.

Remember November 3rd. After you decide Red or Blue don't forget the SBR Elections. Our Nominating Committee - Duane Belisle and Joe Jameson – have prepared a full ballot for Board of Director positions. No one has stepped to the plate to run for Regional Executive but there is still time. Nominations for RE and Board will be open at the November meeting. There are three ways to cast your votes this year. Those are detailed in other parts of this issue of *Pitboard*.

If you were awarded a year end trophy for 2019 it is time to return the traveling portion of that award. Please make arrangement for getting those to the November or December Membership meetings or to Duane Belisle.

Did I mention food? Over the last several years we have had a simple Buffett at the November meeting (election night). This year due to COVID issues the Board has decided to forgo the Buffett and pick up \$10.00 on everyone's food and drink bill. Sounds like a good deal to me!

Don't forget the Annual Banquet in January. We don't know exactly how that will look but there will be a guest speaker that I am sure all will enjoy. Annual awards for 2020 will be presented.

Stay safe and enjoy the ride.

Paul McBride - RE

SOLO REPORT

By the time you read this, the final Solo of the season will have taken place! Hopefully many of you were there. :) If any of you have any suggestions or feedback on the season, please send me an email at solo@sbrscca.org We will also be scheduling an end of season wrap up meeting, where we will work on planning for next season, once we have a location and date I'll be sure an email goes out. It is open to all members who would like input on our Solo program. Thanks to everyone who has participated this year, and extra thanks to everyone who has helped organize and execute the events we hold. While I will continue as Solo Co-Chair for next season, you will be seeing more of Scotland in the foreground as we transition the leadership of the program over the next year. Have a safe winter (winter....yuck!), and see you next season!

Jason

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

“THE STARTERS STAND”

BEST JOB EVER

Other than behind the wheel of a racecar, the best place to be is on the starter’s stand with a flag or two in your hands.

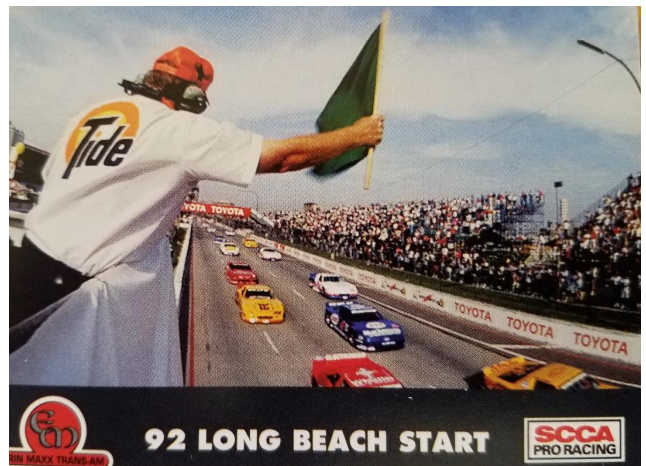
As the starter, you are the primary communicator with the drivers while they are on the track. By using the appropriate flag or flags you give the signals as requested by the race director or chief steward.

I was fortunate to learn the basics and advanced duties of the road racing starters job from Michigan’s own Bobbe Orr and Hugh Laird. We got to be known as the 3 redheads starting team thru out the 1970’s. After moving to Arizona, I got to meet and work with one of the best starters at the time Nick Fornoro, who worked for Championship Auto Racing Teams. He taught me the importance of looking and acting professional at all times, and to be aware of things happening at a very fast pace.

As you learn the job, you develop your own style, the ability to use either or both hands while waving flags. The more tracks and various events you can work just adds to your experience and memories. In my 48 plus years of starting, I have had the good fortune to wave the flags at over 50 tracks in the USA, Canada and Mexico, all working for SCCA Pro and club racing, IMSA, USAC, and other sanctioning bodies. I have worked road racing permanent and temporary street circuits, a one mile oval, and a 3/8 mile clay oval track.

