

# PITBOARD

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## REport

Summer is on us. Solo has held their third event. **Great Lakes Division** race schedule is in full swing. I had the opportunity to crew for **Jeff Luckritz** at the **WMR** Regional at **Grattan Raceway**. We had several members working that event. **H.C. Colwell** and **Leon Krauss** worked **F&C**. **Duane Belisle** and **Dennis Jennings** were in **Pit Lane**. Also, dual members **Anna Basaj**, **David Ferris** and **James Rose** were on the worker crew. Other drivers of note were, **Holly, Jameson and Matthew Savage** under the tutelage of **Larry Savage**.

Lane Automotive's **Motor State Challenge** is just around the corner. See **Dennis Jennings** if you are interested.

The July **Summer Festival of Speed: Majors** and **CRE** event will be here in the wink of an eye. We can always use more **SBR** workers at the event. On site training is available. All specialties, but particularly **F&C** can use the help.

I did hear that a good time was had at the club's **Cubs** outing. I don't think they have ever won a game on an **SBR** night.

Stay safe and enjoy the drive.

Paul McBride - RE

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### NEW MEMBERS

Mark Flagle—Granger, In  
Daine Keys—Dowagiac, Mi  
Scott Nardin—Grandville, Mi  
Faith Reynolds—North Liberty, In  
Kegan Studebaker—Peru, In

WELCOME TO THE CLUB. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON 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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## 2021 SCHEDULE

July

6 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)  
15/17 – Lane Motorstate Challenge  
16 – TNIA - Gingerman  
17/18 – SCCA Time Trials  
23 – SCCA CRE Endurance racing  
24/25 SBR Majors at Gingerman

August

3 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)  
12 – TNIA - Gingerman  
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)  
07/10 – Solo Nationals  
14 - Karting , Mrp\*\*  
19 – Solo #6 – Tire Rack

October

5 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)  
10 – Hoosier Challenge, Grissom ARB, Peru  
16 – Street Survival (Tentative)  
17 - Solo #9 – Tire Rack

November

02 – General Meeting – Elections

\*\* 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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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
		PitBoard Picture	10

### 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 MEMBER?**

Join today at [SCCA.com](http://SCCA.com) and Choose South Bend Region as your home region

## FROM THE EDITOR

Another month gone by. We saw the annual Cubs game (see pictures here) which was beautiful weather, great seating, but alas, poor play buy the home team. Seems like we may be bad luck for them. Maybe next year. Still, I think all had a great time.

Also happening on the 13th was our solo at the Tire Rack. We had 57 cars take times and I even ran the Bullitt. Sure can tell it has been a while since I last ran. Duane Belisle ran with George Williams and ended up winning the class as George had issues with pylons all day it seemed. I finished third in class.

On July 1 the wife and I are doing something we have talked about for years. We are going up in a hot-air balloon out of Goshen. Family and friends will be in the chase team. Hopefully they can keep up and we land safely. Looking forward to it. I will have a couple of pictures of the trip next month in PitBoard.

Brother Mike and nephew Jeff come in on the 12th of July to help out with the Lane event and our National race. Will be really nice to see them both although it is going to be a short stay per Mike's standards.

I am going to be putting together a paper called "The Anatomy of an Autocross". Hopefully this will be a paper available at our events to get some bystanders and newbies to better understand what is happening at our events and why we do those things. Look at next months PitBoard to see what I write.

Hope to see everyone at the National race the weekend of July 24/25. We need all the help we can get to make the event successful. Just come for a day if that is all you can do It all helps.

The weekend before that is our Lane event. Still looking for a few more helpers with that. It runs on Friday the 16th all day and Saturday morning. Again just 1 day will help out. Please let me know if you are coming.

Denny

From the race worker part,

Just returned from Grattan last weekend for the Western Michigan regional races. Lots of South Bend folks were there. Leon Krauss and H.C. Colwell were doing corners: Duane Belisle and myself were the pit lane crew; Jeff Luckritz was driving with Paul McBride crewing. Then of course was the three car contingent of the Savage family. Great to see so many SBR members helping out other regions race efforts. Don't forget that if you work another regions races that we acknowledge that you can qualify to get money from SBR. Just take along another member that has worked the SBR race or other qualifying event and fill out the paperwork. **Free money!!** Well, almost. Overall it was a great weekend except for a small rain shower during lunch on Saturday.. Sunday was great and home by 6. Denny



Members and guests enjoying the ball game.



