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RE REPORT

Welcome to the new year and new possibilities for the 2023 season. Sports car racing is kicking off with the Rolex 24hr at Daytona as I write this, along with the SCCA virtual Convention with various presentations covering the club changes and improvements planned to make our club better for all the members.

I hope you had a chance to attend some of the virtual classes and updates for our many competition programs and all that SCCA has to offer. If you missed the convention registration, all of the presentations will eventually be offered on video and I encourage you to check them out.

Some of the SBR team participated and will be giving a brief summary of the convention presentations they attended at the February membership meeting.

February and March are the planning months for the SBR region as well as the Great Lakes Division. Look for more information coming soon for our Solo planning meeting date and location as well as the annual club trailer prep for the season.

The GLDiv Spring training is planned for March 4th at Manchester College where all facets of the division competition programs will be covered. If you are interested in becoming more involved in Racing, TT, Solo, Rally, and Race Work, this would be worth attending.

Also, a reminder the SBR Winter Bus Trip registration is open now and will close on February 11th at noon, a week before the trip! We hope you can join us.

Don't forget to get your car ready and dust off those Worker Whites because spring is just around the corner.

Mark Manninen
SBR Regional Executive

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NEW MEMBERS

Candice and Alec Cleveland
Micah Colbert of Claypool, In.
Gary Collins of Bristol, In
Dan Pudlo of North Liberty, In.
Deborah Warnke of South Bend, 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

Go to the following link, download the form and follow the instructions

<http://www.sbrscca.org/new/club>

2023 Schedule

February
7—Member Meeting
March
7—Member Meeting
April
4—Member Meeting
15—Starting Line
16—Solo #1 at Tire Rack
May
2—Member Meeting
18—TNIA—Gingerman
June
6—Member Meeting
15—TNIA—Gingerman
July
15/16 SBR Majors at Gingerman
21/22/23—Lane Motorstate Challenge
August
1— Member Meeting
17—TNIA—Gingerman
September
5—Member Meeting
21—TNIA— Gingerman
23/24—Regional @ Gingerman

Free Dues

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

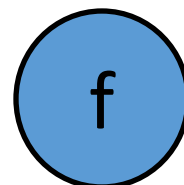
R.E.; National Race worker license; Race Chair; PitBoard Editor; Street Survival Chair; or Treasurer.

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

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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

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 and choose South Bend Region as your home region

Let's Go Racing

A Preview of SCCA Racing at GingerMan in 2023

Jeff Luckritz-GingerMan Race Chair

Nothing is easy and this applies to trying to schedule races at GingerMan. Geographically, Gingerman Raceway is about halfway between Road America and Mid -Ohio. While GingerMan is a challenging and safe facility it is not on most people's bucket list. Given a choice between racing a Road America, Mid -Ohio or GingerMan, most racers would probably choose Road America first, Mid-Ohio second and GingerMan last. We need to take this into account when we choose a date to hold a race.

Mid -Ohio Races

May 13-14-Majors

July 29-30-Regional

August 12-13-Regional

October 14-15-Regional

Road America Races

June 23-25-Hoosier Super Tour

July 22-23-Majors

August 26-27-Regional

GingerMan Races

July 15-16, 2023-The BERT Majors

September 23-24, 2023-GingerMan Regional/Club Racing Experience/Driver School

Why is the Regional weekend in September and not May?

The only weekend in May available at GingerMan was May 13-14 so we initially booked that date. Then we found out about the Majors at Mid -Ohio. So, the next best available date was September 23-24.

Don't the Runoffs at VIR start around September 24th?

Yes. A very small percentage of drivers with a SCCA Competition License actually compete in the Runoffs so we shouldn't have much of a conflict with drivers. The challenge will be securing Chiefs and Stewards since a good number of them attend the Runoffs.

Who can race at our Regional?

Essentially anybody. The Driver's School is for people that want to earn their Novice Permit which is the first step toward earning a SCCA Competition License. The Club Racing Experience is open to anybody with a SCCA legal production-based car that is capable of Touring 3 speeds or slower. The Double Regional (Divisional) is open to anybody with a SCCA competition license.

Is The BERT Majors on our traditional weekend?

No. Originally we were scheduled to have our Majors race on July 22-23, 2023. Once we found out there was a Majors scheduled at Road America we knew we had to change the date. While it's not ideal to hold a Majors race a week before the Road America Majors we decided it was the best available date.

Why are races at Mid Ohio and Road America stepping on our traditional GingerMan dates?

Pro races like IndyCar, IMSA and NASCAR get the first choice in dates. Once those are established SCCA Regions are "told" what dates are available to them. Neighboring regions know when our races at GingerMan are typically held but there's not much that they can do.

