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## RE Report

Another month of summer competition has gone by and things start to wind down at the Regional and Divisional level. We completed the Hoosier Challenge Solo weekend at Grissom, a TNiA event at Gingerman, and a Solo at Tire Rack. From what is reported, all three events were a success. National events will start to take the spotlight soon with SCCA Pro Solo & Solo Nationals at Lincoln, NE and the National Runoffs at VIR. We will be back with our regional autocross at the Tire Rack on 9/18.

On the business side, the proposed revisions to the club By-laws passed unanimously by the club membership in the August meeting and the Board of Directors greatly appreciate your participation in making this happen.

So what is next, you ask? How about some informational presentations or speakers at some of our club meetings? How about a winter bus tour to a “not-so-exotic” but interesting destination? As I asked in the last meeting, what do you want from your club? What will get more participation from our members and bring in new members? All good questions. We just need some good answers! Feel free to drop me an email at [RE@sbrscca.org](mailto:RE@sbrscca.org) if you have any suggestions. We have money and we have time in our off-season to explore some new directions and revisit some old ones as well.

Have a safe and fun Labor Day weekend. We hope to see you at the next Monthly meeting on 9/6 at 7pm.

**Mark Manninen, RE South Bend Region SCCA**

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### NEW MEMBERS

Donald Hutsell of Royal Center, In.  
Case Kamminger of Grand Haven, Mi.  
Moussa Miller of South Bend, IN.  
Dustin Miller of Goshen, In.  
Monte Rans of Rochester, In.  
Journel Richie of Mishawaka, In  
Quentin Wilson of Wakarusa, 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. for 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

September  
 6— Member Meeting—7:00 P.M.  
 15— TNIA—Gingerman  
 18— SBR SOLO at Tire Rack  
 October  
 4— Member Meeting—7:00 P.M.  
 16— SBR Solo at Tire Rack  
 November  
 1—Member Meeting—7:00 P.M.  
 December  
 6— Member Meeting—7:00 P.M.



### Free Dues

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

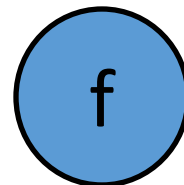
R.E.; National Race worker license; Race Chair; PitBoard Editor; Street Survival Chair; or Treasurer.

Half off dues for Activity Points Keeper; Divisional Race worker license; Secretary; and various solo positions.

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### NEED TIRES?/ HELP SBR

When you need new tires be sure to buy from the Tire Rack. Go to our website. Log onto [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, SBR will earn some dough.

### GETTING SBR ACTIVITY POINTS

Activity	Points	Activity	Points
Race Chair	400	SBR Race Driver	50
Assistant Race Chair	200	Race Worker / per day	50
PitBoard Editor	200	Rally/Solo Worker	40
Website Manager	200	PitBoard Article	40
Race Chief of Specialty	200	Region Support	20
Associate PitBoard Editor	100	TNIA Worker	20
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	Round Table Worker	20
Car Show Display	75	Race/Solo Meeting	20
Solo—Co-Chair	75	PitBoard Pictures	10
Event Co-Chair	75		

### NOT A MEMBER?

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

## FROM THE EDITOR

Here we are in September. I hope that all you have had a wonderful summer as it is almost over. I know that Jeff has been a busy beaver with all the travelling he has been doing with SVRA and Pro Racing. Don't worry Jeff, it will slow down in a couple of months.

Personally my summer has gone quite well. Have got to do some TNIA events. Worked a couple of races, had my brother and his son in for some great visit time, got a lot done in the yard (happy wife, happy life) and still had some time to do things for myself. Looking forward to not having to mow the lawn twice a week though. Patty and I are planning to participate in the Labor Day parade in Elkhart along with friends in the Mustang Club.

Last weekend was our solo #6 on the year. I went over on Saturday evening and helped out setting up the course for Sunday as they were afraid of the rain maybe on Sunday morning. It looked to be a pretty fast course. I happened to look at the entry list for Sunday and saw something unusual. We had an entry for Andy McDermid (multi-time National Champion in A/S) in AM. Could this be a mistake? Well, it was confirmed that it truly was Andy coming to our solo event. Actually driving his National Championship A/S Mustang. Come to find out he came to an agreement with our solo people to use the skid pad for tire testing during lunch and a bit after all was complete. Still kind of cool to see his car in our solo paddock and on the Tire Rack test course. I hope he learned all he wanted to for his bid at the National Run-offs next month.