If you are interested in learning more about the starter position, at the next club event come up and talk to the starters. I have found over the years that they are always ready to talk about their job and experiences.

Following are some pictures of starters doing their jobs and having fun at various tracks around the country.

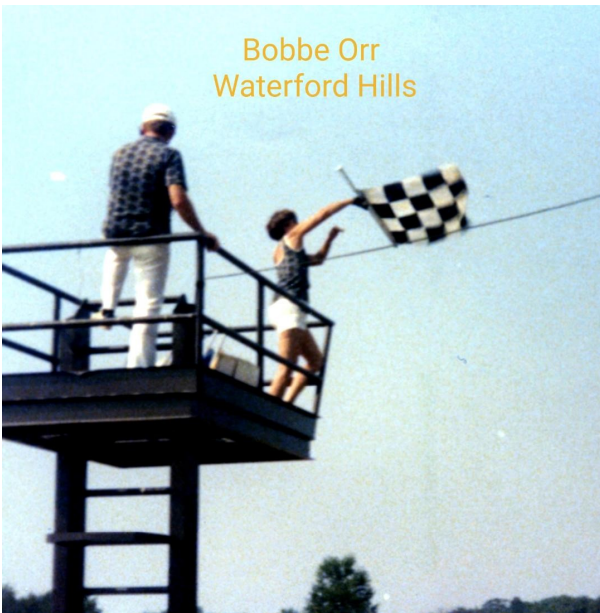




Hugh Laird
F1 chief starter
Detroit Grand Prix



Rainy Grattan
Raceway
Bobbe & Marc



Bobbe Orr
Waterford Hills



2011 SOUTH BEND NATIONAL RACE AT GINGERMAN
STARTING CREW

Bobbe Orr
Mike Jennings
Bruce Beauvois
Marc Henry

From the Editor,

Unfortunately after this article was written our good friend Hugh Laird passed away. The very best to his family from all of us at SBR.

SBR SCCA - A Dad's Dream Come

Hi Everyone. If you have children (kids) or were one, you may remember growing up trying baseball, softball, football, chess club, speech, band, and a variety of other things. For a long time, your parents either drug you or got you to practice, games, tournaments and the like. And if you are a parent, one day you wake up and there are no more games to watch and cheer and fret over. You are an empty nester. And for some, maybe you are very happy. :-)

For many of us, you long to connect with your children on some level - something that lasts past holidays, visits, and even phone calls - oh, excuse me, Zoom calls!

I have been blessed to have tried fishing (yes, there was a boat), dirt bikes, and ATVs with my boys - who are now men. And I appreciate my kids saying they loved it all, but to be honest, I was never very good at any of them. But we did them together. So as all that passed, I was pretty excited when I told them "mom was going to let me buy a sports car" and I wanted them involved. It was a pretty plain BMW 328 but the "Bublitz men" were in it together.

That was seven years ago. I have been doing HPD style events for going on six years now. I am not an expert, but I like to think I am a considerate and competent cohabitant of the track. My youngest was the first to convert his stock Civic Si into a trackable car. I watched as he put a new shift knob in his "if you stay home and go to the local college, I'll buy you a car" car. Then it was an exhaust. Then I went on a business trip and came home a week later and the car got lower!

Today, we do track events together. My oldest bought an STI and I upgraded my 328 to a 335 - which you might see around the track.



The Stable

SCCA - and in particular South Bend SCCA has been a wonderful partner in helping this dad stay in touch with his kids. Everyone has been great. It is always helpful to have people you trust speak into your children's lives. Rod Markowicz took a liking to Caleb and really influenced him - in a positive way - showing him the ropes in tech inspection at major events. He brings expertise and humor to light. And let me tell all of you who wear SCCA logos on your shirts and participate or run or volunteer at events, you are influencers of the next generation and I am very thankful you are there to speak into my kids' lives - whether as a coach,

Instructor, peer, or person of authority at an event.

