

# PITBOARD



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SPORTS CAR CLUB of AMERICA

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Another month of social distancing and face masks. Finally we will be getting back to an in-person meeting for the club. Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces. Don't forget that this will be awards presentation night from the 2020 season, even though we will have run our first solo of the year on the 25th. Put May 4 on your calendar if you have an award coming .

We also had our trailer cleaning day on April 17th. See pictures of that elsewhere in this edition. Got it done in short time. Thanks to Mark Manninen for letting us use his business garage for that. It always helps to be indoors and out of the elements.

May also marks the Regional race for SBR. It happens on May 15/16 at Gingerman. If you can even come help for one day it will be appreciated. We need workers for all specialties. You can learn how to flag at a corner, do Tech inspection, be a starter, grid cars, work pit lane help registration, timing and scoring, or just be a gopher for the race chair. This is a great chance for new members to get introduced to door to door racing at any level, even up to working pro races.

Look for merchandise to have some new design t-shirts coming up. They will have our new logo so be the first to have one. Should have them at the May meeting.

Look for the new section coming in Pitboard. I am adding a classified ad section for members. Got something automotive related you want to sell?

## IT'S RACE TIME FOR SBR    MAY 15/16 @ GINGERMAN RACEWAY

We can always use more volunteers to work this event. It is a CRE event along with a Double Regional Race. Come one day or both. You can't get closer to racing than this.

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### NEW MEMBERS

Carl Davis of Mishawaka

Joel Kneifel of Chesterton

Ben Pletcher of South Bend

James Warren of LaPorte

WELCOME TO SBR

HOPE TO MEET YOU SOON

## 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

May

4 – General meeting (Awards night for 2020)

15/16 – Double regional (Gingerman)

16 – SCCA CRE Endurance racing

23 – Solo #2 – Tire Rack

June

1 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)

10 – South Bend Cubs game (reservation required - email Pitboard editor)

13 - Solo #3 -

July

6 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)

15/17 – Lane Motorstate Challenge

17/18 – SCCA Time Trials

23 – SCCA CRE Endurance racing

24/25 - SBR Majors at Gingerman

August

3 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)

14/15 – Solo #4 - Grissom (double great lakes division point event)

28 – Starting Line School

29 – Solo #5 – Tire Rack

September

7 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)

19 – Solo #6 – Tire Rack

October

5 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)

## 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.

## 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](http://SCCA.com) and Choose South Bend Region as your home region

# REport

It's Saturday, rainy and cool. As I sit here and start this article many things are happening. Earlier today I sat in on a ZOOM meeting that served as SCCA National's Annual Meeting. More on that later. Last week I was involved with a ZOOM meeting for REs of Med/Large regions.

On to the local scene. When you read this our first Solo will be in the books. As has become the norm I am sure the event will be well managed and all necessary precautions and safety issues dealt with appropriately.

In a few short weeks we will have our first race weekend At **GingerMan** Raceway in South Haven. This year both of our race weekends will also feature Club Racing Experience bracket racing. As always volunteers are needed to run the events and are always appreciated. If you would like to experience working in a race specialty give **Jeff Luckritz** a call or sign up on Motorsports Registration. See the SBR website for more information.

As announced in last month's **PITBOARD** we will be having a face-to-face Membership Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. This meeting will serve as our awards banquet. I hope to see many of you there.

I stated at the beginning of the report I had participated in two ZOOM meetings. The first was for REs. I learned that as RE I am the chief safety officer of the region. I have notified the Board and the Competition Chairmen of the following guidelines for any and all of our events this year. Those guidelines are:

- We will follow local guidelines (CDC & County Health Department)
- As conditions change we will adhere to site requirements

Here are a few highlights of the Annual Meeting.