For those of you not familiar with Andy, he has run our National races a few times. One year during his race he came to the pits and as I was helping Duane in pitlane I was checking his car for leaks. There was fluid coming out from under the car and I was holding him to have a steward take a look. While getting frustrated Andy got out of the car and was pretty upset. He then began yelling at me to either let him go or not. It was determined he could not return to the track. Later on he actually came to the worker's dinner and wanted to talk to me outside (uh oh!). It was to apologize to me for losing his temper in the pitlane and we have been friends since. Great guy. Always remember that racers can be pretty intense when it comes time to race.

Don't forget that we are now having a page for car items that you want to sell. It also works if you are looking for something for your car. I can put those requests in also.

I am looking for a person to take over the merchandise as I just don't get to the events to sell anything. This is a great opportunity to take over. We are in need for some new hats and you can get your own design to sell to others. Let me know if you are interested. It would sure help me.

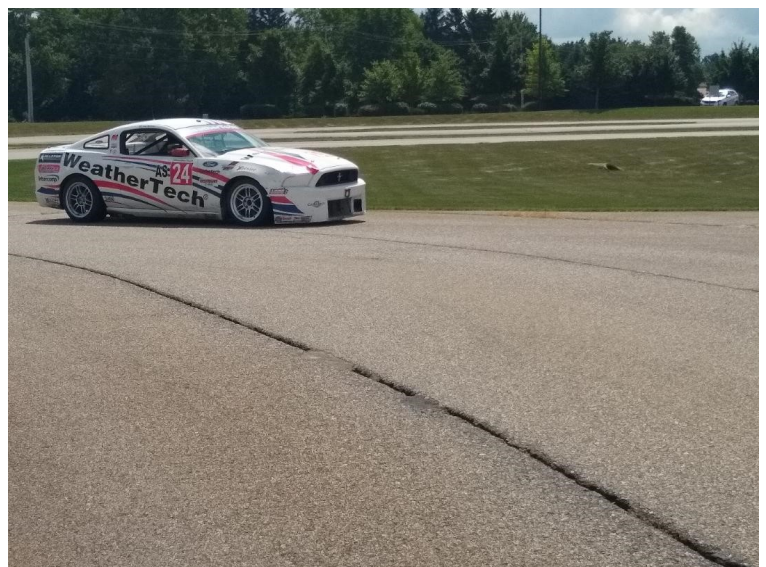
Looking forward to hear Steve Jackson how to make my car look great (if that is possible) at the meeting. Come join us  
Below are a couple pictures of Andy at the solo.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Denny



Andy on the left and his motor builder



Andy on the skid pad

## LAST CHANCE MAJORS AT GRATTAN

The Western Michigan Region "Last Chance Majors" was August 20 & 21.

The car count was approximately 102 and the event went well. The weather was good except for about 30 minutes of heavy rain on Saturday.

Leon Krause and myself were the only SBR workers at this race. Plus David Ferris a SBR dual member was there in Timing & Scoring. This was very disappointing since WMR has more than a dozen workers come to help SBR at our Majors race. There were a couple of SBR members there to race. Kurt Rotman of Dorr, MI (a SBR Member) was there to race his Miata in both the Spec Miata class (SM) and the Street Touring Light class (STL). Also Robert Stowell of LaPorte, IN was there racing his Formula F (formerly formula ford). Also Larry Savage of Grainger, IN (SBR member) was there as crew for his grandson Jameson Savage of Middleville, MI.

Duane Belisle

## **Do You Want A Better-Looking Sports Car?**

A special brief presentation by Steve Jackson on automobile detailing is scheduled for the October Club meeting on 10/4/22. Steve is known for his exquisite taste in automobiles and is well known in his ability to present beautifully detailed sports cars that actually get driven and autocrossed. Join us to hear about Steve's experience, what works for him, and maybe a few tips on how to keep your Pride and Joy the envy of all at the track or car show.

We are currently looking for topics of interest for future presentations at our monthly club meetings. If you have a topic, skill or know of a guest presenter/vendor of interest to the membership, send info to Mark Manninen, RE SBR via email at RE@sbrscca.org.