As for me, I've been an SBR SCCA member for a few years now. I live in La Porte. It's a bit of a hoof to make meetings and try to stay involved. And until this year my job had me traveling regularly so making meetings was even harder. Now COVID has gotten in the way. But I am committed to sticking around. You'll see me volunteer at a couple of major events every year, coach at Street Survival, and try to do all the Track Nights I can fit in. This year I did a solo flag stint on Turn 9 at Gingerman at a weekend event. Thank you all for being patient with me and teaching me to be a competent corner worker. I feel you can call on me in the future and I will do a good job. It was a great learning experience.

I acquired a Mustang last year so maybe there are some Solo events in my future. The stock suspension and brakes have to go first. I had my first "personal track event" of my career - a spin - and Dave was unbelievably helpful in working with me to walk through what I did wrong - and right - and how to get better. Thanks, Dave!

It's a tough pill to swallow when you realize your child is not just a better gearhead but also a better driver than you will ever be. I still have a bigger pocket book, but that will only take me so far for so long. The picture below has me in front - I know it's not a race - but I had to point him by as he was catching me in the corners. The Mustang gets a new suspension and brakes in two weeks - we'll see what happens after that.



Mark, Sam and Caleb



Mark at work on the track

Thank you all for all you do for our sport and as a byproduct, our families. I hope I get to know you all better in the coming years.

Thanks again,

Mark Bublitz

TRAINING WITH THE SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT

In September we once again had the privilege of setting up a course for the South Bend Police department at the Tire Rack. With the help of Dave Gushwa, David Bowman and Dave and Peggy Anson we set up a pretty challenging course for them to run on.

Last year was the first year to do this and they enjoyed it enough to request we do it again. I enjoy this as it gives me a chance to interact with the police as good will. My ultimate goal is to det up a challenge with various departments in the area. They could send us their best drivers and challenge each other for the best group. It could somehow be publicized to show the community that the police go thru some rigorous training and don't just drive crazy as some folks think.

I also talked to the Bremen group when they were there the day before and they though it would be a great idea. Even the Tire Rack could be interested in an event of this type. This is for next year so if anyone has a contact with any police department in the area please get with them and see if there is an interest. Then let me know.

I have included a picture of Cory Bair running the course. He is the head training officer with the SBPD. He actually got his time in his squad car almost down to the time I ran in the Bullitt. Pretty impressive.

Denny Jennings

Cori Bair runs the course



MEET BOARD NOMINEE —DAVID GUSHWA

I am a life long motorsports enthusiast; from Drag racing with my brother and his 67 GTO, go-Kart racing with the WKA with my enduro kart. Autocross since 1996 with my Formula Firebird, Ford Focus and now Boss 302. SCCA member since 1997. I have worked flagging and communication for all but 1 of our Burt Olson national races and have a regional F&C license. I am a Solo Safety Steward. I have been a board member for the last 10 years, wow it doesn't seem that long. Over these ten years, we have started the go-kart racing, winter trips, club track nights, and the annual Cubs game night to give back to the active membership. In addition as a club we supported Lane Automotive for the Motor State challenge, expanded to two race events at GingerMan, and joined other regions in starting the Hoosier Challenge Autocross event. This year we had the challenge to dial back on some of the spending due to covid and the cancellation of many early events some of it our doing, and some of it not within our control. We could have pulled back everything, but with the club in good shape we still wanted to provide value to the membership while not decimating our savings or causing a potential issue in the future. We kept the Motor State Challenge, the Summer festival of speed, and GoKarting. Many hard decisions were made to avoid loss, or preserve the rainy day funds, given the unknowns at the time. I believe the correct decisions were made, and the club will exit this time ready for a return to normalcy whatever that will be within the next year. As a board member it is my job to provide input and support for new ideas to grow the club, approve spending to maintain the clubs assets, buy new assets or replace old assets. For sure the clubs activities have grown these ten years beginning under the watch of Jeff Luckritz as RE and have continued through to the present day with Paul McBride as RE. As a board member, I wish to continue the success and ideology that won South Bend Region "Region of the Year" in 2015, so I respectfully ask for your vote in the November club elections. Thank You



MEETING—NOVEMBER 3 AT 7:00 P.M.

