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November RE Report

The competition Season is over and time to put the toys away and start working on personal or mechanical improvements for next season. Maybe it will be getting that winter detail on your street machine or looking into upgrading your worker license to the next level. Whatever your passion is in SCCA, just participate and join us for all we have to offer.

November is election month and time to vote for club leadership at our monthly meeting on Tuesday 11/1. Are you happy with the programs and the direction of the club? Is it serving the wants and needs of the membership? This is your chance to elect the Board and Regional Executive that will represent your best interests for the 2023 term. It is one of the privileges of membership in South Bend Region to have a vote and be heard. Please vote!

Look for upcoming annual award banquet information which will be held on Saturday January 14th. If you have traveling trophies, please get them returned for engraving and presentation to the next deserving recipient. We are also finalizing plan for a winter bus trip in February to chase away the winter blues!

Mark Manninen

RE South Bend Region

NOVEMBER 1, 2022—SBR ELECTIONS— DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO VOTE FOR WHO YOU WANT TO RUN YOUR CLUB.

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NEW MEMBERS

Scott Conley—North Judson

Cody Gouker—South Bend

Scott Lickteig—Mishawaka

WELCOME AND HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON

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

2022 Schedule

November

1—Member Meeting—Election Night—7:00 P.M.

December

6— Member Meeting—7:00 P.M.

January

14-Tentative date for awards banquet

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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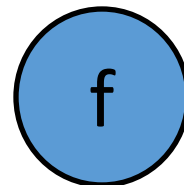
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ALL OF YOU LUCKY TRAVELLING TROPHY WINNERS FROM LAST YEAR. PLEASE BRING YOUR TRAVELLING TROPHY TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING SO WE CAN GET IT ENGRAVED FOR THIS YEARS WINNER. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING PLEASE MAKE ARRANGMENTS TO GET IT TO MARK MANNINEN OR DUANE BELISLE BY DECEMBER 1.

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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 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	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		

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>

NOT A MEMBER?

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

“STARTERS LINE”

“SWEETNESS”

To those who remember Walter Payton #34 of the Chicago Bears football organization. I hope this brings back memories and may be adds to them.

Walter played pro football, where he dominated the running back position. He missed only one game during his 13-year Hall of Fame career. Amassing 16,726 yards rushing, 77, 100-yard games, 125 rushing touchdowns and he threw 8 touchdown passes as a running back.

He retired from football in 1987, and quickly began a new career in auto racing after driving in two Long Beach Toyota Celebrity races in 1988 and 1987. He started racing in the SCCA Pro Sports 2000 and Oldsmobile Pro Series.

In 1992, he drove at Lime Rock for the first time with Paul Newman as his instructor. The car was fitted with a passenger seat allowing Paul to ride with him. After nearly spinning on the first turn, Paul rode the rest of the way with his feet on the dashboard. On July 24, 1993, Walter took the green flag in a Trans-Am race at Lime Rock Park driving the #34 Budweiser Ford Mustang out of the Tom Gloy racing stables, with teammates Ron Fellows and Jerry Clinton.

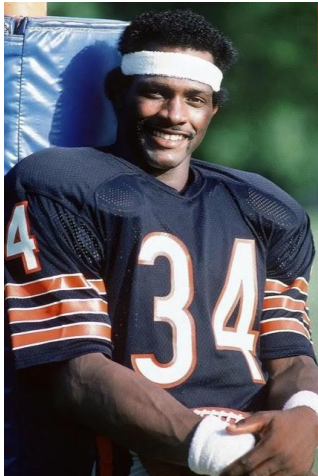
He retired from driving in 1994 after a bad crash at Road America. He promptly bought into an Indy Car race team. Sadly, he lost his battle with cancer in 1999.

Thru-out his short and not too successful Trans-Am racing career, I always found him with a smile and friendly comments. I will always remember that smile.

