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Report

Did You Know:

The SCCA is comprised of 118 individual regions. The breakdown is: Small Regions – 55

Med./Lrg. Regions – 48

Jumbo Regions – 15 Current regular

membership is nearly 50,000. That is a 13% increase over one year ago. Retention levels are also up. Race workers (volunteers) receive \$100/day at Alabama Region races. Current thought is that spiraling gas prices may have a larger effect on workers than drivers/crew. Many regions are looking at weekend multi-events. Speaking of events, April is the kick-off for the 'Hill Climb Tour' at Pine Mountain. May is the 'Enduro' kick-off at Nelson Ledges. Keep an eye out for a national survey for reinstating Live Conventions. The 2023 convention is tentatively set to begin January 21. The net cost (loss) for a live convention is around \$50,000. As I sit at the computer writing this there is snow on the ground, again. Bah, humbug! Spring is here and hopefully the warmer weather will soon follow. It will be great to fire up the cars and competition. And speaking of competition, what a great start for the 2022 F1 season. It's nice to see Ferrari competitive again (where I'm sitting). Stay well. Hope to see you at an event soon.

Paul McBride - RE

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NEW MEMBERS

James Bevenour of St. Joseph, Mi
Nathan Harlan of Elkhart, In.
Sean McPike of Mishawaka, In.
Eric and Evelyn Roderich of Edwardsburg, Mi.
Derek Runion of Rolling Prairie, In.

Welcome to SBR/SCCA

SBR Monthly Meetings

We meet every first Tuesday of the month at Beef O'Brady's

12479 State Road 23

Granger, In

6:00—Board Meeting followed at 7:00 P.M.—general membership meeting

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RACE WORKERS TRAVEL FUND

SBR workers that work other region's 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>

2022 Schedule

April
5— Member Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
23—Starting Line
24—Solo #1—Tire Rack
May
3- Member Meeting—7:00 P.M.
May 13/14/15—Regional Race at Gingerman
19—TNIA—Gingerman
22—Solo #2—Tire Rack
June
7— Member Meeting —7:00 P.M.
12—Solo #3—Tire Rack
16—TNIA—Gingerman
24—SBR at South Bend Cubs night—7 P.M.
July
5— Member Meeting—7:00 P.M.
14/15/16—Lane Motorstate Challenge
22/23/24— SBR Majors Race at Gingerman
August
6—SBR— Great Lakes Div. Solo—Grissom
7—Hoosier Challenge—Grissom
21—Solo—Tire Rack
27/28—SBR/Indy Time Trials—Gingerman

Free Dues

We started it! Hold one of the following positions and get your dues back.

R.E.; National Race worker license; Race Chair; PitBoard Editor; Street Survival Chair; or 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 buy from the Tire Rack. Go to our website. Log onto www.sbrscca.org and click on the Tire Rack link at the bottom of the page to make your purchase. By doing so, SBR 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/per 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 Worker / 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/ article	10

NOT A MEMBER?

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

SOLO REPORT

Solo dates are confirmed!! Here is the schedule for 2022

April 23rd – Starting Line school <https://www.scca.com/events/2001012-scca-starting-line-south-bend-tire-rack>

April 24th – Solo #1 Tire Rack

May 22nd – Solo #2 Tire Rack

June 12th – Solo #3 Tire Rack

August 6th – Solo #4 Grissom (Divisional Event)

August 7th – Solo #5 Grissom (Hoosier Challenge)

August 21st – Solo #6 Tire Rack

September 18th – Solo #7 Tire Rack

October 16th – Solo #8 Tire Rack

Registration for the events will be live soon! Trailer cleanout took place on March 19th and was a huge success. We look forward to debuting our new, easy setup announcing system at the April 24th event. On May 7th Indy Region is organizing a Grissom repair day. They could use a couple of volunteers from SBR to help if anyone is available. Email me and I can get you in contact with the organizer. We will also need volunteers for a couple of SBR events, including the Starting Line school on April 23rd. We will assist instructors from SCCA with course setup and cone chasing among other duties. The other event we will need help with is day two of the Motor State Challenge, which will be at Tire Rack this year on July 16th. Motor State will be running an autocross course on that day, and we will need volunteers to help with all the normal positions we fill at an autocross (corner workers, grid, timing, safety, etc.). If you are interested in helping with either or both events, please email me.