<b><u>SCCA Foundation:</u></b>	Donations to the Foundation were up 25% in 2020
	85% of the club's archives have been sorted and filed
	The Tire Rack Street Survival program returns in late summer
<b><u>SCCA PRO Racing:</u></b>	2020 losses were 'considerably' lower than 2019
<b><u>SCCA Enterprises:</u></b>	SRF3 was the top Majors class with 657 entries
	FE2 had the largest entries of the 'winged' classes
<b><u>Virtual Convention:</u></b>	Nearly 1000 participants
	Over 3000 views
	62 sessions were available
<b><u>Hill Climb:</u></b>	Hill climbing will be restarted later this year
<b><u>SCCA Endurance:</u></b>	The Championship previously announced will be held 3/31/2022 in Sebring, Florida
<b><u>Solo:</u></b>	There will be a return of Spring Nationals in Nebraska – late May
<b><u>PRO Solo:</u></b>	The PRO Solo program has been halted due to technical issues
	The program hopes to resume in late June at Bristol
<b><u>TNiA:</u></b>	Opening day for registrations topped \$100,000.00
<b><u>Membership:</u></b>	Renewals are up setting a 1 day record over \$100,000.00
<b><u>Finances:</u></b>	Annual audit is done. Will be reported in <b>SportsCar</b> in the third quarter

With the possible exception of some late April snow showers I hope everyone is having a great Spring. I'll close with the final question that was put forth at the Annual Meeting. **How do we define success?**

**Paul McBride - RE**

# It's Time to Race!

Jeff Luckritz, SBR Race Chair

South Bend and Detroit Regions are teaming up for two race weekends at GingerMan Raceway in 2021. Holding a race requires the help of volunteers and this is where you can make a contribution to SBR and be part of some pretty amazing events. There truly is "something for everybody" in terms of opportunities for volunteering.

Date(s)	Name	Event
May 15-16	Spring Festival of Speed	CRE Enduro and Double Regional
July 23-25	The Bert Majors	CRE Enduro and SCCA Majors

We are blessed to have a great group of Specialty Chiefs in SBR. Chiefs have been doing this many years and are happy to welcome and train new people. In the table below you can see the various positions available for volunteering. Based on our past events, I have listed our need for additional volunteers. For instance, we usually have a ton of people working grid and that's great so we don't really have a critical need for new people (you are more than welcome to help in that area). The Tech staff and the Flagging crew are always in need of additional volunteers.

Specialty		What you do	Need for NEW volunteers
Tech Inspection	C	heck equipment pre/post race	high
Flagging		Use flags to communicate	high
Pit Lane		Ensure safety of pit lane	medium
Sound		Measure sound levels of cars	medium
Timing and Scoring		Record lap times	medium
Course		Pick up stranded cars	medium
Grid		Get cars lined up	low
Registration		Help check people in	low

## Some Q & A

### What are the requirements to volunteer?

*Be enthusiastic, willing to learn and be nice.*

### What is the time commitment?

*You can work Saturday or Sunday or both. A typical day requires that you show up around 7:00 am or so and work until 5:00 pm.*

### What do you get out of volunteering?

*You get to hang out with super people, watch some fast cars and get to contribute to something pretty cool. We'll feed you lunch both days and dinner on Saturday. If we have enough racers, we might be able to help pay for your gas.*

### Who should I contact if I have questions?

The Race Chair, Jeff Luckritz (race@sbrscca.org).

## TEAM TRAILER

On Saturday, April 17 the team pictured below got together at Mark Manninen's place of business and cleaned out the club trailer. It was done on record time of just under 2 hours. Great job everyone.



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## SOLO REPORT

By the time you are reading this, our first event will be in the books! We received approval from Tire Rack for all of our requested dates, so our 2021 season calendar on the website is up to date and accurate. In total, we will have nine events this season. Six will take place at Tire Rack, and three at Grissom. The SBR hosted Grissom event in August will be a double divisional event for those looking to score Great Lakes Division points. The Indiana clubs decided to move the Hoosier Challenge to October, and the Indy region will be the host. This will be an SBR Points event. We have also been approached about the possibility of co-hosting an Autocross in the fall at Gingerman. If this is something you are interested in, please send me an email at [solo@sbrscca.org](mailto:solo@sbrscca.org), so I have an idea of our club's level of interest. As previously mentioned, Scotland Slabach will be the Solo Co-chair going forward, and taking on more of the event coordination, please look for him at the events and introduce yourself! (He's in the green Audi TT) Look forward to seeing you all at the events!