**This is our very own Jim Krzyzewski at the majors getting ready to give charity rides with his fellow Ferrari owners to excited riders. They had a very enjoyable experience with two laps around the track. (photo submitted by Lynette Markowicz)**



## Solo Update:

South Bend Region hosted a Great Lakes Divisional on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> and the Hoosier Challenge on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> at Grissom. We had 90 drivers on Saturday and 150 drivers on Sunday. The last couple of years the regions have agreed to use an improved scoring method for the Hoosier Challenge that utilizes the PAX index instead of points per class. This scoring method evens out the scoring and eliminates the class jumping that occurred during previous years. The results were:

2022 Hoosier Challenge			
Position	Club	PAX avg	Entries
<i>1st</i>	<b>CSCC</b>	41.388	19
<i>2nd</i>	<b>SBR</b>	42.411	29
<i>3rd</i>	<b>INR</b>	42.876	36
<i>4th</i>	<b>Indy</b>	42.946	43
<i>5th</i>	<b>FWR</b>	43.186	10
	N/A		13

Just two short weeks later we hosted Event #6 at Tire Rack on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The weather was forecasted to be rainy so we had a light turnout of 45 drivers. For those that did attend they were treated with a mostly partly cloudy day and a fun fast course!

Results for event 3, 4 and 5 have been updated on the website. Please pardon our delay as we have several people in new positions this season.

Hard to believe, but we only have two events left for the 2022 season!

Event #7 – September 18<sup>th</sup> at Tire Rack

Event #8 – October 16<sup>th</sup> at Tire Rack

Jason

## HELP WANTED

I am currently looking to fill the position of Associate PitBoard Editor. I would like to have someone to come and work with me to make PitBoard bigger and better. I know that there is someone out there that can bring some new ideas to the table to accomplish this.

This is a job that takes up only a few hours per month. I use the publisher program from Microsoft to produce the newsletter. It makes the job very simple as you can create templates that you can just add each month.

Doesn't take a college degree to run (obviously as I use it).

If you are that is looking to do more for the club, this is a great way to serve. Contact me if you have even the slightest interest. We can discuss some of your ideas. [pitboard@sbrscca.org](mailto:pitboard@sbrscca.org)

Thanks,

Denny

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Notes from the Director's Chair-Area 4 Director Update for September 2022

September will be a busy month for me as I head to Lincoln, NE for the Solo National. I'll be at that event from 9/5 to 9/10. I've never been to the Solo Nationals and am really looking forward to it. Later in the month, I'm headed to Virginia for the Runoff. The Runoffs will be held at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) this year (and next) and I'll be there from 9/23 to 10/3. I've been to VIR several times. It's a fabulous facility that will really test the mettle of the competitors. As I have a brother who lives near there (Durham, NC), I get to pull double duty and visit with him. Another bonus.....staying at his place will save me (and the Club) a lot of money.

Since I'll be on the road most of the month, I may not be able to write an update for October. Hopefully, it'll be a much easier month. I am scheduled to get my left hip replaced on 10/13 (not a Friday) so I'll be able to walk, golf, bike, flag, etc. with MUCH less pain. Wish me luck.

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (8/2): As we just had a face to face meeting in KC on 7/28, this Zoom call was more procedural in nature. We reviewed the letter log and continued the conversation on the G2C initiative (Green to Checker). I updated the CRB on the work the EVAC has been doing. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen her.
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (8/10): The revised SCREV is being reviewed by the Experiential programs (Time Trials, Track Night in America, Solo, Rally Cross). While this review is happening, we are working on a variety of things in the background. The Broch Evans Motorsports EV race car (previously a Formula Mazda) will be entered in AMod at the Solo Nationals. The car will also be at the Runoffs but only as a static display. It will be exciting to get this car in front of SCCA folks so they can see it for themselves. We are also working on training materials for members so they know how to interact with an EV that has entered an SCCA event. More on that to come later.
- EVAC (8/23): This was a secondary meeting among some of the EVAC to discuss data acquisition systems for the EVs in Club Racing. We met with the folks from Aim as we are considering mandating such systems in all of the EVs in Club Racing. This would make it easier to monitor voltage, power, current, etc. in these cars. Its early in the process and we wanted to make sure we had a handle on it.

SCCA Events:

