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FROM THE EDITOR

Okay, so another month has gone by and the weather has heated up again. Seems like just yesterday we had the Lane event and our Majors race at Gingerman. We only have one more track Night in America left on the 16th of September and our track staff will be over for the year. Sad!

However there is still our kart night at Michiana Raceway Park. Look for info to follow on our facebook page. Jeff usually gets things rolling for this event. A real bargain and a lot of fun for all. Just come out to watch even if you don't want to drive one.

It is also time to start thinking about our elections. If you would like to be considered for a position on the board you can contact Duane Belisle. Is this the year you get more involved with your club? Duane can be reached at mazdaman86@msn.com.

By the time you get this our Starting Line school at the Tire Rack will have been run. Also the solo on Sunday after will be over. There are still 3 more solo event to be run including the Hoosier Challenge at Grissom on the 10th of October. Solo Nationals are in September as are the SCCA National Championships in Indy. So you can see very well that the year still has a lot to offer for members. Get out and join in the fun with cars.

Thinking about a trek type of rally that will possibly be put on as the Michiana Mustangs and our SCCA folks invited. They had a Mustang and Ford show a couple of weeks ago and some very nice cars showed up. They only had about 80 cars this year as the weather was pretty threatening that morning. It really held down participation.

Patty and I finally got our hot air balloon ride in and I must say if you have never done it to put it on your bucket list. Really enjoyed the flight. Our pilot was very good as he has been doing it for around 35 years. They launch out of Goshen.

It is never too late to submit your information about how you got into the club and what you enjoy to let others get to know you better. Include pictures of you, your family and your toys. I will be happy to print.

That may be all for now but see you at the next meeting.Denny

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NEW MEMBERS

Brandon Blaga of Portage Michigan

Gurraj Chhokar of Granger Indiana

Dave Winter of North Liberty Indiana

Welcome and hope to meet you soon.

REport

Last month I gave a shout out to **Dave Bowman**, **Dave Gushwa** and **Duane Belisle**. They worked all three events (Lane, TNiA, NTT) the week prior to our Majors Race. What I missed was **Leon Krauss** worked all three events also. Hats off to **Leon** and his compadres.

I didn't get my car done intime for either of our races this summer but I did finally get on track at the '**Last Chance Majors**' at **Grattan**. The car held together and despite the terrible heat we were able to finish all sessions. Gearing mistakes cost us a lot of top end but that will be an easy fix. Can't make the **Runoffs** but will still get some late season track time. A big thanks to **H.C. Colwell** for all the years crewing.

Next month I'll have some information from the National Office. Stay tuned.

At the September meeting we will open nominations for **RE** and **Board of Directors**. If you have interest in serving let our nominating committee know. They are **Duane Belisle** and **Joe Jameson**.

That's all for now. Keep the wheels turning.

Paul McBride - RE

SBR is going kart racing

September 14, 2021

Michiana Raceway Park



Be sure to plan to get out of work a little early on Tuesday, September 14th since every South Bend Region member is welcome to participate in the 2021 karting challenge at Michiana Raceway Park in South Bend, IN. No experience is necessary. Each participant will get about 45-minutes of track time.

Evening Format • 5:30 pm Arrival and check-in

- 5:45 pm Practice sessions start
- 6:05 pm Qualifying sessions start
- 6:30 pm Races start
- 7:45 pm Cold track
- 8:15 pm Social gathering at Bob's 19th Hole Restaurant

Other Details • Michiana Raceway Park. <https://michianaracewaypark.com/>

- Bring your closed-face helmet. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and comfortable shirt. Leather gloves might be helpful too.
- Cost break down (please bring cash)
 - \$40-SBR member price if you worked on of our GingerMan race, Motor Sport Challenge or are a Solo Chief.
 - \$60-SBR member price
 - \$120-Guest of SBR member price
- **Plan on attending or questions Please sign up by emailing Jeff for the link**
Questions: Contact Jeff Luckritz at race@sbrscca.org

SBR Goes Racing

The BERT Majors Success

-Jeff Luckritz, Race Chair

In the microcosm of SCCA road racing, things were “pretty normal” in 2021. Racers raced. Volunteers worked. Cars made noise and good times were had by all. I continue to be impressed by all the South Bend members that give up their weekend to be with us at GingerMan Raceway. If you have never worked a race, I urge you to consider volunteering one day in 2022.

A Peek Behind the Curtain of the Majors weekend...

Here are some insights of what goes on behind the scenes at a race weekend.

