

# PITBOARD

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Well, Christmas is here and what a white Christmas it is. Roughly a foot of snow in our neighborhood. Can't wait to go out and use the snow-blower. Ugh!!

Patty and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. We just got back from a short vacation that gave us a nice warm prelude to what we have today. Ft. Myers Beach was great. But back to the reality of northern Indiana.

There will be no January meeting but hopefully we can start getting together soon. Miss seeing all of our friends from the club. Same goes with the Michiana Mustang group. These times kind of bite.

You will see in this edition that there is a schedule for 2021. Hopefully all of these events will happen after last years debacle. We all need to get back to as much a normal life as allowed.

Our awards banquet is currently scheduled for March 20. Watch here for further details

I would like for some of you to send me a short article about yourself and your relationship with SBR. It would help make the winter go by quicker and allow some others to know what makes you tick. Send the articles to me at [pitboard@sbrscca.org](mailto:pitboard@sbrscca.org). Don't be shy and think someone else will do it. Send yours today. Include pictures.

I would again like to congratulate Lloyd on being selected to the SCCA Hall of Fame. This is a great honor and he really deserves it. Hope you can continue for a lot more years. I hear you are celebrating your 93rd birthday on January 6. Happy Birthday. Contact him at [lwloring@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwloring@sbcglobal.net). He will appreciate it I am sure.

Well it looks like the sun just came out so maybe it is going to stop snowing for a while. I hope so. Hoping to see you all soon.  
Denny

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## No January Meeting

### REport – December

As you read this Christmas is probably past. New Year on the verge. It has been a trying year for all aspects of our society. I hope everyone is/was able to find some peace and joy this holiday season.

As you know the Annual Banquet has been postponed. The new tentative date is March 20, 2021. Solo is working on next year's schedule. Our race schedule has been set. Let's hope this whole pandemic is under control and life can return to the 'normal' as each of us would choose.

Have a Happy New Year and continue to stay safe.

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>

### 2021 Schedule

January

5 – No Meeting

February

2 – General meeting

March

2 – General meeting

20 – SBR Awards banquet

April

6 – General meeting

May

4 – General meeting

15/16 – Double regional (Gingerman)

16 – SCCA CRE Endurance racing

June

1 – General meeting

July

6 – General meeting

15/17 – Lane Motorstate Challenge

17/18 – SCCA Time Trials

23 – SCCA CRE Endurance racing

24/25 SBR Majors at Gingerman

### ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Our annual awards dinner is now being set in March.

Please watch your PitBoard for future announcements.

### GETTING SBR ACTIVITY POINTS

| <u>Activity</u>             | <u>Points</u> | <u>Activity</u>              | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 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 MEMBER

Join today at SCCA.com and Choose South Bend Region as your home region

## 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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### 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.

# Be Part of Something Special

## SBR Road Racing "Flip-Flops"

### Jeff Luckritz-Race Chair

South Bend Region does a darn good job hosting road races at GingerMan Raceway in South Haven, MI. For 2021, SBR is joining forces with the Detroit Region to host the following:

- May 15-16, 2021      SCCA Regional Road Racing
- May 16, 2021        SCCA Club Racing Experience Bracket Endurance Races
- July 23, 2021        SCCA Club Racing Experience Bracket Endurance Races
- July 24-25, 2021    SCCA Majors Road Racing

Over the years we have built up a strong contingent of Specialty Chiefs. These are SBR members that are "in charge" of all the volunteers within their given specialty. Quality Chiefs are crucial to a successful event and we could use a few more SBR members to show interest in becoming a Specialty Chief. Here's a list of SBR members with a Divisional or National license needed to be a Specialty Chief.

- Registrar                      None
- Starter                         Mike Jennings
- Tech                             Rod Markowicz
- Grid and Pit                  Lynnette Markowicz, Dennis Jennings, Duane Belisle
- Course Marshall              Mark Manninen and Steve Bollinger
- Timing and Scoring         Dave Ferris
- Flagging and Communication    Dave Bowman, Dick Cimildoro, H.C. Colwell, Jim Desenberg, Leon Krauss, Stephen Wajvoda
- Sound                         Jim Desenberg, Joe Jamison and Stuart Laks

**How many Chiefs should we have?** Ideally, two for every specialty. This way we are covered just in case one of our current Chiefs cannot make it for whatever reason. So, if you have a passion for working road races I encourage you to take the necessary steps needed to become a Chief in the area that interests you. To find out how, please send me an e-mail at [race@sbrscca.org](mailto:race@sbrscca.org).

**Never worked a race?** That's cool. Consider volunteering for a day or two this summer on one of the dates listed above. While I can't promise you fame and glory, I can promise you that I'll do everything possible to make your day fun and enjoyable. Typically, we start around 7:00 or 7:30 in the morning and finish up by 5:00 pm or so. You will get to see the racing action closer than you ever have before.

**What are the qualifications to work a race?** Enthusiasm and the ability to treat other people with kindness and respect. It's really that simple.