ELECTIONS

\$10.00 from the club toward your meal

What better way to spend election night?

MEET BOARD NOMINEE MARK MANNINEN

Greetings South Bend Region SCCA Members,

I was asked and accepted the nomination for Board Member at Large for the upcoming 2021 term. I am ready to step back into an active leadership role within our region and you can be confident I will do my best to represent the interests of the Club membership. My goal is to ensure a stable yet progressive approach to decisions that are necessary to ensure we offer the best possible experience for the widest range of members. I believe the purpose of the Club is to serve the members and have Fun with Cars.

A little bit about me may help you decide if I am the right candidate to earn your vote. I am married with 2 grown children and, by the time you read this, 3 grandkids. I manage a local Fire Protection contracting group in South Bend and have been in management and engineering for over 40 years. I hope to retire in a few years and pursue my love of motorsports behind the wheel of my home-built "Lotus-like" Super Seven track car (or any car that anyone is willing to let me drive). I have been a South Bend Region member for over 15 years and participate actively in autocross, track days and as a volunteer race worker. I have a keen interest in pursuing Time Trials competition and possibly Hill Climbs as well as endurance road racing as my budget and time allows. I previously served the South Bend Region as Solo Chair, Board Member, Club Secretary, Chair for the Hoosier Challenge, Street Survival Driving Coach, Club Bus Tour organizer as well as representing the Region at a few SCCA National Conventions. I currently hold a license as a Solo Safety Steward for autocross events, Novice Time Trials license, Regional F&C, Regional Scrutineer and National License as Course Marshal for road racing. I also have been known to occasionally show up for F&C duties for Track Night in America and Lane Events. I once was even a Chief of Beer for our Majors race. I will do pretty much anything that involves helping our Club be the best it can be and I always like hanging out with the SBR crew because you all are awesome.

See you at the Track!

Mark Manninen



MEET BOARD NOMINEE—H.C. COLWELL

I have been a member of SBR since June of 1990. My experiences with the club have been many and varied. They include participation in Solo, Road Rally, Road Racing (driver and crew), Street Survival School instructor, Lane Automotive Events, Karting, and SBR nights at the ball park.

In a more official capacity, I have served previously on the Region Board of Directors, was the Regional Executive, club Treasurer for many years, and I currently serve as the Region's flag chief for road racing, and am the Assistant Divisional Administrator for Flagging and Communication.

Recently I had the opportunity to represent the Region at our National Convention, earlier this year I represented the Region at the Spring Training Event held in Fort Wayne. Both of these experiences added valuable insights into the workings of the club beyond the local Region.

I would like to serve the Region, sharing with my years of experience. That being said, the region is fortunate to have many qualified candidates for BOD this year. If you think that I am the right person to serve, I would covet your vote.



Don't forget to come to the meeting on November 3 and vote for your board of directors. If you cannot attend then vote online or send in the ballot here in Pit-Board

MEET BOARD NOMINEE JASON CLEVELAND

I'm a 6-year member of the SBR SCCA. I got my start with the club when I signed my son up for Street Survival. Shortly after I bought a Subaru WRX and was encouraged by a friend to try out Autocross, I was hooked to say the least. A few years ago, when Solo program needed a new Chair person, I agreed to give it a shot. While I will continue as Solo Co-chair for another year, I'm ready to explore other ways I can contribute to the club beyond 2021, which is why I'm running for Board of Directors. In my professional life I am the Vice President of Engineering for an automation and test company in Southwest Michigan. I believe I can bring some of the principals and ideas I've learned from 25+ years in the automation business and managing an engineering group to the leadership of our club.