- We love seeing the family and friends along with new drivers share a race car during the Club Racing Experience(CRE) on Friday evening.
- There are still struggles with getting the word out about CRE.
- We need to reconsider running on Friday evening because it makes for a short night of sleep for the volunteers.
- New batteries work great in the radios and we need to make sure that F&C workers get those radios.
- We still need to train people on using our radio head-sets.
- The crew working Turn 5 needs to be briefed on keeping the generator running so the radio repeater remains on.
- We were extremely concerned about having enough F&C(flaggers) workers several days before the event. As it worked out, we had just enough for the weekend.
- We(SBR) have done an outstanding job encouraging new specialty Chiefs.
- A line item in our budget is dedicated for volunteers. The more race entrants we have, the more money we can give back to the volunteers. Every worker gets something, it's not a raffle.
- Some decisions that are made throughout the weekend are out of our control.
- Sunday races were shortened due to high heat and humidity. We actually started thinking about doing this on Saturday afternoon. The welfare of the drivers and volunteers were taken into consideration.
- We need to come up with a better method of communicating with drivers.
- Track time for a Majors is determined by the SCCA GCR. This limits our flexibility some what.
- We need to make sure the towing company is knowledgeable about lifting formula cars.
- Finding ice on a hot and humid July weekend can be tricky.
- It takes two people about 5 hours to make wraps for the worker lunches.
- The chicken went fast (we had plenty of lamb) for dinner.
- It's next to impossible finding ambulance crews during the pandemic.
- GingerMan staff did a great job keeping bathrooms clean, the grass cut and generally doing everything they can to make the event go smoothly.
- The newly installed AC in the tower was a huge hit.
- Some cool pictures can be found at <http://www.flicker.com/photos/192987221@N08/set/72157719661964562/>
- Race results can be found here. www.sbrscca.org/roadracing/archives
- 157 drivers participated in the Majors on Saturday and Sunday.
- 25 drivers participated in the Club Racing Experience on Friday

Save the Dates in 2022(Tentative)

- Spring Festival of Speed (Regional and CRE) May 14-15, 2022
- The Bert Majors/CRE July 23-24, 2022

Thank you for a great year of racing at GingerMan. You are the best! (see pictures on page 8

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

September

7 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)

7-10 – Solo Nationals

14 – SBR Karting night**

16 – TNIA - Gingerman

19 – Solo #7 – Tire Rack

28 to Aug 3 – SCCA Runoffs at Indy

October

5 – General meeting (Beef O'Brady's)

10 –SOLO #8 - Hoosier Challenge - Peru

16 – Street Survival – Tire Rack

17 – SBR SOLO # 9 – Tire Rack

November

2 – General Meeting – Election night (Beef O'Brady's)

December – 8 – General Meeting (Beef O'Brady's)

January

8 – Awards Banquet

** Members 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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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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NOT A MEMBER?

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

“THE STARTER’S STAND”

Back home again in Arizona. I had a great time in South Bend for a couple of weeks this year. It included working as a starter for the South Bend Region’s Major at Gingerman raceway.

“*Old Friends In Racing*” is what I call the following experience during Sundays racing. I was going to start the Spec Racer Ford Gen 3 group, when prior to the pace lap an old racer friend from my Trans Am days “Don Sak” caught my attention as he was on the north side of the tower. Hoping to give his son an early jump, he wanted me to give him an early signal prior to my starting the race. With us all laughing, the backup starter blocked his view of me. Next thing I see is Don now on the South side of the tower and still laughing saying come on. Bruce the backup starter grabbed a folding chair and used it to block Dons view. Now Don was falling down laughing along with us. (no, he did not get any help) I think he forgot what he was supposed to be doing. Well, he is old like me. After the race I met with Don and the top finishers in impound. Again a lot of laughing.

A great new memory was made. Friends in racing cannot be replaced nor forgotten. Thank you, Don for all the memories both this weekend and our previous time in the Trans-Am series.

Footnote.

Bobby Sak last years National Champion in SRF gen3 finished 3rd in the Sunday race in Elite Autosport’s prepared car.

Mike Jennings



Bobby Sak on the Grid



Bobby Sak on Track



Mike doing his Thing

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Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for September, 2021

I headed out to Kansas City, MO for the first, face to face meeting of the Club Racing Board (CRB) and the Board of Directors (BoD). After months of "meeting" my fellow BoD and CRB members via Zoom conference video connections, it was nice to actually meet them in Kansas City, MO at the end of July. I also managed to frequent a couple of my favorite BBQ joints while I was there.

The CRB was first on 7/30. This was an all day meeting was designed to be more strategic and focus on the long-term goals of the CRB. We discussed data acquisition strategies, class structure, CRB and ad hoc committee membership and Majors run groups among other things. It was universally agreed that this was a very successful meeting and something to build upon. Again, so much more is accomplished in person than across a video feed.