Dave Bowman looking odd for the camera



Don the bartender pouring another refreshment for us.

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## Notes from the Director's Chair

### Area 4 Director Update for June, 2021

Spring has finally sprung and the GLDiv/SCCA calendar has lots of events on it across all of our programs. I hope your calendar is full of events you can attend this summer.

As you may have heard, the CDC announced dramatic changes in mask policy a couple of weeks ago. With this in mind, the SCCA has amended its Covid-19 protocols and has posted them here. Please review them and make sure to follow all guidelines mandated by your local authorities.

A momentous occasion this past month was when the SCCA issued a press release about the Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) on 5/4 via Kerrie Speed's weekly email blast. This was a big deal as it announced to the general membership about the formation of the committee and signaled the beginning of a new era in SCCA. EVs are the future for personal use and the SCCA will be on the forefront of incorporating them into all levels of every program SCCA has to offer. For me personally, as the committee Chair, EV owner and competitor, I am very proud to be able to help usher the SCCA into this realm.

My schedule has gotten busier because I am now going to events instead of just sitting in on virtual meetings (although I'm still doing a lot of that).....and the bulk of my calendar hasn't even started yet. Oy vey! As I mentioned last month, I had a couple of meetings in late April that would carry over to this month's update.

- BoD (4/26): As usual, we discussed a wide variety of things. The usual financial update was given by Jeff Dahmert. We're doing remarkably well considering the latent effects of the pandemic. A proposal was presented by Chris Robbins of how we might change the annual convention. Final decisions have not been made yet but I will notify you once a schedule has been squared away. We're still in the midst of a swap from one BoD software/website platform to another. The BoD will have to have a few meetings to do some training as the new system is incorporated.
- RXB (4/27): A National Tour event was held by STL Region that had a few major issues and the RXB was dealing with the aftermath of that event. A survey has been sent out so attendees could voice their opinion about the failings of the event. The RXB also discussed a variety of topics (National Championships, expanding the appeal of RX, Divisional Stewards responsibilities, etc.).
- CRB (5/4): The CRB reviewed a considerable list of topics and letters. Much like last year, the CRB proposed a waiver for our Canadian members who wished to go to the Runoffs. Due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, Canadians have difficulty crossing into the US. The BoD approved this as a way to minimize the hurdles they have to clear in order to attend the event at Indy.
- EVAC (5/12): As this committee gets its "sea legs", we started to carve a path forward for EVs as well as the safety aspects of incorporating them into the various programs SCCA offers. We're taking baby steps to make sure that safety is not compromised and that everyone involved (workers, drivers, tracks, etc.) understands the parameters to make events safe and fun.
- BoD (5/24): We covered a variety of topics. Once again, the financials continue to look good. The Solo Events Board (SEB) reported that several regions applied to participate in the Junior Driver Program (JDP). Three regions have been selected and the pilot program will begin this summer. We also discussed the recently created EVAC and where it should fit in the SCCA hierarchy.
- RXB (5/25): The RXB meeting continued its practice of working on enhancing the program while also focusing on this season's events (national championships, etc.). The STL Region event survey results were reviewed. Steps will be taken to ensure a repeat of the event's shortcomings will not occur again.

In addition to the virtual meetings I attended, I started actually going to races this past month.

- Pittsburgh International Race Complex (PIRC) trip (4/29-5/2): This trip had it all.....interesting weather (cold, rain and wind while doing the load in on Thursday, cold and windy on Friday, warmer in Saturday and Sunday), great competition and a fantastic (challenging) track layout. I was there crewing for friends and I used the event to catch up with friends. I got to meet Kristen Poole (SCCA Marketing Manager) and Dan Dennehy (Partner Relationship Manager). I'd spoken with Kristen many times but it's always good to put a face to a voice.
- GingerMan trip (5/16): As my wife and Mother in Law decided to have some "girl time" together, I decided to bail on that and head to GingerMan Raceway for the Spring Festival of Speed hosted by South Bend and Detroit regions. As this was the first race event in my area that I attended as Director, I wanted to make sure I visited with the workers, walked the paddock and spoke to drivers and

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generally took the temperature of things. The weather was great, SBR/DET were fantastic hosts, and I had a wonderful time. I look forward to returning to GingerMan for the Time Trials National Tour in July.