See you all soon!

Jason Cleveland/Nick Thompson

Solo Co-Chairs

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SBR April Race Report

-Jeff Luckritz

Spring is here and the Spring Sprints at GingerMan Raceway are less than two months away. Most of the pre-event planning is done, the Supplemental Regulations have been approved and the MSR page goes live on March 30th. In order to make the event a success we need two things to happen; we need racers to show up and we desperately need volunteers. Even though we are technically a “car club,” I contend we are really a “people club.”

We need people like you to help run the show. We need people like you to treat our customers(racers) with respect and a friendly demeanor. We need people like you to be enthusiastic. We need people like you to check people in at registration. We need people like you to tech cars. We need people like you to grid cars. We need people like you to communicate with racers with flags. We need people like you to time the cars while they are on track. We need people like you to work in pit lane. We need people like you to measure the sound of the cars. We need people like you to pass out trophies. We need people like you to make sure volunteers get fed. We need people like you to pass out trophies.

Without kind and caring people like you nothing gets done. It is really that simple. I don't care what your racing background is and I don't care how much you know or don't know. If you can treat people nicely and are willing to learn, we can, no let me rephrase that. We NEED you! We need you volunteer to help put on this race in May. Work one day or two. The details are below.

What: SCCA Double Regional, Club Racing Experience and Alternate Driver School

Date: May 14-15, 2022

Where: GingerMan Raceway in South Haven, MI

Time: 7:15 am-4:30 pm each day.

Clothing: Unless you are working Timing and Scoring, you will be outside. Dress to be in the elements because we race rain or shine. If you plan on working a corner, please don't wear red or yellow.

FROM THE EDITOR

Just got back from my trip to Arizona to visit with my brother Mike and his son Jeff. Also got to visit some other good friends, Joanne Jensen and Steve Smith along with a friend and his wife from growing up. Also got to get my first race weekend in at Inde Motorsports Ranch in Willcox Arizona. Really nice country club type of track. 2.6 mile configuration being used that weekend. SCCA cars in 2 groups, open wheel and closed wheel. Unfortunately not a big turn out. Around 30 for SCCA and then a few more cars from the Ranch, kind of like TNIA here. Overall it was a nice easy weekend but the weather was quite cool as it is at a 4000 foot elevation. Had a ride in the pace car under race conditions. Driver knew his stuff. The pace car pulls off at the last turn prior to the start and then follows the group around on the first lap as a rapid response safety car. He pretty much kept up to the group all the way around to pit in and then exited. An interesting concept to say the least. I worked grid there and ended up being only 2 of 2 to be there. Not bad though as the car count was low. Had a good time even though Sunday was around 55 degrees with wind gusts around 50 MPH. Wind chill was about 30 degrees.

Our season here is gearing up soon with the starting line series in April and a solo on the day after. Then in May we do a regional at Gingerman when things really start popping.

June brings us solo competition and our annual South Bend Cubs night. Free tickets to the game along with the ballpark buffet and a free hat. No cost to a member and their guest. **FREE!FREE!FREE! You must sign up as tickets are limited.**

Email Denny at pitboard@sbrscca.org with your request for tickets.

Coming in July will be the Lane Motorstate Challenge and our Majors a week later. Make sure that you sign up to work both events Contact Denny for the Lane event to work Friday at Gingerman or Saturday at the Tire Rack. We are in need of help for both days. You get to see some really nice cars and get paid to do Tech Inspection and work a corner or grid among other duties at Gingerman and chase a few cones at the Tire Rack Join us. Sign up to work the Race on motosport.reg when registration opens.

I am including a few pictures of my trip so enjoy and I will make a few observations at the meeting this coming Tuesday at Beef O'Brady's at 7:00. Be there!!

Denny



The grid area. There was no splitting the groups.