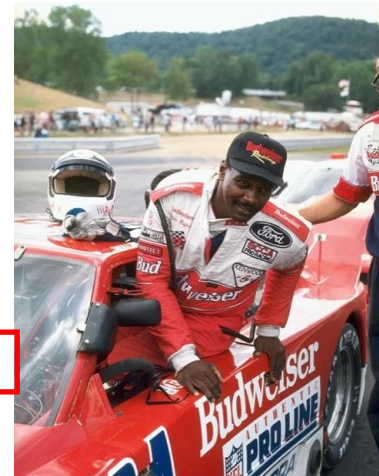
As a tribute, I did an RC touring car body of the #34 Ford Mustang. See the attached photo.

Keep on smiling!!!!

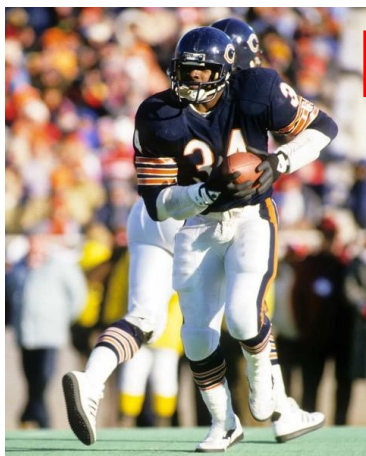
Mike Jennings



Walter Payton the Man



Walter Payton the Racer



Walter the Running Back



My Tribute Car

SEND ME PICTURES THAT YOU HAVE OF AN EVENT AND I WILL PUBLISH THEM. DON'T FORGET OUR WANTED OR FOR SALE PAGES. FREE ADS TO SELL YOUR UNWANTED RACE ITEMS

FROM the EDITOR

Only a couple of months left in 2022. Time flies when your having fun!! Hope you all accomplished whatever you set out to do this year. We have pretty much overcome the Covid thing. Now we need to worry about the flu. There is always something. Don't forget to come to the November meeting for elections. Kind of hard to forget when our election coincide with all the other elections. The same goes for the club as your local elections. If you are not satisfied with how things are going get out and elect those you think will make things better. It your privilege to do so.

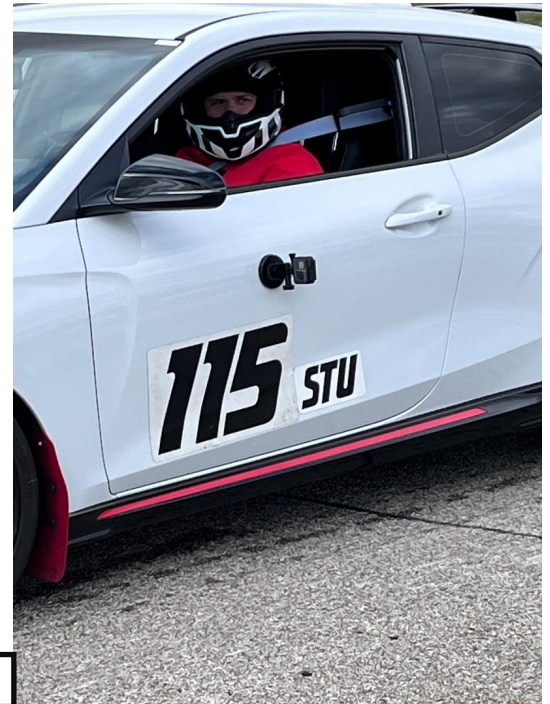
Also if you have a travelling trophy from the last banquet, please bring it the November meeting so we can get it ready for the new winner. You still have the plaque to remind you of the awesome person you are. The club is better because of people like you that put time and effort to make SBR what it is.

Also mark your calendars for January 14th. The planning has been done for the banquet and we are going to a new venue. Don't miss it.

Denny



Rodney Stemm



Nick Thompson

Solo Update:

Seems like yesterday the season was about to begin and as I write this our 8th and final event of the season took place just under a week ago. We had nice weather for our final event and made good use of it! The 44 drivers each completed 8 points runs for the day before we switched over to fun runs for anyone that wanted to participate. Many people traded cars and were able to experience the course in a car that they don't normally compete in.