SOUTH BEND REGION DAY at THE STUDEBAKER MUSEUM

On October 3 South Bend Region was the club of record for the Cars and Coffee at the Studebaker Museum. I was pretty disappointed in the turn out for the region. We had an opportunity to let people know about our club. Sam Centellas set up the date and listed it on our facebook page but only a couple of members showed up. We did have a couple of members show up just to look. Good friend Gary Kowalski was there to see and Sam, myself and Brian Mockler (I think, but pardon me if I am wrong). Also had a couple of Mustangs for Michiana Mustangs show up.

There were some interesting cars to say the least. Maybe next year we can do it again. Would be nice to have it earlier in the year and actually have more cars show up in better weather.

Am including a couple of pictures of the event. Thanks to Sam for setting this up.



Left: Sam



Right: Brian

MEET BOARD NOMINEE STEVE BOLLINGER

I am currently on the SBR board and am running for re-election. Over the past 22 years I have served SBR in various capacities, both in Solo and Club racing. Prior to that I have been an SCCA member since 1980 and have been the one of the key team members running solo nationals' numerous times, and a core member of the Solo group in St. Louis.

While I am primarily a solo competitor having achieved a total of 6 Solo national championships, I have accumulated 6-8 hours per year of on track, wheel to wheel competition in each of the past 6 years.

Activities with the club include:

Solo:

- Event chairman – Numerous events
- Equipment Chief
- Course Designer
- Tech Inspector
- School Instructor
- Worker Chief
- Street Survival Instructor
- Sourced new replacement timing equipment
 - Kept old equipment working in interim.
- Built the wireless display adapter
- Have designed courses and run numerous Solo's at Track venues.
- Chief of Course at Solo Nationals several years



Club Racing

- Corner Worker
- Licensed Course Marshal
- Solved the Track repeater issue to provide improved communication
- Co-designed and fabricated a solution for the relocation of the track repeater (the Repeater Barn)
- Located improved headset microphone components so corner workers can be heard
- Track Night in America Coach

I plan to continue to solve problems for the club to make things better and help to guide us in providing top level events in every activity we pursue.

MEET BOARD NOMINEE CALEB MULLAUER

My name is Caleb Mullauer and I am running for the South Bend region board of directors. I've been a part of the club for 5 years now. I've attended nearly every meeting during that time and have really learned a lot about the inner workings of our club. I have attended the national convention as a representative of our club and my work at Lane Automotive gives me first hand knowledge of all things racing. I've also been on the board the last year and would like the opportunity to continue that. I like to think I offer a bit of a different point of view being one of the younger members of our club that's active. If elected I would continue to work with our members to set up events and represent our club in the best light possible.

MEET BOARD NOMINEE RODNEY STEMM

My name is Rodney Stemm, I am on the ballot for your SCCA South Bend region board of directors.

I have been involved in varied motorsports and power sports for 5 decades. The experience that began working 3 years with the late BJ Swanson. He was taken from us all way to early in 1975 during a Formula 5000 race at Mid-Ohio. It happened in front of me, that has left a lasting memory of the need of impeccable preparation, not only the vehicle but also the entire course. If you are not familiar with BJ, the region continues to award a traveling trophy in his memory.

I became involved with jet engine drag racing. That began as a crew member, then with Ken Warby from Australia as his crew chief and then driving the team car. Ken holds the world water speed record in a boat at 317 MPH, that has stood since 1979. He was great to travel with as his knowledge to design and pilot his own boat was remarkable. The mortality rate is extremely poor. I was at Lake Jackson in Sebring, Fl., where I lived at the time (1989) when Craig Arfons (who built our jet funny cars) attempted the record. He did not survive.