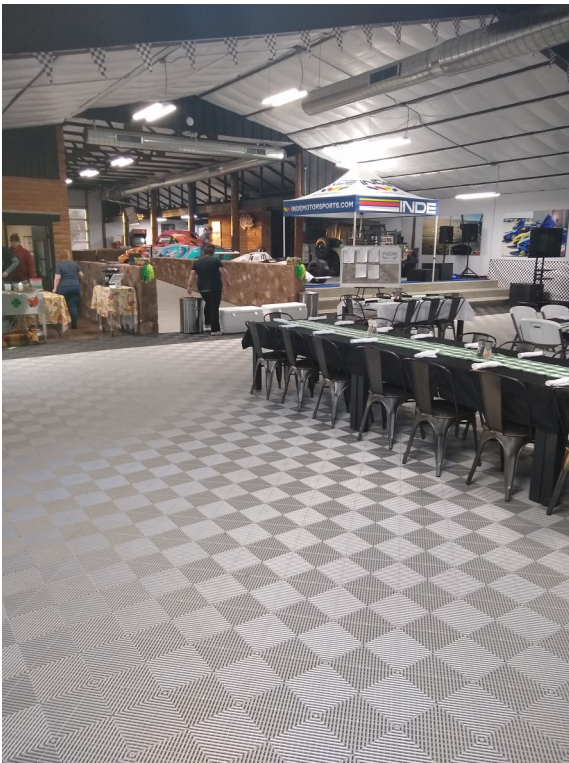
There were some interesting cars



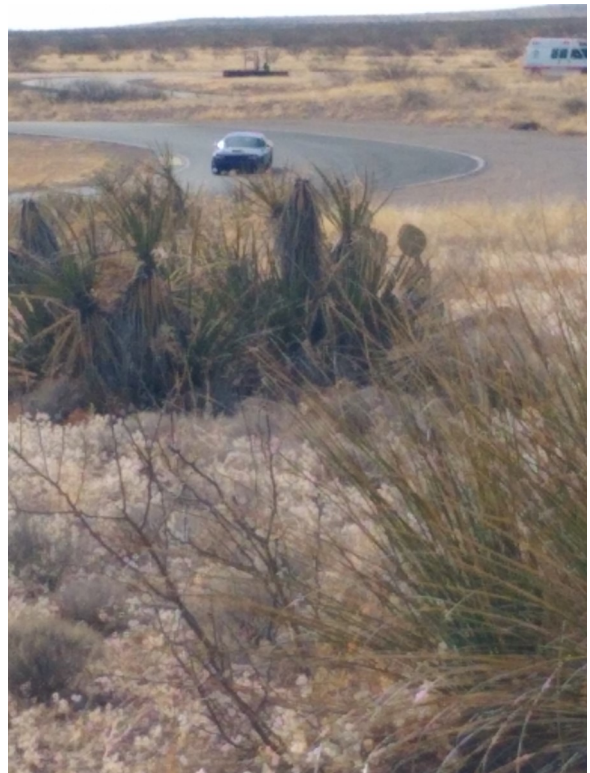
Drivers Beware



Also an museum of war aircraft



Lunch and dinner area. Served on glass plates and all.



Racing in the Desert

OUR CUBS GAME DATE IS SET

What: our annual free to members and a guest ball game outing. It includes 2 tickets, a ball game buffet (hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, Mac and cheese, cookies and soft drinks), and a South Bend Cubs hat.

When: Friday, June 24 at 7:05 P.M.

Where: South Bend Four Winds Field in South Bend

Our annual trek to a South Bend Cubs game has been reserved for June 24. They will be playing the Peoria Chiefs, (the St Louis Cardinals affiliate). The game is slated for a 7:05 P.M. start and will conclude with a fireworks display.

Don't miss any of the action. Reserve your spot now. Email Denny at pitboard@sbrscca.org today. There is limited seating available.

FREE***FREE*****FREE**



LANE MOTORSTATE CHALLENGE WEEKEND IS SET

Our Lane Motorstate Challenge for 2022 has been set to happen on July 14 -16. Mark these dates on your calendar now so you don't miss it.

On Thursday July 14 there will be registration and driver's meeting at Lane Automotive. After that meeting there will be a cruise along Lake Michigan and then all meet for a dinner and visits with old friends.

On Friday morning at Gingerman, the group will make timed runs in three groups. The best time for each car will then be carried forward to Saturday's event.