Are we partnering with the Detroit Region again in 2023?

Yes. They've been a great partner for SBR for years. They bring plenty of leadership and volunteers to each event.

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Will we be doing anything new in 2023?

Maybe. While our Majors schedule is full we do have some time in the Regional schedule to do something creative. We are tossing some ideas around and if you have any suggestions please let us know.

Is there still a 10:00 am-noon quiet time at GingerMan?

Yes. If you have any ideas about using the track in a quiet manner during that time be sure to let us know. Maybe a session or two for EV's?

How can I help?

Anybody who has the time and is willing to work in a fun and welcoming environment is encouraged to help out for a day, a weekend, or both weekends. I think you will find that SBR and DET volunteers are some of the best in the country. Everybody is willing to do what is necessary to help facilitate a wonderful weekend for racers and volunteers alike.

Who do I contact if I want to help?

You can reach out to the race chair, Jeff Luckritz via email at "race@sbrscca.org" Or, you can come to to a general membership meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at Beef O' Brady's and talk to just about anybody in the room since most of them have worked a race or two with us.

Jeff Luckritz

SBR Race Chair (race@sbrscca.org)

Solo Update:

The annual awards banquet was held on January 14th. Solo class winners were awarded with a nice backpack to haul some solo gear around in! Nick and I decided to add to the awards this year and each class winner also received a pair of magnets as shown below for their car to show off their win!



On February 25th we will hold a Solo planning meeting. Location and time to be announced soon. Keep an eye out for an email and a Facebook post. During planning we will also set a date for our annual trailer clean out. Look forward to seeing several of you at one or both!

Jason Cleveland

Solo Co-chair

solo@sbrscca.org

HELP WANTED!!!

PITBOARD EDITOR

I am looking for an assistant to publish PitBoard. I will be giving it up at the end of this year and would very much like to help someone that is interested in becoming our next editor. If you are interested in doing this, it is not a very hard job. I am just wanting to enjoy the club more without always having a job to do. I have done everything in the club from RE to race chair to this, as my second time around for PitBoard, It is time to let someone else take over.

The job consists of only about 5 hours a month if that. I currently use Publisher software. It is reasonable in price and the club will pay for you to buy it. Very simple to use as I use a master page to start each month. If you have publisher and are interested let me know and I will send you the master page I use. Only hard part of the publication is getting folks in the club to contribute. You just send them an early email in the month and give them a due date and then remind them about a week ahead of the deadline.

So, if you are looking for a way to contribute to the club but don't want to spend a lot of time this is it. Email me at pitboard@sbrscca.org. Thanks for considering this. Look forward to hearing from you.

MERCHANDISE CHAIR

I am looking for someone to take over merchandise chair for the club. Ideally it would be someone that is active in our solo program as you could sell at the events.

I know this doesn't seem like a very important job but it is a way to get our name out in public with shirts, hats and the likes. There is no limit on what we can sell if given the opportunity. You can order some much needed new hats that you design. Pretty free choices that is almost always agree upon by the Board.

I want to hand this off by the first solo this year. Please give me a shout at pitboard@sbrscca.org.

FROM THE EDITOR

As you can see I am trying to get other people interested in participating in the club. Both of these jobs are pretty simple but both are a great service to the club and very important.. Please contact me if you are even thinking about one of these positions. I will be glad to go over them with you.

The banquet is over and you can find all the winners here in PitBoard. Congratulations to all those that won something. Thanks to Jeff Speer for the talk you gave as it was interesting to know some history on Hoosier Tire and what it's future looks like. Also the hats and shirts.

If you know of someone for next years speaker please contact Mark Manninen as it is never too late to start planning.

Patty and I are off to Arizona soon to visit brother Mike for a week. Hope the weather cooperates. See you all at the meeting on the 6th. If you didn't make the banquet, come and claim your reward if you earned one.

Denny

SBR Winter Bus Trip 2023
Dallara IndyCar Factory Tour
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and Track Tour
February 18th, 2023

Join us Saturday February 18th 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. **This event is for Club members only.** 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	\$20.00 for adults	IMS Museum and
Kiss the Bricks Track Tour	\$25.00 for adults	(continued next page)

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](https://motorsportreg.com). Tour bus seating is limited. Additional information and directions to Shambaugh & Son shop can be found by following the link below.

