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REport

I want to start by giving a bunch of 'shout outs', and there's a lot to shout about! Here is a list (I hope it is complete) of **SBR members** who went to **Solo Nationals**:

Kim Bollinger	Christopher Heideman	Kevin Kirchoff
Ross Bollinger	Ashley Heyman	Devin McCuen
Steve Bollinger	Jim Johnson	George Schmidt
Jody Boy	Cathy Kenny	Johnathan Shriner
Dave Gushwa	Josh Kenny	Nicholas Zelisko
Carl Heideman	Kevin Keys	

Also, as I write this I am getting packed to head to the **National RUNOFFS** in Indianapolis. I won't be competing but will be working as a Data Tech. **Rod Markowicz** (Tech), **Lynnette Markowicz** (Grid) and **Mark Bublitz** (Tech) will also be working the event.

Speaking of **Rod Markowicz**, he is celebrating his 30th anniversary with the club!

Hope to see many of you at the October meeting.

Paul

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NEW MEMBERS

Amy Closson of Etna Green, Indiana

Robert Parsons of Elkhart, Indiana

Chris Trowbridge of Leesburg, Indiana

Welcome to SBR. Hope to see you at an event 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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2021 SCHEDULE

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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OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Come to the October Meeting at Beef's and see who you may be electing on the board for the next year.

Ever think about getting more involved in the club? Run for the Board.

Everyone is eligible to be a board member

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 MEMBER?

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

Meet the Member— Leon Krauss

My auto racing interests began back in the mid '50s when my dad took the whole family (7 of us) to the quarter mile dirt oval track at the Fulton County Ohio fairgrounds. Later as a teenager I occasionally visited several small local stock car tracks in Ohio and Indiana including Toledo, Bryan, Baerfield and Avilla Speedways. My folks once took the family on a vacation car trip to Wisconsin in the late '50s. This adventure included a stop at a local Friday night dirt track. I remember this one specifically because the track was advertising a football game, but with cars! Four cars for each "football" team were painted the same but opposing colors. A VW bug was being used as the football. The object of the game was to use your team's four cars to push the "football" past the opposing team into their end zone. My one clear memory of this "football" game was that the green team was penalized for piling on when one of their cars drove over top of his fellow team mates and landed on top of the VW preventing the yellow car team from advancing the "football"! Dad also took us to the Indy 500, albeit only at a motel parking space outside of the track. He also took us to Michigan International Speedway where I saw my first live IndyCar and NASCAR races. Ironically, it was at M.I.S. where my oldest son saw Little Al crash in the 3rd turn near where we were standing in the infield. That experience hooked him on IndyCar racing! Many years later on the day he graduated from Indiana University he was solicited by NASCAR to be an intern down at their headquarters in Daytona Beach, Florida. One racing connection there led to another and then another and two years later he was working the PRO Racing Series for SCCA in Denver, Colorado. At that time, he rented the unused apartment that current SCCA Vice-President & Chief Operations Officer, Eric Prill's future wife, Robin, had available to rent out. Once I got him settled in at Denver, Kelby, informed me that SCCA also has regional clubs and that there is one in South Bend, Indiana! Actually, I had never heard of SCCA, but I had read about Gymkhana parking lot pylon racing so I was somewhat familiar with that aspect of the club racing events. I also had no, idea that SCCA had road course racing so I wanted to, learn more about those events. I looked SCCA up on line and found SBR SCCA and where they held their monthly meetings (at that time the old Whistle Stop Bar in Mishawaka). I attended the very next monthly club meeting where I was warmly greeted and welcomed. Current club Regional Executive, Paul McBride, had just as much to say then as he does now! (lol) The club members immediately discovered my auto racing interests and soon had me working a race up at Gingerman Raceway. This private 2.1 mile club road course is just a few miles east down the road from South Haven, Michigan. This was a National SCCA Racing Event hosted by none other than SBR SCCA! They placed me out at a corner turn station next to the racing surface behind a steel armco and rubber tire barrier with a seasoned Flagging and Communications veteran. As I watched and listened, I soon found myself wearing a radio headset and speaking with the track control tower (Control, Control Turn 11 here, no flag condition with novice on the radio {that was to let the control tower know I was a newbie on the radio}!) reporting incidences with race cars that were contrary to normal racing activities: (Control, Control, Corner 11, No Flag, Held Call, Black car #TwoOne passed two other cars under yellow flag conditions at our corner station). (Alert, Alert Corner 11 waving yellow for Red Car # Seven Six, flames under his hood as he stopped on the racing surface next to our station! A fellow Corner Worker with fire extinguisher in hand is responding). Well as you might guess, I was immediately hooked and have been an SBR SCCA member and an F&C Worker ever since (2001)! The club also realized I wanted to be an active member so I was appointed the club secretary during the Jeff Luckritz R. E. era. I watched and participated as the club grew and became highly successful in the overall SCCA National exposure. I have willfully been involved with many of the club racing activities including SBR Regional races, SBR Major races, Street Survival School, Lane Automotive Weekend Events both racing at Gingerman and soloing at Tire Rack, a Club Racing Event (CRE), Time Trials (TT), Track Night in America (TNIA), supporting other area SCCA Clubs at their Regional and Major races up at Grattan Raceway as well as supporting Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA) and 24 Hours (not really) of LeMons of which there is another event coming up, in just a few weeks at Gingerman. All of that success of the SBR SCCA club is due to the extraordinary members who are involved with SOLO and Race and collectively love auto racing. More importantly, they relish the camaraderie of sharing their experiences with fellow club members.