Jason Cleveland / Co—solo chair

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## TECH INSPECTION HELP NEEDED

**Tech help needed Friday afternoon/evening May 14<sup>th</sup> @ Gingerman. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> event of year and requires Driver's gear/helmet looked at to issue helmet Sticker. There is no difficult/technical inspection required, just every entrant needs this inspection to get on the track. If you want to learn more TECH.....stick around in TECH for Saturday &/or Sunday. Contact me at [rodionjm@yahoo.com](mailto:rodionjm@yahoo.com)**

**OR**

**Text Cell: 574-252-9428**

**Call Home: 574-232-4206**

**THKX! Rod Markowicz : Chief of Tech**



dframe@scca.com

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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for May, 2021

As we head into the competition season, I am reminded just how busy all of us are. Not just the competitors who have to get ready for the upcoming season but all the behind-the-scenes folks who make the races happen. They make the sausage, folks. They deserve a lot of kudos for all their hard work so the rest of us can play with our cars. No matter how you help “make the sausage”, your efforts are not forgotten. The competitors, management of your division and regional officers salute your efforts on our behalf. And drivers, be sure to thank those folks in person and offer a generous donation to the Worker Appreciation Fund of the events you attend.

I had even more meetings this month for a couple of reasons. One, a new sub committee was formed under the Club Racing Board (CRB) called the Electric Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) and we held our first meeting on 4/14. Details about this will be announced later. Two, an additional meeting was held by the CRB to focus on “strategic planning”.

- CRB on 4/6: This was a routine meeting and was finished in less than 90 minutes (a new record during my tenure). Nothing really exciting happened but we’ll see how the driver corps accepts the results (which can be viewed her).
- EVAC on 4/14: Again, details to be announced later.
- CRB Strategic Planning on 4/22: Some long-term planning discussions were held. The Club Racing program is strong but the changing economy, Club demographics and other factors lend uncertainty for its future. The overarching theme of “how do we make the product better” was applied to a wide variety of topics. This will be an ongoing conversation so we’re planning on meeting monthly to discuss these issues.
- BoD on 4/26: I’ll report on this meeting next month.
- RXB on 4/27: I’ll report on this meeting next month.

My personal travels for race events started this month as I visited my brother in NC for a couple of days before heading to VIRginia International Raceway (VIR) for a Hoosier Super Tour (HST) event there. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the race was considered a “private event” by the State of Virginia. This meant no spectators, no over crew and everyone had to be an SCCA member. They also limited the entries to 300 plus ‘double dippers’. It was a very well-run event with nice weather (other than the Saturday night thunderstorms with a tornado watch in nearby counties).

I’ll be off to Pittsburgh International Race Complex (PIRC) for another HST race on 4/30-5/2 and MidOhio for an OVR Major Club Race on 5/22, 5/23. OVR could always use more workers. If you want to sign up, please follow this link. To view all the SCCA events I’ll be attending this year, visit my [schedule](#) which is posted on the GLDiv website.

Speaking of the GLDiv website, I am pleased to announce that the new, revised GLDiv website is now operational. Many congrats go to the webmaster (Rob Dietz) as he molded the new site into its present configuration. The plan was to make this site a “one stop shopping” experience for all of our members. It’s still a work in progress so please feel free to offer constructive criticism, high quality photos for the backgrounds, etc. so we can make sure this site helps all members with their GLDiv needs. His email address is [gldscaweb@gmail.co](mailto:gldscaweb@gmail.co).

A quick note to our F&C worker corps, we could use your help with a non-Club Racing event this summer. Topeka is bringing a Time Trails National Tour event to GingerMan this summer (7/16-7/18). They could use some experienced corner workers to support the green volunteers at the event. Please reach out to the Ed Arthur (GLDiv F&C DA) if you can help out. His email address is [flagging\\_rocks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flagging_rocks@sbcglobal.net). I’ll be there and am really looking forward to seeing a TT event in person.

One more quick request for our membership. The easiest way to get in touch with you is by having up to date contact info in the SCCA database. Please make sure the SCCA has accurate contact information for you. Go to [my.scca.co](http://my.scca.co), sign in and click on the “Edit Contact Info” button in the “Profile Details” box. If you have any trouble doing this, please do not hesitate to reach out to the membership staff in Topeka as they will be glad to help you with this.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Dayle Frame*

## SOLO #1 REPORT

On April 25 about 63 drivers gathered at the Tire rack to have a chance to see if they still posses the skills it takes to win at the autocross game. It was in the low 40's with a wind that wouldn't let up (brrrr!!). Once again it seems like we have a great crew that put these events on. The runs went by very quickly and everyone was gone by around 3. Some pictures of our competitors are below. Winners were awards their trophies and then went home to get warmed up. Unfortunately results haven't been posted as of this time but will be soon.