**Why should you volunteer?** Because South Bend Region has built up an outstanding reputation in the road racing community. We're a "medium" region that performs at a "big" region level when it comes to hosting some of the biggest races in the country. You can help us grow. You can help us increase the popularity SCCA road racing. We offer a great product and I am not just referring to the racing on track, I am talking about the way we treat people.

If you have questions about SCCA road racing and how you can get involved, please feel free to e-mail me at [race@sbrscca.org](mailto:race@sbrscca.org).



### **What is the Vision of SCCA Team Bracket Endurance Challenge?**

Our vision is to provide fun, safe and competitive endurance style racing for new and experienced racers.

### **What is the format?**

Each team will consist of a minimum of two drivers sharing one car using bracket-style of endurance racing.

### **What are the driver requirements?**

Drivers must be 18 years old, but there are provisions for 14-17 year-old drivers in some circumstances.

### **Do I need a race license?**

No. We will be running the weekend using the SCCA Club Racing Experience (CRE) rules. All drivers must attend the scheduled driver's meetings and classroom sessions. Drivers with SCCA, ChampCar, LeMons, Waterford Hills, Midwestern Council, Porsche Club of America or similar licenses are eligible to participate.

### **Who can drive for my team?**

The SCCA Team Bracket Endurance Challenge is intended to be fun and provide an opportunity to race with your buddies and be competitive. Each team may only have one "Expert Driver." An expert driver is defined as one of the following: SCCA Runoffs or NASA Champion in the past 10 years, IMSA or World Challenge license holder in the past 10 years etc. A stacked team of professional drivers is not in the spirit of the SCCA Team Endurance philosophy.

### **What vehicle can I race?**

Generally, most 4 and 6-cylinder production-based cars should be eligible. Some older V8 cars that do not make large horsepower may also be able to race (350 HP or less). In addition to these productions (tub) based cars smaller engine purpose built (tube frame) race cars may be included. The fastest allowable lap time for the long course at GingerMan Raceway is 1.40.00.

### **What are the safety requirements for the car?**

Short answer is: a roll cage, window net, race seat, race harness, and fire extinguisher. The long answer is "All vehicles must meet the safety and equipment requirements of GCR 9.3." GCR is SCCA's abbreviation for General Competition Rules which control Club Racing.

### **Does my car need to be inspected?**

Maybe. SCCA-legal cars with current annual tech inspection notations in their logbook do not need to be inspected. Others will need to be inspected, primarily for safety equipment.

### **What safety gear does the driver need?**

Approved helmet, head and neck restraint, driver's suit, racing gloves, racing socks and racing shoes. Complete details can be found in the GCR.

### **How will my car be timed?**

All teams must use an AMB 260X or AMB /MyLaps X2 transponder.

### **What's the format for the weekend?**

Each team will get 15-minutes of practice/qualifying and two 60-minute races.

### **What class will my car be in?**

We use a "bracket-style" classing(TBEC1-TBEC3) system with each class covered by about 2 seconds. For instance, the fastest class(TBEC1) will be those cars running between 1.40 and 1.41.99. TBEC2 will be 1.42 and 1.43.99 and so on. Your class will be determined during qualifying and if you "break out" of your class by running too fast you will automatically be bumped to the next fastest appropriate class. Braking abruptly and over-slowng may cause you to be black flagged. Brackets may be adjusted based on entries.

### **What modifications can I make to the car?**

Wings, splitters, fender flares are all permissible. You are prepping your car to look and handle like a race car not a carnival ride.

**If you are unsure if your modifications are acceptable, be sure to check with the Race director before you build it.**



Looks like a race car. Approved.



Not approved.



No way! Not approved.

### **What tires can I use?**

Any tire that is safe and appropriate for racing (Hoosier's, 200 Treadwear, 300 Treadwear). Stickier tires make you go faster and will put you in a faster class (for instance, TBEC2 instead of TBEC3). You decide what is most economical for you.

### **How long does each driver race?**

For 60-minute races, each driver must drive for a minimum of 20 minutes.

### **How long is a pit stop?**

Minimum pit stop time is 4-minutes from the entry of pit lane to the exit of pit lane. An egg-timer will be placed on your car at the entry of pit lane and you may not exit pit lane until the egg-timer reaches 5-minutes and the track is clear at pit-out. You may not leave your pit box until your egg timer reaches 20 seconds remaining. The speed limit in pit lane is 40 mph.

### **What if we need to re-fuel?**

No refueling is allowed for the 60-minute races.

### **How do we win?**

Each 60-minute race has a maximum of 25 points and the 90-minute race has 50 possible points. The team with the most points at the end of the weekend will be declared the winner. Points will be awarded as follows. 1st -25 pts, 2nd-21 pts, 3rd-18 pts, 4th-17pts, 5th-16 pts, 6th-15 pts, 7th-14 pts, 8th-13 pts, 9th-12 pts, 10th-11 pts, 11th-10 pts, 12th-9 pts, 13th-8 pts, 14th-7 pts, 15th-6 pts, 16th-5 pts, 17th-4 pts, 18th-3pts, 19th-2 pts, 20th-1 pt.