One additional "GingerMan adjacent" note for racers going to South Haven. Last year we were told that Sherman's Ice Cream stand would not be selling their ice cream anymore. The store would remain open but use another vendor's products. While visiting there on 5/16, I discovered that another vendor stepped in and is producing ice cream using Sherman's recipes. I can report that nothing has changed.....same great taste, same great service.

- MidOhio trip (5/21-5/23): My first Major Club Race as Director.....although, truth be told, I had no "real" function at the event. I schmoozed, talked to drivers and workers and generally tried to help where I could. I crewed for a couple of friends as well. The weather was OK and, for once, I did NOT have horrible sinus issues when visiting Mid-Ohio.

The next month isn't as hectic in terms of travelling. I only have two track events on my schedule for June (June Sprints; Road America; 6/4 to 6/6 and "Original Unrestricted" Double Regional; Grattan Raceway; 6/19, 6/20). July is when it gets ugly as I have a whole slew of track events on my schedule including visits to Brooklyn, NY for a FIA Formula E race and Kansas City for a face to face, BoD meeting.

I'll repeat a plea on behalf of the Time Trials crew for F&C workers that are needed for their July event at GingerMan Raceway. If you remember from last month, Topeka is bringing a Time Trails National Tour event to GingerMan this summer (7/16 to 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).

Don't forget that our revised GLDiv website is now operational. Please email Rob Dietz ([gldscaweb@gmail.com](mailto:gldscaweb@gmail.com)) if you have any comments or corrections. If your region has an event you'd like to see on the divisional calendar, please reach out to him with the details (event title, date, location, registration link, etc.).

*Doyle Frame*

### **PAT McCAMMON**

A sad note: Steward Pat McCammon passed away during complications during heart surgery on the 21st. His wife Val was by his side when he passed.

Pat was a member since 1985 to which he has served as a racer, a steward, and served on the Court of Appeals. Join us in keeping Pat and his family in our hearts and prayers.

He will be missed.

South Bend Region Members

## **RACE WORKERS NEEDED**

What are you doing on July 24/25? South Bend region is in need of your assistance. We are putting on our Majors race at Gingerman Raceway and we need volunteers. Even if you can come up to South Haven for one of the two days we can use you!

You can choose one of many areas to help out. No experience needed as this is all on the job training.

You can do one thing one day and something else on the next. Just come on out and volunteer. We have the best trainers.

Do any of the following: Registration; timing and scoring (both indoor jobs); tech inspection; corner worker ( don't wear bright colors, white or beige tops are good); pit lane; course control; or grid. You can even be a gopher for a day. Many jobs are available. We can use help everywhere.

There is free lunches and Saturday night dinner included. Also free camping if you are interested.

Register online at [motorsport.reg](http://motorsport.reg) and come up early on Saturday morning. We would love to have you. After all, this is the event that helps pay for all the extra activities we do during the year ( ball game, go karts). All you solo folks that do the karts, this is your opportunity to earn a discount.

## SOLO REPORT

We are still in need of individuals willing to chair events for next season! Contact me at [solo@sbrscca.org](mailto:solo@sbrscca.org) for details.

We are 1/3 of the way through the season with event #2 taking place on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and event #3 taking place on June 13<sup>th</sup>. While total turnout was only 44 for event 2, we had 13 novice drivers participate. Attendance was back up for event #3, with 57 drivers including 12 novices. We are seeing quite a few new faces at the events this year which is a very encouraging sign for the program. Our next event will take place at Grissom on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Great Lakes Regional event for those chasing GL Region points.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy July! See you in August.

Jason Cleveland

Solo Chair



Pictures from Solo #3

# “THE STARTER’S STAND”

An older generation driver and one who can still outrun the younger guys is Boris Said III. He is an American professional race car driver with experience in Trans-Am, sports cars, stock cars, and was a NASCAR “road course ringer.

He has 14 wins in his trans-am career and is still winning. The past couple of years teaming up with Weaver Racing in their Dodge Challenger, he won the second race of this season at Road Atlanta.

Weather Tech Raceway (Laguna Seca) May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 another win for Boris in the Challenger by passing Chris Dyson on a restart. In that attempt to pass Chris some contact tore a valve stem off the rear tire causing Chris to have to stop for a new tire.

After the race, the race director investigated the contact and pass attempt and penalized Boris a 40 second penalty taking his win away dropping him to 4<sup>th</sup> place. The video that the public got to see did not show the contact only the results of it. As such, I cannot comment on the penalty and results.