Saturday morning will find us back at the Tire Rack for an intense autocross on the test track. Then those best times will be added to Friday's times and the overall winners will be announced.

This is a fun time with some outstanding automobiles and great drivers. Don't miss it.

We will be asking for volunteers to work Tech and then flagging for the event on Friday at Gingerman. We will need to have about 15 helpers. You don't need to be a member to join the fun. You can also sign up and run with these amazing drivers. Gingerman is a 2.2 mile road-course with 11 corners. No pylons will be used.

On Saturday we will be back at the Tire Rack for a special autocross event. It promises to be fast and challenging. There will be 2 groups as usual with our events. Again, the event will be open to all drivers that want to see how they measure up to some of the best competition in the country. We also will need about 15 – 18 volunteers to run that event which will consist of timing, tech, gridding and pylon setting.

We cannot do this event justice if we don't have the volunteers to do it. This is your club and we are looking for you to help out. There will be some kind of stipend in working this event. More on that later.

SIGN UP NOW!!

If you have any questions, please email Denny at pitboard@sbrscca.org

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Notes from the Director's Chair

As it warms up across the country, Club Racing gets to start its season. My rubber is about to hit the road, literally, as I head to North Carolina and attend the Hoosier Super Tour (HST) race at Virginia International Raceway (VIR). I'll fold in a visit to my brother's place in Durham too. After that I will also visit Pittsburgh International Race Complex (PIRC) for an HST race there towards the end of the month (4/29-5/1).

As I mentioned previously, there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this line to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program here. I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

The various national schedules for 2022 are starting to coalesce and they can be found here:

Pro Solo/National Tour, Time Trials National Tour, Hoosier Super Tour, Enduro.

Video Conference Meetings:

- Board of Directors (BoD) (2/28): Ken Blackburn (Chairman of the Stewards) gave a report on the status of the Club Racing program. In general, the program is doing well. But to make sure its long term viability is ensured, more strategic planning needs to be done. Mark Scroggs (Solo Events Board Chair) also joined us to give a status report. Solo is also doing well as it adapts to new safety guidelines, classes and cars. We got an update on the lawsuit filed by Rick Haynes against the Club. It has been moved to Federal Court.
- Club Racing Board (CRB) (3/1): Some housekeeping was done to make sure the GCR is accurate after an off season of rules changes. Some subtle changes were made on restarts at the Runoffs. The results can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (3/9): The committee released its first Club Racing rules package to the CRB. This package pertains to Prototype race cars. We are also nearly finished with a package for Production cars.
- BoD (3/28): I updated the Board on EVAC (see above). We reviewed a plan to alter the Solo management team and process. Details will be forthcoming. We also received an update on the Rick Haynes v SCCA lawsuit. Again, details to follow.

SCCA Events:

- GLDiv Spring Training meeting: I attended this event in Fort Wayne on 3/4, 3/5. Val McCammon organized the event and, once again, she did a fantastic job. It was hosted at Manchester University on the north side of Fort Wayne. It's a nice, new facility that is perfect for a meeting like ours. It's always nice to see folks working together to further the Club. As for me, in addition to hosting a session of "Ask the Director" and a session on the EVAC, I sat in on several sessions (Road Racing forum, GLDiv BoD meeting, DA & Exec Steward meeting). I also had a side session with the Cincy Region folks on their event at MidOhio.
- I have updated my calendar on the GLDiv website with events I'd like to go to this season. [Click here](#) to see where I'll be this summer.

Be sure and visit the GLDiv website for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. Log in to your my.scca.co page and check. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you.

Just a quick reminder, if any region out there wants to have an "Ask the Director" session during your monthly meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can schedule a visit. I retired last summer so have plenty of free time and would thoroughly enjoy the chance to visit with your members.

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 ask availability)	\$5.00 ea.	
Sweat Shirts (sizes limited)	\$7.50 ea.	
Polo Shirts (limited mostly long sleeve)		\$12.00
Hats	\$5.00 ea.	
Beanies	\$10.00	
Grille Emblem (show your colors)	\$25.00	

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



Long Sleeve – L—X L-
2XL— 3XL
Short Sleeve—M -L
(1 each)



New Gray
All Sizes



Hats



Limited Sizes



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