I know, I too, am tired of hearing this overused expression, but in the case of SBR SCCA it is absolutely true, authentic and alive: Working Together, all of us have made this club the fantastic success it is today. So come out and join us; come out and play with cars with us; become an active member by participating in running and managing the club events. You are most welcomed and appreciated. We want to exchange car racing stories with you. We are so very glad to have you on board. After all, as you have already discovered, SBR SCCA Racing is fun!!

Leon Krauss

(see a picture of Leon on page 5, dressed for his job)



This is Leon Krauss. He is married to Marolyn and usually spend their winters down in Florida since their retirement.

He has been a member of SBR since March 2001.

FROM THE EDITOR

Well, here it goes.

As far as solo report I will report that there was an incident at the Tire Rack involving a spectator. A woman was hit by a car near the new building and the car ended up landing on her as far as I have heard. Even though she had some rather serious injuries I have heard that she is doing well at this time. Her two children that were near her got away just in time.

I believe that there are a couple of reasons for this to happen that could have been avoided. These opinions are strictly my thoughts and in no way points blame at any club that runs at the Rack. They also do not reflect SBR opinion. I think that there were cars going in a direction on the course that should never be done, towards the building. Also, if the case was to use that as a course option, there should never be any spectators in the area that the car went off course. As it was I hear that the accelerator got stuck somehow and the driver had no control of where his car would go. As responsible clubs we should all set up courses that are not only safe for drivers and workers, but consider spectators as well. We owe it to the Tire Rack.

On another note I just finished setting up a course for the Mishawaka Police department at the Tire Rack. These courses are meant to help officers know what their squad cars will do under extreme conditions. I drove a couple of their SUV units on the course and I can tell you they aren't easy to drive when you have all the "stuff" that they have in the car with them. I then rode in a unit from North Liberty and he basically scared the crap out of me. I thought that we would roll over at any time. The driver is very experienced and knows his unit very well. He also races karts, four wheelers and stock cars. All 103 officers in Mishawaka have to take the course and meet a determined time to pass the test (I don't know what happens if they don't meet the time). Even the chief of the department does the course. I believe that they appreciate the courses I set up for them. I do this free of charge as I think all officers need the information they get from there classes. I also set up a pursuit course at the airport on a parking pad for airplanes. They use that to teach the basics of stopping people that are in question.

Well, I guess I will end by saying that we are still looking for people to run for the Board of Directors. There are a lot of active members that would serve well on the board. Don't be shy. Come to the meeting and volunteer. Hope to see you there.

Denny

SBR GO-KART NIGHT

After the day began by looking like rain by the time I got to Michiana Raceway the weather had turned out to just be down right hot. We had 8 drivers show up to take advantage of our annual trek to the track. Pretty slim. Maybe the threat of rain kept some away. They got plenty of track time and on the last race of the night our Dave Gushwa came out on top, a first for him. I think they all had a good time even though they were tired after the last race. See some pictures following:

Denny



Getting Ready to go



The Start



Close Competition



Turn 8



The Winner

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

T-Shirts

New Gray (all sizes)	\$10.00 ea.
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2XL— 3XL
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Hats



Limited Sizes



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