In 37 years of having a national license in stewarding, in a similar situation of contact with the race leader, I have only taken away a win from a competitor once. It just happened to be Arie Luyendyk Jr. It was his first national win, and I was roasted rather good in the AZ Republic.

As an official, it is one off the toughest calls you have to make, and you will do everything not to have to make the call. Once you make it, you will live with it forever.

Mike Jennings



Boris at Road Atlanta



Boris in The Monster Energy Challenger



Boris Said Today



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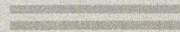
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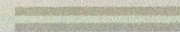
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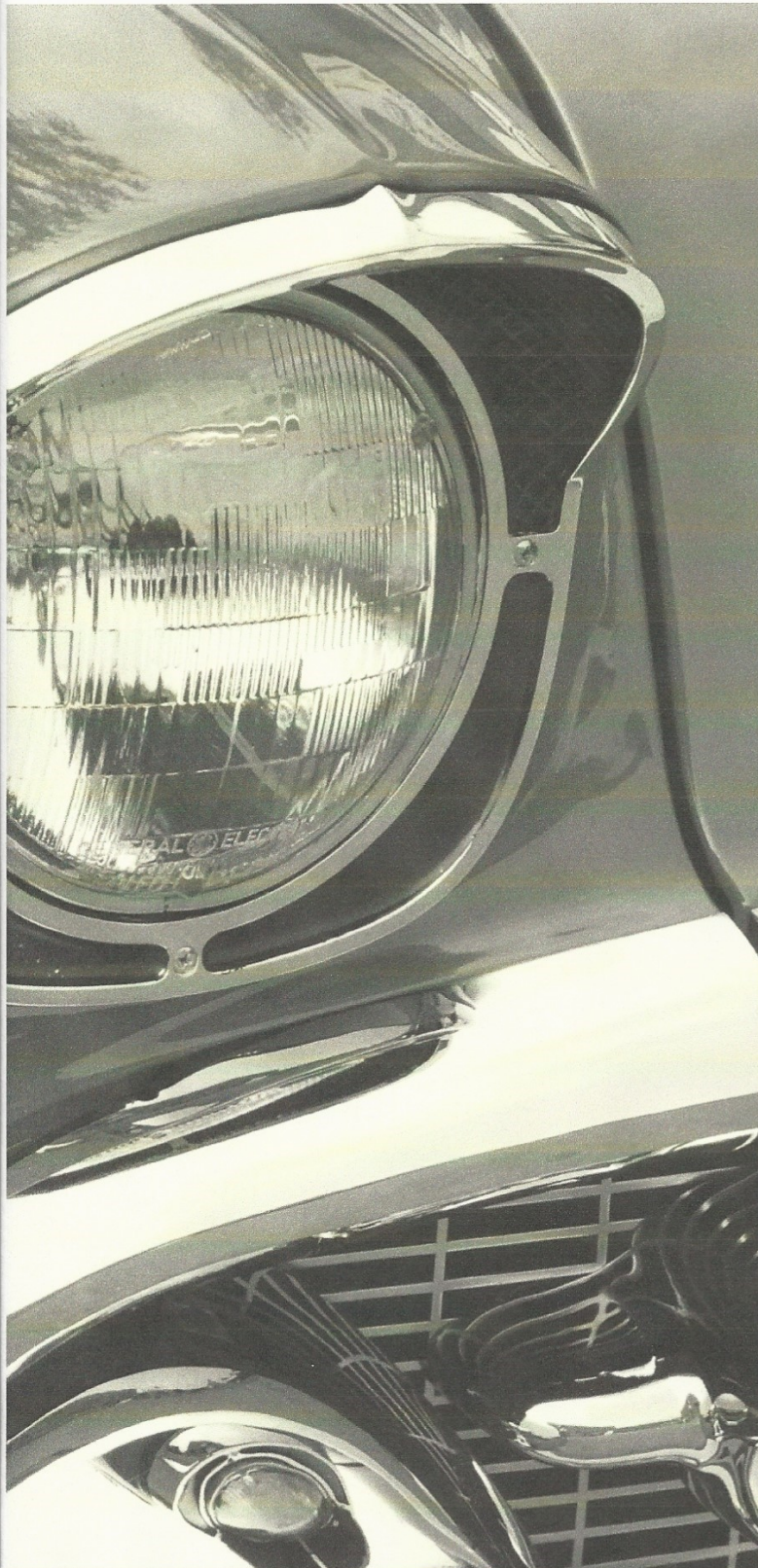


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