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# **December RE Report**

December is here and this is a time when most people look back on the year and reflect on our accomplishments, life events and start taking note of what they hope to achieve in the upcoming year. I believe we had good year in the South Bend Region with successful events, good competition, and some fun at our social events. I want to thank my fellow Board members and program leaders for their efforts in doing the work that needs to be done. Your contributions and skills allow us the opportunity to enjoy a safe and quality experience in SCCA. The Region is in a great position financially going into 2023 with strong program leaders and new Board members committed to providing the membership the best the SCCA can offer at the local level. Please join us at our Awards Banquet and general membership meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> to recognize the winners and achievements of our members. Banquet registration is up on MotorsportReg.com. There will not be a general membership meeting on the first Tuesday for January. We will return to our regular membership meeting schedule on Tuesday February 7th, 2023.

We are still in the planning stages for competition events for the 2023 season, but we have a special Social event planned already for Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>. We have booked a bus trip to Indy to visit the Dallara IndyCar factory and Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum with a Track Tour. This is a one-day trip for SBR members with tour bus travel expense covered by the club. Look for information and registration details coming later this month.

Enjoy your holiday and have safe travels.

Mark Manninen

**RE South Bend Region** 

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# DON'T MISS THIS!!!!

# **Annual Awards Banquet**

January 14. 2023

#### NEW MEMBERS

#### Timothy Stutzman of Etna Green

Welcome to SBR/SCCA



# YOUR INVITED

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# SOUTH BEND REGION'S 67th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

What: Our annual awards banquet honoring those that make our club great

When: Saturday, January 14, 2023

Where: Chicory Event Center

114 W. Front Street

Míshawaka, In.

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 P.M. and Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Dinner: Baked ham with Maple Brown Sugar Glaze and Grilled Salmon with Orange Glaze

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus with Peppers and Onions

Includes Salad, roll, coffee and water.

Dessert: Píes

There will be a cash bar for cocktails and there will be lemonade, ice tea and soft drinks available to purchase.

Awards will be handed out after dinner. If you have earned an award during the year please plan on attending as we want to honor you for your accomplishments. You can register at Motorsports.reg

Cost is still an amazing \$25 for singles or \$40 per couple (registration is open now on motorsports.reg)

Hope to see you there.

# SBR Winter Bus Trip 2023 Dallara IndyCar Factory Tour Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and Track Tour February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Join us Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> for a tour of the Dallara Race Car Factory and a visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum which will include an on-track tour and a possible chance to kiss the bricks (weather permitting). Tour bus transportation is free and paid for by the club. <u>This event is for Club members only.</u> Each Club member may bring a non-member guest.

#### Dallara IndyCar Factory:

The building was established in 2012, when Dallara became the official INDYCAR CHASSIS supplier and the Indy Racing Experience became the United States race parts distributor for Dallara. A guided tour through Dallara and IRE will be provided. Take a walk through the fifty years of Dallara Group's history and head to the theatre to enjoy a 10-minute video while sitting in a racing seat. During the tour, you'll have the opportunity to see the prototype of a DW12 IR-18 Chassis #1, exact replica of Eddie Cheever's 1998 Indy500 winning car, and a rebuild of an engine.



#### Kiss The Bricks Tour & IMS Museum:

Take a lap around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval and stop to "Kiss the Bricks," from the original 1909 track surface at the start/finish line. Narrated bus tours last 25-30 minutes. Tickets include a self-guided Museum tour of the Museum's 37,500 square foot exhibit space.

Ticket pricing

Dallara Tour; IMS Museum and Kiss the Bricks Track Tour....\$45.00 for adults

Lunch at Big Wood Craft Food and Spirits

Your lunch order selection must be made at the time of registration. A menu for the restaurant is provided on our registration site. Please make your order complete with beverage. Note: Only tax and gratuity is covered by the club! Itinerary:

6:30am- 7:15am Free Coffee & Donuts at Shambaugh & Son shop

7:30am Tour Bus Departs Shambaugh & Son and travels to Dallara Factory

10:00am 11:00am Dallara Factory Tour

11:00am Bus departs Dallara Factory for lunch

11:00am – 12:45 Lunch at a Craft Food & Beer restaurant. All guests cover their own meal costs.