Another chapter was in arrive and drive go karts. Endurance Karting was the company, founded by Johan Schwartz from Denmark. We had to promote, negotiate, and pull into a racetrack with 30 karts, helmets, suits etc. and perform driving schools, team building, family camps, 6- and 8-hour endurance races. Being based in the Charlotte area, we worked with many Nascar teams which is where you had to excel in hospitality

Having raced across the USA, Canada and Australia and held management positions in automotive repair facilities, this diverse background has taught me a lot that is helpful in making decisions in this position. The absolute top of the list will always be safety first. I have been a member only a few years, whereas some have been here for decades. We are all fortunate to have those in leadership which have made this region the envy of others.

If you are inclined to consider someone that will have an impartial opinion on matters, I will be proud to have your vote.

Thank You



South Bend Region Absentee Ballot for 2021

Directions:

- 1) Only South Bend Region members may vote.
- 2) You may vote only one time.
- 3) Forms must be submitted by Tuesday November 3 by 6:00 P.M.

- **Required**

Regional Executive (Choose one)

_____ Paul McBride (incumbent)

_____ Other _____

Board of Directors (Choose No More than Four)

_____ Steve Bollinger (incumbent)

_____ Dave Gushwa (incumbent)

_____ Caleb Mullauer (incumbent)

_____ Jason Cleveland

_____ H.C. Colwell

_____ Mark Manninen

_____ Traci Miller

_____ Rod Stemm

_____ Other _____

Your Name: _____

Your SBR/SCCA Membership Number * _____

Email to: Duane at mazdaman86@msn.com

or joseph.p.jamison@gmail.com

SOUTH BEND REGION HOLDS FINAL SOLO

Got your attention didn't I? South Bend Region hosted it's final solo of the season on Sunday Oct 18 at the Tire Rack. This finishes our events for 2020 is a confusing year that really was tough on SBR. Having had to cancel our National race hurt a lot. I believe that our Board of Directors did a fantastic job of running our club this year. Hats off and congratulations to them.

A total of 75 enthusiasts braved the cool temperatures and the threat of rain to have one last chance to show their stuff. What started as a damp and windy early morning worked out mis first run to have a dry course for everyone to get some good runs in.

But, as mother nature wins a lot of times the event ended up in the rain. Not all competitors got 6 runs in but the atmosphere was still happy and sad that this was the final event of the year.

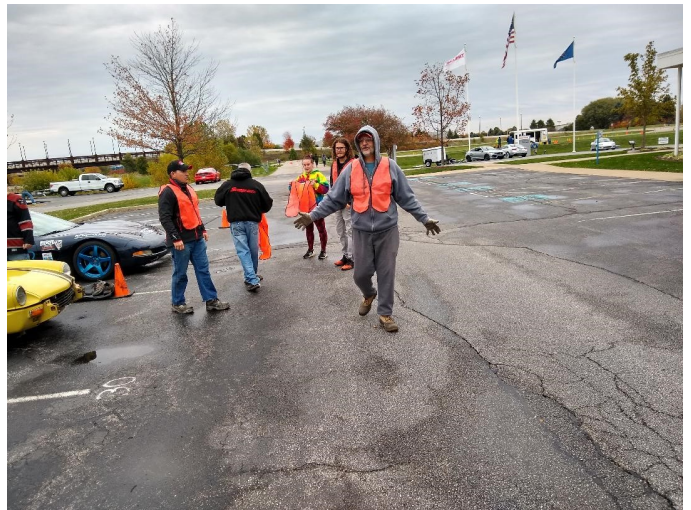
Now it is time to add up the results of all the events and see who becomes the award winners for each class so they can be honored at the annual banquet.

Thanks to all of those that attended the events this year. It was a trying year to say the least with Covid the real winner. Hopefully next year will be better. See you at the banquet.

Denny Jennings



Jason with final instructions to workers



Dave and Phil Bowman on grid



Mike Collins in his 65 Stang



Our Tech guy Gary Burton ready to run



Ken Petty showing his stuff



Miles Blakesley shows numbers aren't all they are cracked up to be



Kevin Kirchoff's immaculate RX-8



Brian Underwood's cool truck on course



Sam Centellas going for a quick time



Jeff Luckritz on a hot run