The next day was the BoD meeting. This was also an all day meeting and it was designed to allow us to get updates from the various Boards and SCCA staff. We heard from Bob Davis (Solo Events Board Chair), Jeff Dahnert (Finance and Administration Director), Heyward Wagner (Director of Rally & Solo), Kristen Poole (Marketing Director), Eric Prill (Vice President of Road Racing) and Peter Keane (CRB Chair) among others. I made a short presentation about the EVAC and its goals. Once again, a very productive meeting. We are scheduled to meet face to face again in early December.

I had a really nice time meeting new folks and seeing old friends. I drove my EV out there (round trip of 1550 miles for \$23.09) and caught up on my backlog of podcasts. Man, there's a lot of corn between here and there.

Video Conference Meetings:

CRB (8/3): After having met just a few days earlier, the CRB got back to the task of wading through letters sent to the CRB for review. The results can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC)(8/11): We reviewed some documents the committee is working on (super secret stuff). We prepared for the release of these documents over the course of the next few months and making significant announcements about EVs in the SCCA.

CRB (8/17): A sub group of us met to discuss the rules process.

Rally Cross Board (RXB) (8/24): The group is working hard to prepare for their [National Championships](#). They'll be held at the Ross County Fairgrounds near Chillicothe, OH on 10/15-10/17. I am looking forward to being there and watching the action. I encourage all of you to do so as well.

BoD (8/30): I will report about this next month.

SCCA Events:

WMR Major @ Grattan Raceway (8/21, 8/22): I attended this event as an F&C worker and thoroughly enjoyed it. Yes, it was pretty hot and humid (hey, its August in Michigan) but a very large car count by our standards (160 ish) made for some exciting action on track. WMR also had its usual GREAT Saturday evening, all attendee dinner catered by Q-It-Up...a fabulous meal.

September and October have me going to a Solo at Grattan Raceway on Labor Day (9/6), the [Runoffs](#) (9/24 to 10/3) and the [RallyX National Championships](#) (10/15 to 10/17).

Please forgive me but I'll probably be too busy at the Runoffs to publish an October update. In addition to crewing for several friends in our six driver, six car, seven entry compound at Indy, I'm also working for the data acquisition crew, I'm a reserve pace/safety car driver and I'll be giving away trophies for three classes in the Winner's Circle. November's update will be EPIC!

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

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MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

T-Shirts

New Gray (all sizes)	\$10.00 ea.
Old colors (sizes limited)	\$5.00 ea.
Sweat Shirts (sizes limited)	\$7.50 ea.
Polo Shirts (limited)	\$12.00
Hats	\$5.00 ea.
Beanies	\$10.00

You can email Pitboard with an order and I will get the merchandise to you at an event or a meeting.



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Short Sleeve—M -L
(1 each)



New Gray
All Sizes



Hats



Limited Sizes



Beanies



Limited Sizes



Dave and Peggy Anson in their sound booth



Dave Bowman and Denny Jennings at Turn 1 waving flags



Duane Belisle in Pitlane



Kim Bollinger and Erika Engler in Driver Info



The elder Murfin getting ready to race in the CRE



Paul McBride and Dave Gushwa helping a driver

GEORGE WILLIAMS—PROFILE

I was shanghaied for this. Fasten your seatbelts.

My autocross career began in April of '69 at a Darmstadt Challengers event on the airbase in Germany. My future brother-in-law, Bob Lenz invited me along to experience the fun. We were both lieutenants in an Ordnance battalion in Hanau. Being in Germany, an Ausweis (German Racing License) was required to compete. My 1st event was in a Rover TC2000, which you might have to google to see what it was. Well, 4 runs later I learned the hard way to not miss a downshift and 1 broken camshaft later, limped the car back to Hanau. Did managed to get it repaired at my cost as the British Leyland techs stated that could not happen if the gear was fully engaged. I took delivery of this car at the British Leyland assembly facility in Coventry in the U.K. A memorable experience. Wrong side of the road driving coming back.

After almost 2 years in Germany, I had tickets for a military reception, welcoming in a new general. Went through old girlfriend list and could not find a date. Mentioning this to Lt. Bob Lenz, he suggested I ask his sister Susan, who had a steady boyfriend back In Iowa, and was flying over to spend time and tour Europe for the summer. Working our way thru the formal military reception line, she was introduced as Mrs. Williams. We all know where that went.

Shortly after that, the military responded to my volunteer request for Vietnam (just lost a boyhood friend there) and routed me through the Special Warfare School for advisor training and then to Vietnamese language school at Ft. Bliss, TX. No autocrossing at that time, but a couple of 'Awe S—t 'experiences while taking up skydiving. Off to Vietnam with MACV then to convince 4 Vietnamese captains (unit commanders) that a 21 yr. old U.S Army Captain was a competent advisor. Susan and I were married just prior to my departure on Thanksgiving Day, 1969. Following was a tour with 3 units at Ft. Riley, KS prior to our settling down in her hometown of Muscatine, IA.