Art Reynolds shows you can run anything



Jodie Boy ready for a fast time on her run



Rich Hammond plotting to go faster next run



Sam Centellas directing traffic and training



New member Juan Constantino waiting to go



Ross Bollinger ready to make another run

# “THE STARTER’S STAND”

Finally, after a year of not doing much of anything outdoors other than getting covid vaccinations, and letting my son and brother drag me to different medical facilities until we found one that had an idea on how to attack my skin cancer. So now while undergoing the treatments, and after running out of bodies to paint, with a request from the Pitboard editor I am writing a couple of Pitboard articles again.

This year, I reached the 50 - year milestone as an SCCA member. The years flew by, while making many memories and many long-time friends. I just got my plane ticket to South Bend in time to once again work the July Major at Gingerman Raceway as a member of Bobbe Orr’s starter team. Even better, my son Jeff is joining me this year. It is going to be a fun filled couple of weeks.

I would also like to congratulate Lloyd Loring for being inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame. A great honor that was long overdue.

Congratulations to my brother Denny who will be celebrating his 50th year in SCCA next year, and for being awarded the Curt Thew’s award for service above and beyond to South Bend Region SCCA.

Included are a couple of photos. While Denny was here, we visited a “few” Microbrew houses. Also, while stuck at home during Covid, I did some painting of both 10<sup>th</sup> scale RC Trans Am cars and 24<sup>th</sup> scale Trans Am models. One photo is the B 25 Mitch-ell bomber that I finally got to ride in. The last one is “start them early”

Mike Jennings



Tommy Kendall Replica RC Car



Recognizable RC’s



Nephew Jeff learning a manual trans



## SBR MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

### T-Shirts

New white or blue (all sizes) \$8.00 ea.

Old colors (sizes limited) \$5.00 ea.

Sweat Shirts (sizes limited) \$7.50 ea.

Polo Shirts ( short sleeve and long sleeve limited sizes) \$12.00

Hats \$5.00 ea.

These are special prices for clearance. Colored t-shirts are in Med and large sizes in pink, green or tan with SBR logo on front.

Blue and white shirts have SBR logo on front and "Fun with Cars" on back. All sizes

Sweat shirts are gray or blue with logo in sizes med and lg. Polo shirts have new logo and are long sleeve in large and 2xl.

You can email Pitboard with an order and I will get the merchandise to you somehow.



**MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE TO BE HONORED AT THE MAY MEETING. COME AND CELEBRATE**

**5 Year**

Dave Baird  
Shelby Baird  
Scott Beute  
James Bishir  
Andrew Bookin  
Chris Doolin  
David Ferris  
Jordan Fritsch  
Brandon Irwin  
Cathy Kenny  
Susan Miller  
Caleb Mullaurer  
Dallas Reed  
Jay Sealy  
Jo Anne Wisser  
Bruce Woodward  
Brian Zeliske

**10 Year**

Jean Savage  
Larry Savage  
Jeff Van Orsdol

**15 Year**

Anna Basaj  
Matthew Flournoy  
Jason Gast

**25 Year**

Dawn Luckritz

**30 Year**

H. C. Colwell

**40 Year**

Grayden Obenour  
Marlene Obenour

**66 Years !!!!!!!!!!!!!.....Lloyd Loring**

**Joined SCCA & SBR on 8-1-1954**

**SBR started 1953**

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

This is a new section for members to advertise things (related to cars) they have for sale (tires, motors, cars, etc).

If you have something then send the ad in word form to [pitboard@sbrscca.org](mailto:pitboard@sbrscca.org) and I will happily put it in for you.

The club has a 10' x 20' canopy for sale. It was used on the grid about 3 times so it is still like new. It has all 4 side covers so it can be completely enclosed and self contained in a travel bag with all tie downs, bungee cords, ropes etc. Cost is less than 50% for new at \$75.00. Email Denny at [pitboard@sbrscca.org](mailto:pitboard@sbrscca.org) if you are interested.