### **What if we are naughty?**

Car-to-car contact will not be tolerated. This includes "bump-drafting."

1. On track behavior will be in the spirit of GCR section 6. Any participant found to be overaggressive or dangerous may be black flagged and/or a time penalty will be awarded. Drivers will be counseled by the Chief Instructor or his designee or excluded from the event.

2. At a minimum any participant being found at fault in an accident will be put on probation for a recommended 13 months. Any participant being found at fault in an accident while on probation will be excluded for further participation in these events for 13 months.

### **Race Director Discretion**

The Team Bracket Endurance Challenge Race Director has the right to make adjustments during the weekend as they see fit in order to make racing better or safer.

### **Where can I find more information?**

Several documents can be found here: <https://www.scca.com/pages/cre-rules>

The latest version of the GCR can be found here: <https://www.scca.com/pages/cars-and-rules>

Contact the Team Bracket Endurance Challenge Race Director, Jeff Luckritz. [race@sbrscca.org](mailto:race@sbrscca.org).

| <b>DATES for 2021</b>                                  | <b>DRIVER'S SCHOOL</b>                                  | <b>REGIONALS</b>  | <b>MAJORS</b>               | <b>PDX or SCCA PRO EVENT<br/>or OTHER EVENTS</b>                              |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>All Dates in Red are to be considered Tentative</b> |   |   |                             |   |
| March 6-7  |   |   |                             |   |
| April 16-18  |   |   |                             | MIL DS/D @ BHF  |
| April 24-25  |   |   |                             |   |
| April 30-May 2   |   |   |                             | ST @ PIRC   |
| May 1-2  |   |   |                             | BH-M @ BHF  |
| May 8-9  |   |   |                             |   |
| May 14-16  |   | DET/SBR-D @ GM  |                             | IMSA @ MO   |
| May 21-23  |   |   | OVR-M @ MO                  |   |
| May 29-31<br>(Memorial Day)                            |   |   |                             | LOL-D @ Brainard  |
| June 4-6   |   |   |                             | CHI June Sprints - ST @<br>RA; Nascar @ MO; IMSA<br>@ Detroit GP/Belle Island |
| June 12-13   |   | NEO-R @ NL  |                             | IndyCar @ DET/Belle Island -<br>T   |
| June 18-20 (Father's<br>Day)                           |   | WMR-D @ GRA   |                             | IndyCar @ RA  |
| June 26-27   |   |   |                             | MIL - D @ BHF   |
| July 2-4   |   |   |                             | IndyCar @ MO; Nascar @<br>RA                    LOL- D @ BHF                  |
| July 9-11  |   | NEO-D @ NL  |                             | MIL Cat Majors @ RA   |
| July 15-18   |   |   |                             | Vintage @ RA  |
| July 23-25   |   |   | SBR/DET-M @ GM              |   |
| July 30-August 1                                       |   | CINCI-D @ MO  |                             |   |
| August 6-8   |   |   |                             | IMSA @ RA   |
| August 14-15   |   |   |                             | CHI-D @ RA  |
| August 21-22   |   |   | WMR - M @ GRA               |   |
| August 28-29   |   |   |                             | STL Cities @ PIRC - T   |
| Sept 3-5 (Labor Day)                                   |   | OVR-D @ MO  |                             |   |
| Sept 11-12   |   |   |                             |   |
| Sept 18-19   |   |   |                             |   |
| Sept 25-26   |   |   |                             |   |
| Sept 20-24   | <b>SCCA National Runoffs - Indianapolis - Test Days</b> |   |                             |   |
| Sept 25-Oct 3  | <b>SCCA National Runoffs - Indianapolis</b>             |   |                             |   |
| Oct 8-10   |   |   |                             | CHI-D @ BHF   |
| Oct 15-17  |   | OVR-D @ MO  |                             |   |
| Oct 23-24  |   |   |                             |   |
| Oct 30-31  |   |   |                             |   |
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| <b>T=Tentative</b>                                     | <b>R=Restricted</b>                                     | <b>D=Double</b>   | <b>C=Champ Series Event</b> | <b>M=Major</b>  |
| <b>GM= GingerMan</b>                                   | <b>GRA=Grattan</b>                                      | <b>Q=Quad Only 1 Sanction per day counts</b>              |                             | <b>DS=Drivers School</b>  |
| <b>NL=Nelson Ledges</b>                                | <b>MO=Mid Ohio</b>                                      | <b>MIS=Mich Intl Speedway</b>                             | <b>WAT=Waterford Hills</b>  | <b>ST= Super Tour</b>   |
| <b>NCM= National Corvette Museum MS Park</b>           |   | <b>PIRC - Pittsburgh Interna-<br/>tional Race Complex</b> |                             | <b>BHF=Blackhawk Farms<br/>RA=Road America</b>                                |