As the season ends, several of us have already started about improvements for next season. We will host our annual planning meeting sometime in early 2023 and discuss some of these improvements and decide what to implement. I encourage you to attend if possible and share your opinion.

Thank you to all who attended our events this season!

Jason Cleveland

Solo Co-chair

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ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR SBRSCCA

As a SBR member you have the right to vote for your board members. This is your absentee ballot for the election being held on November 1, 2022 at the regular club meeting. If you cannot make the meeting please fill in your choices for RE and Board and send to pitboard@sbrscca.org by Monday October 31. There is space for a write in candidate also.

Regional Executive:

Mark Manninen

Board:

H.C, Colwell

Paul McBride

Steve Bollinger

Caleb Mullauer

Again, please email to pitboard@sbrscca.org by the end of Monday October 31, 2022

Thank you for participating.

Denny

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

September was a very busy month for me. I went to Lincoln, NE for the [Solo Nationals](#), came home for a week and a half and then headed to Virginia for the [Runoffs](#). I know I signed up for it, but I was out 18 days from 9/4 to 10/3. Sheesh....I'm tired just typing that sentence. That said, I had a great time at both events.

Due to my various travels, I missed sending an October update. As a result, this month's update is quite a bit longer than usual. I apologize for the length, but I also want to make sure the members get a full accounting of my time. Due to Solo Nationals, Runoffs, holidays and other factors, my monthly BoD meetings that are normally on the fourth Monday of each month have been rescheduled to an "as needed" basis. We will have a few meetings scheduled but realize that topics may pop up for which we may need to meet. Throw in that I was asked to sit in on some other Zoom calls for my EV knowledge and I was on Zoom calls quite frequently over the past couple of months.

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (9/7): I wasn't able to sit in on this one since I was at the Solo nationals. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Region Development (9/13, 9/15, 9/20): These were a series of Zoom calls to talk with jumbo (9/13), small (9/15) and medium/large (9/20) regions about the EVAC. As EVs are coming to events across all regions, I thought it would be worthwhile to speak to these groups and give them a heads up as well as pass along my contact info for any questions that might arise.

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (9/14): The revised SCREV is being reviewed by the folks who run 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) was entered in AMod at the Solo Nationals. It was 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 and regions so they know how to interact with an EV that has entered an SCCA event. More on that to come later.

Budget & Finance Committee (9/19): We reviewed the budget for 2023. A variety of factors (fuel prices, inflationary pressures, travel cost, etc.) are forcing the Club to juggle things financially when it comes to the budget for next year.

GLDiv BoD meeting (10/10): Treasurer's report reviewed (we're good) and prep for the 2023 Spring Training meeting.

BoD (10/5): This was an adjunct meeting to continue to discuss budget issue for 2023.

EVAC (10/12): Although our meeting was shortened due to the SCCA Presidential address given by Mike Cobb, we still managed to get attendance at the SEMA show in Las Vegas, get a TEAC update and discuss the difficulty in finding a SEB member for the EVAC committee. We also discussed battery protection for custom or home built cars and the SCREV update from Heyward Wagner.

BoD (10/17): We met for our regularly scheduled meeting. We got a financial update. We're a bit under budget as entries for events are down across the country. The Governance Committee has reviewed the Operations Manual and suggested a wide variety of revisions to keep the document fresh. We have also been trying to keep other costs down as inflation has taken a bite at the SCCA as well. Another committee has advanced some BoD restructuring based on our meeting this past July with a consultant. Its proprietary for now so we'll see what, if anything, comes from the proposal.

GLDiv Executive Steward (10/19): I hosted a Zoom call with the current and new Executive Steward so we could go over the transition from one to the other. This was just a matter of dotting "I's"

SCCA Events:

Solo Nationals (9/5-9/9): I had never been to the Solo Nationals in any capacity but knew I needed to go when I took office. The rationale is easy as Solo is the largest of our programs. Since I retired from Club Racing my Sprite back in 2017, I have entered a couple of Solos each year. I admit I'm not any good at it but it's a way to keep the competitive juices flowing and mingle with members who have a lot of passion for their program.