- CRB (7/28): As one of the liaisons to the CRB, I attended their meeting in KC. Many topics were discussed with an emphasis on long term, strategic thinking about the Club Racing program as a whole. Data acquisition to monitor performance was highlighted as this will become even more important as we move forward. Green to Checker (G2C) was discussed at length. How do we as a group (drivers, steward, workers, etc.) pull together to make sure we have more green flag laps? A variety of options were mentioned as a part of the solution. Some routine house keeping was done as well. They updated language on officials, discussed burden of proof in compliance issues, talked about the future of T1 and how do we fold FIA GT4 cars into Club Racing. I updated them on how the EVAC was coming along on our rules packages. This progressed into a broader discussion about EVs in Club Racing.
- BoD (7/30): Like all face to face, BoD meetings, we were updated by all the managers so we could get an assessment of each program. All the programs had bright spots and challenges. This is nothing new. The good news is that the bright spots outweighed the challenges and I am optimistic about the Club's future. The national staff is working hard to make events better, help make the regions put on better events and make a member's experience better. We also got a review of the financial standing of the club (pretty good considering the high cost of travel these days). We were told by the marketing folks that we are "refreshing" our logos and graphic standards. As this hasn't been done in quite a while, it's probably overdue. We were also told that we are trending upward in terms of full time members.....that's always good news.
- WMR Major (8/20, 8/21): I signed up for this event so I could help out my home region (WMR) while enjoying some fun at Grattan Raceway. Once again, rain followed me to a race course. Saturday's schedule was marred by a session being red flagged just as the heavens unleashed a torrent on the track. With lightning in the area, the Chief Steward had no choice but to stop the clock and allow the workers to seek shelter as the storm passed through. 20 minutes later, the skies were clear and we could go racing again. The day continued with the usual awesome, all attendee dinner. Maybe I'm jaundiced but I will stack up the dinner menu at WMR events against ANY other track food option. Sunday's races were held under nicer weather conditions. As it was the last Major east of the Mississippi, this was the last chance for drivers to qualify for the Runoffs via the Majors path.

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.

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

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Pro Solo/National Tou, Time Trials National Tou, Hoosier Super Tou, Endur.

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

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 link 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.

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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## **"I FEEL THE NEED FOR SPEED!!"**

### **FACTS ABOUT TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA**

Have you ever wanted to take your street car out on a race track to see what she will do? Well, you have that opportunity these days thanks to SCCA and Gingerman Raceway. For a slight fee and an approved helmet you can do just that. You don't even have to buy a helmet as you can rent one for the evening at Gingerman.

You have a chance to run with the best TNIA crew in America, bar none. Our track crew is the best there is. We have all been doing this together for a few years now. As far as I have heard we are the only TNIA crew that runs the event with no help from National Staff and that is how we like it. All great reviews from participants.

So get out your wallet and register to attend this last TNIA of the year on September 15. Things start around 2:30 and finish up by 7:45 usually. We run three groups divided as Novice (no track time), Intermediate (some track time) and Advanced (lots of track experience). You will be driving on the track with others like you. There is only passing in passing zones for novices with a point from the driver if front of you. No hotdogging is allowed.

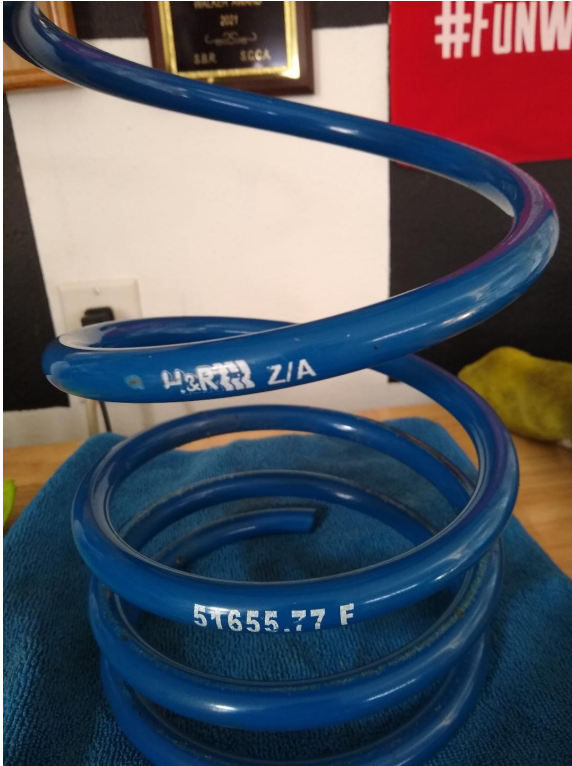
So get up off your duff and come on up. We would be happy to assist you (we have sessions for the novices after each run) Track sessions are 20 minutes each with you getting 3 times on the track. That is one hour of track time plus classroom help. Quite the bargain I would say. Even if you don't participate come on up and go out on the touring laps offered during a break in action. A great way to see the track and you can also talk to folks on why they do it. You only need to understand what they are saying behind their mile wide grin after being on the track.

Hope to see you there!!

## MEMBER STUFF FOR SALE or WANTED

### FOR SALE:

H&R Sport lowering springs for S-197 Mustang (2005-2010). Will lower your car by about 1.5 inches around. Taking my car back to stock. Best offer. Contact Denny at gridman1@att.net.



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Old colors (sizes limited ask availability)	\$5.00 ea.
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Polo Shirts (limited mostly long sleeve)	\$12.00
Hats (very limited)	\$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



Beanies



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