12:45 Bus departs restaurant and travels to IMS Museum

1:00pm – 3:00pm IMS Museum and Track Tour

3:00pm Bus departs IMS Museum and travel back to South Bend

5:30pm Arrive at Shambaugh & Son.

Attendees must reserve your space by registering for this event free of charge at MotorsportReg. Tour bus seating is limited. Additional information and directions to Shambaugh & Son shop will be provided on the registration site.

#### **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

#### SBR CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

December 6— Member Meeting—7:00 P.M. January 14—Awards Banquet—See invitation here February 7—Member Meeting 18-Bus Trip to Indy March 7—Member Meeting April 4—Member Meeting May 2—Member Meeting 12/13—SBR Regional Races at Gingerman June 6—Member Meeting July 15/16— SBR Majors at Gingerman TBD—Lane Motorstate Challenge August 1-Member Meeting September 5—Member Meeting October

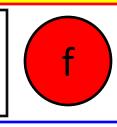
### **Free Dues**

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.`

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



Points

50 50

40

40

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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.

Show Booth Worker / day

#### **GETTING SBR ACTIVITY POINTS**

Activity	Points	Activity
Race Chair	400	SBR Race Driver
Assistant Race Chair	200	Race Worker / per day
PitBoard Editor	200	Rally/Solo Worker
Website Manager	200	PitBoard Article
Race Chief of Specialty	200	Region Support
Associate PitBoard Editor	100	TNIA Worker
Rally Series Chair	100	SBR Meeting Attendance
Solo Chair	100	Car Show Booth Worker /
Solo Series Specialty Chief	100	Rally Navigator
Event Chair	100	Race Crew / day
Program Director	100	Rally/ Solo Driver
Club Officer	100	Round Table Worker
Car Show Display	75	Race/Solo Meeting
Solo—Co-Chair	75	PitBoard Pictures
Event Co-Chair	75	

# **NOT A MEMBER?**

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

# FROM THE EDITOR

OK,I have seen enough snow already. It can be spring.

The Tire Rack test track is looking amazing since the repave job. I am sure you will all have a ton of grip come spring Haven't heard a time line yet when it will be approved for competition. If anyone hears when that will be let me know so I can update in PitBoard.

Our annual awards dinner is planned and your invitation is include in the issue. All you need to do is go on motorsports.reg. and enter. Still a bargain at \$25 for singles and \$40 per couple. Always good food with pies for dessert. This is a new venue so come on out. We would like to see all the award winners and honor them for a great year. I am including a list of race workers here. As an appreciation of your hard work and your help in making SBR a successful racing region, we are giving a special thank you so come to the dinner so we can recognize you. Without you we would have a very difficult time putting on our regional and majors races. Thanks to all of you. If you worked and are not on this list please reach out to me and let me know what you did and which race. Hope to see you all there.

Workers at the SBR races:

Dave and Peggy Anson—	Sound	Duane Belisle -	Pit	Kim Bollinger—	Driver info
Steve Bollinger -	Course Chief	David Bowman—	F&C	Mark Bublitz -	Tech
Doug Campbell -	Driver	H.C. Colwell -	F&C Chief	Jim Desenberg -	F&C
Erika Engler—	Driver Info	David Ferris -	Timing	David Gushwa—	F&C
Paul Hirn -	Race Chair-Regional	Dennis Jennings -	Grid/F&C	Mike Jennings -	Starter
Jeff Jennings—	Starter	Leon Krauss—	F&C	Jim Krzyzewski—	Charity rides
Stuart Laks -	Timing	Jeff Luckritz -	Race Chair	Dawn Luckritz—	Hospitality
Mark Manninen -	Course Chief	Lynette Markowicz -	Grid Chief	Rod Markowicz -	Tech Chief
Paul McBride—	Driver / Course	Marcia McBride -	Hospitality	Susan Miller—	Driver InfoJ
James Rose—	F&C	Tom Sager—	Driver	Brian Tack—	Pace Car driver



Bobby Sak in Victory Lane





The weather isn't always the best

Nephew Jeff waving his first checker

Friday Night workers party



# **"STARTERS LINE"**

# "HOW GENTLEMEN SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES"

Back in 1970 at Riverside Raceway, one of the first published disagreements in the Trans-Am series occurred.