While in Iowa for 12 years, I got back in to autocrossing and joined the Great River Region with an Opel Manta in C-Stock. Did quite well at the regional level. Our tire selections in those days were 'Go to a salvage yard and select 4 reasonable good-looking tires'. That has changed a bit. When Bob Lenz left the service and moved back to Iowa, he commanded an Artillery unit in the Guard while I had a Combat Engineer unit, both in the same town. We teamed up for numerous sports car activities and along with solo, we were very active in rallys as the Quad City area had 4 active sports car clubs and thru the winter months there was an event scheduled nearly every weekend. We did tackle a few divisional and national level rallys as well, which were incredibly more challenging.

Moving around from Iowa to Arkansas, Illinois, and finally Indiana. I co-drive with Bob in his Dodge Omni GLH (which I bought later myself) and his Toyota Turbo MR2. At that time, we were competing in a number of CENDIV events and Pro Solo events. Lots of seat time and tire wear. While at numerous CENDIV events, I developed an appreciation for Lloyd Loring's commitment to Solo and SCCA and his always entertaining style of announcing events. In our discussions, Lloyd talked me into joining the South Bend Region. It's been an adventure.

Running the Omni GLH in CENDIV for 7 years was challenging as G-Stock had an abundance of competitors at the divisional level. As it was, I never won a trophy in divisional competition. The Waterloo Iowa National Tour in 1993 was a different outcome. With a broken battery charging system and a push start on Sunday, I got the win and a very nice trophy along with contingency from Yokohama. Of course, there was the late-night drive back to Indiana with a borrowed truck & trailer.

Moving on to the Camaro years. At a Toledo event, I had a conversation with Bob Smith, a multitime national champion who helped me understand that I was not driving with enough intensity to be competitive at higher levels. The next year, with that advice in my pocket, the Z28 was either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at most CENDIV events. The highlight of that year (1996) was winning F-Stock at the Evansville Tour and hearing as I passed the PA on my last run "Are you ready for this?" by you know who. At the '96 Nationals I picked up my Old Fartz (I'm registered as #102) decals form Bob Tunnell which I still display today. The next years in the Z28 were a blast at regionals, divisional, and Pro-Solo's. The highlight of 1997 was beating the previous year's national champion (Brian Goodner) at the CENDIV championship and having Roger Johnson ask my advice on driving a certain corner at the Converse airport site.

I probably allowed myself to get comfortable in F-Stock as Dave Gushwa and Adam Losci were ramping up their driving skills and began kicking my butt. But 14 years in a row winning F-Stock was my limit. The 2002 Z28 was very competitive in its day but surpassed by newer versions, as well as those pesky Mustangs. I still drive for fun and contribute to solo safety & instructor duties. Remember – The older you get, the faster you was!!



Solo Update

August was a busy month for the SBR Solo program! On the 14th and 15th we hosted a double Great Lakes Divisional at Grissom. With a little over 60 participants each day, everyone got in quite a few runs for Grissom on some very fun courses designed by Dave Gushwa. Just two weeks later we hosted a Starting Line school along with SCCA National Office on the 28th at Tire Rack. There were 12 participants in the school and SBR members were there to keep everything moving smoothly. The following day we held event #6, where the instructors from the Starting Line stuck around to help students from the previous day. WNDU was onsite both days and showcased the events. You can find those stories here:

Starting Line: https://www.wndu.com/2021/08/28/sports-car-club-america-hosts-driving-school/?fbclid=IwAR3whyuPAOCjC77i_KJhhKrv3DSIJ_XzPhx0SWfhdCve-piVq65za1-Eg9k

Sunday Autocross: <https://www.wndu.com/2021/08/30/sports-car-club-america-hosts-autocross-event-tire-rack/?fbclid=IwAR3regiAw7hlo40gxRpr2aKpgiW8bl2geQZf9aXKxprVwr81xvBhizhrosQ>

I want to give a big shout out to Nick Thompson for helping run the August events! He stepped up and did a fantastic job when life took me other places. Thanks again Nick!

We have two events left for the season, both at Tire Rack on September 19th and October 17th. Hope to see many of you there!

I am looking to add advertisements to our newsletter of those that in some way relate and contribute to our sport (ie.—Tire rack; Campbell Ford etc.). If you wish to show your business card or even run a small ad in PitBoard please contact me at pitboard@sbrscca.org.

There is no cost involved as I just wish to thank those that make contributions to our sport.