I headed out to Lincoln, NE on Sunday so I could get the feel of the place on Monday before the competition started on Tuesday. My agenda was pretty simple.....talk to the brass who run Solo (Heyward Wagner, Rick Myers, Brian Mason, SEB members), catch up with folks from Area 4 and, as EVs are my "thing", see how the various EVs did during the week. I was

there strictly as a Director.....not an entrant, not a worker. I wanted to see how the event unfolded from a variety of directions. I knew folks who were working the event and who were competitors in the event.

There were EVs in three classes (EVX, AMod and HS) and I made sure to watch their sessions and talk to the competitors. What was amazing was how well they did. One of the EVX cars (Tesla 3) ran in the same heat as the CAM T class. When the dust settled, he was faster than all but the top three in CAM T. An ex Formula Mazda from Club Racing was converted into an EV by installing a Nissan Leaf motor in it. It competed in AMod and did well for its first ever Solo competition (both car and driver) as it finished 12th of 15. It was interesting to watch folks see it run. Much discussion was going on while it was on course. The HS car was a bone stock BMW i3 and he did well too (15th of 28).

In the end I could not have been more impressed by the event. To squeeze 1100+ cars through the two courses in four days was amazing. There may have been some chaos behind the scenes, but it sure didn't look like it.....its appeared to be run like a well-oiled machine. The credit goes to all involved (drivers and officials). As for my future in Solo, I am already working on plans to attend next year.

Runoffs (9/25-10/2): Unlike the Solo Nationals which I had never attended, I have been to 20+ Runoffs. Some as worker, many as a driver, some as crew and even a couple as media. The wrinkle in this year's event was the remnants of hurricane Ian. After devastating Florida and South Carolina, the remains drifted north to our area and caused all sorts of problems. Rain and high winds caused local flooding and power outages. After a couple weeks of flawless weather, we had three days of wet, windy, nasty weather for the race days. As the rain was intermittent, tire choice was paramount. As a F&C guy I also know that rain is the wildcard that makes road racing interesting.....sometimes for the wrong reasons, but always interesting.

Once again I must commend the Club Racing brass and Steward Corps for ensuring that the event went smoothly. Yes the weather played havoc with the race days but the officials kept things moving.

WMR Solo at Grattan Raceway (10/23): Once I found out my hip replacement surgery had been postponed, I signed up for the last WMR Solo of the season. I took along a WMR member who had not been to a Solo before so he could see how the event was run. He had a great time and wants to compete next season. I had a nice time too even though I finished last in my class. Oh well.....on to 2023.

For 2023, GLDiv will have a new Executive Steward in charge of the Club Racing program. Her name is Lauri Burkons. One of the tasks on her plate is to revitalize the steward program and the first step is to add folks to the program. I asked her to write a small blurb about Stewarding and I have included it here. Please contact her if you have any questions (lburkons@neo.rr.com, (330) 338-7064).

Join the Steward Program

“Why?” you might ask. Because you have the SCCA experience needed to be the kind of steward we need – whether you are a driver, crew, or specialty volunteer.

Stewards are not just officials. We are also timekeepers and helpers. Yes, we officiate by keeping the rules. We keep time by starting and ending each session. We are helpers because we guide drivers through different procedures, and we help participants through the aftermath of any incident.

Stewards are not all about handing out penalties. We really do try to help drivers stay on track and have safe, fun sessions. Every sport has rules and officials to ensure those rules are followed. Motorsports is no different, and we want the best to be part of our group. Maybe that person is you.

we are serious when running sessions, we are a group of racing enthusiasts who love to have fun. We love what we do at the track and we laugh a lot at the end of the day!

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:

[Pro Solo/National Tour](#), [Time Trials National Tour](#), [Hoosier Super Tour](#), [Enduro](#).

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.com](#) 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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ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER—JANUARY 14. LOOK FOR DETAILS IN
THE DECEMBER EDITION OF PITBOARD.

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)	\$5.00ea.
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



Beanies



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