Peter Revson and Sam Posey had an on-track incident. Sam in his Challenger was trying to get by Peter's Javelin in a corner and "accidently" punted him off the track.

Sam and Peter became friends after this incident.

Unfortunately, currently this seems to be the norm in all forms of racing. What ever happened to clean racing and passing? NASCAR and TV media seem to love the hitting, blocking and off-track running. Big money and results matter more than talent.

Mike Jennings













The Begining Of Sports Car Racing in the USA. The 2nd of 4 Races held on June 23, 1950 at Studebaker Proving Grounds South Bend, Indiana

This is a picture that someone passed on to me some time back. It is the beginning of road racing in our area even though it was put on by Chicago Region. It is too bad we don't have some connection to the company that now owns the facility. It could possibly be an interesting solo site.

Denny

(Some of my Early Autocrossing Cars)







Fiat 850 Spyder

1971 Camaro SS

1977 Camaro Z-28

Dayle Frame

Area 4 Director

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

The "off season" arrives and I wholeheartedly chortle.....it's really the beginning of the next season for those of us working behind the scenes.....there really is no "off season" folks so I continue to work to help our divisional programs prepare for the upcoming year. <u>Video Conference Meetings:</u>

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (11/1): The CRB met and continued to move forward on a variety of topics. Some are very much long term, strategic in their nature. I'm glad to see that they've moved on from extended discussion about minute rules questions and are leaving that to the Ad Hoc committees. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen her.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (11/7): We met off schedule with the Rally Cross Board (RXB) Chair (current and incoming) to discuss the future of the program. Once they gave us the "State of the Program", they left and were able to have a conversation about the program. Some decisions were made and we passed those along to the President (Mike Cobb).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (11/9): After a couple of months of stagnation, things are starting to move quickly. Our SCREV is getting some final revisions and will be presented to the BoD on 12/3. Our rules packages for Club Racing (P2EV, ESpec) are getting some last-minute polishing and should be ready for publication to the membership very soon.
- Budget & Finance Committee (11/15): We received a preliminary budget from the President. After he outlined the details for us, we had some time to discuss the overall package. We met in Executive Session (only BoD members) and had a chat about how to move forward in these trying economic times.
- Budget & Finance Committee (11/25): We met in a short session (45 minutes) to iron out some financial topics on the 2023 budget. As we are meeting on 12/3, we wanted Mike to juggle some of the budget items so the entire BoD could discuss the complete 2023 package.
- EVAC (11/28): I decided that we needed an additional "off schedule" meeting to iron out some revisions to the rules packages before I head off to the BoD meeting.

#### SCCA Events:

None since it our off season.

A quick reminder that the GLDiv Spring Meeting will occur on 3/3 and 3/4 at the same site as last year (Manchester University). Friday (3/3) will be a social event that evening and 3/4 will be the meeting. The meetings will be across all programs, so I encourage all members to attend. With more programs under the SCCA banner these days, we need to focus on teamwork to help each region put on the best events they can.

I will be introducing our new Club Racing Executive Steward at this event. Her name is Lauri Burkons and she will be taking over the reins from Duane Harrington. She has some large shows to fill and a lot of work to do so the expectations are high. But I know she's up to the task as we move forward. She and I have already been working together to ensure that she hits the ground running in 2023.

As usual, Val McCammon is coordinating the event. She will send a "call for sessions" email soon. She also asked that I remind folks to contact her (pyramid@bluebirdview.co, 260.437.6707) with any topic or session ideas they would like to see.

Be sure and visit the GLDiv websit 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. 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 lin to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program her. 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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# **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)



Limited Sizes



New Gray All Sizes



Hats





Beanies

Hardware Included