[SBR Winter Bus Trip 2023 \(motorsportreg.com\)](https://motorsportreg.com)



AWARD WINNERS

TOP 20

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Dennis Jennings | 11. Peggy Anson |
| 2. Jeff Luckritz | 12. Paul McBride |
| 3. David Gushwa | 13. Rod Markowicz |
| 4. Mark Manninen | 14. David Anson |
| 5. Kim Bollinger | 15. David Bowman |
| 6. Duane Belisle | 16. Leon Krauss |
| 7. Jason Cleveland | 17. Brian Tack |
| 8. Lynette Markowicz | 18. Mark Bublitz |
| 9. Steve Bollinger | 19. Stuart Laks |
| 10. H.C. Colwell | 20. Nick Thompson |

RACE WORKERS

- | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Peggy Anson | Davis Anson | Duane Belisle | |
| Kim Bollinger | Steve Bollinger | David Bowman | |
| Mark Bublitz | Doug Campbell | H.C. Colwell | |
| Jim Desenberg | Erika Engler | David Ferris | |
| David Gushwa | Paul Hirn | Dennis Jennings | |
| Jeff Jennings | Mike Jennings | Leon Krauss | |
| Jim Krzyzewski | Stuart Laks | Jeff Luckritz | |
| Dawn Luckritz | Mark Manninen | Lynette Markowicz | |
| Rod Markowicz | Paul McBride | Marcia McBride | |
| Susan Miller | James Rose | Tom Sager | Brian Tack |

TRAVELLING AWARDS

- Jack Boone—Kim Bollinger
 Harold Miller Jr. — Matthew Savage
 Jeanne Ruble—Nick Thompson
 Curt Thews—Steve Bollinger
 Walker—Dennis Jennings
 Thomas—Susan Miller
 Red Bud—Jason Cleveland
 BJ Swanson— Doug Campbell
 Busted Piston—Gary Burton
 Lloyd Loring—David Gushwa

SOLO CLASS WINNERS

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| CAMC 1st—Jason Cleveland | CAMC 2nd—Dave Gushwa |
| CAMS—Steve Pierschalla | CAMT—Gary Burton |
| CS—Daniel Isbell | DSL—Susan Miller |
| FS—George (old guy) Williams | HS—Rich Hammond |
| SMF—Jason Gast | SS—Mark Krummel |
| SSM—Richard Cimildoro | STH—Andrew Nienhuis |
| STR—Scott Nardin | STS—Jordan Fritsch |
| STU—Dallas Latsch | STX—Noah Zimmer |
| SSC— Jonathon Shreiner | |

Tire Rack Index Winners

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1st—Andrew Nienhuis | 9th—David Gushwa |
| 2nd—Scott Nardin | 10th—Rodney Stemm |
| 3rd—Jason Cleveland | |
| 4th—Daniel Isbell | LADIES INDEX—Susan Miller |
| 5th— Jonathon Shreiner | |
| 6th—Rich Hammond | NOVICE INDEX |
| 7th—Dallas Tatsch | 1st—Ryan Kolessar |
| 8th—Susan Miller | 2nd— Thomas Blankenship |

CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OUR WINNERS THIS
YEAR.
GREAT JOB BY ALL !!



David Gushwa getting the Lloyd Loring Award



Kim Bollinger with the Boone



Nick Thompson and the Jeanne Ruble Award



Gary Burton and well deserved Busted Piston



Jason Cleveland and the Red Bud



Steve Bollinger with the Curt Thews Award



Solo Class Winners from 2022



Tire Rack Index Winners



Our Hosts—H.C. and Linda Colwell



Steve Bollinger Intro of Speaker Jeff Speer of Hoosier



Our MC for the night—Mark Manninen



Me receiving the Walker award



TOP TWENTY AWARD WINNERS



WORKER AWARDS



EVERYONE ENJOYING DINNER

BECOME A VOLUNTEER IN 2023

All members including SOLO!

Try a volunteer position in Road Racing, at the Regionals, Majors, Motorstate Challenge. All these events are on the weekend.

There is always a position available in F & C (flagging & communications), runners, grid, pit lane, help driver's info, and lunch prep. You will get lunch and gas money (depending on the number of entrants) and see a lot of AWESOME cars.

Track Night in America needs volunteers on Thursday night (once a month). We are the only region that handles this completely. You will get a gift card that night.

Also, you can get a break on your membership dues through the Road Racing Volunteer Incentive Program. You can find that form on the SCCA national website.

All you must do is contact the Race Chair of any event and say YES, I WILL HELP!

My husband and I joined to see the awesome cars, drive at member events, and be regular volunteers at the above events. We have had a break on our membership dues the last three years and had fun being a volunteer.

Peggy Anson, Membership Chair



This is David working corner three at Gingerman during Track Night in America. Although members for a short amount of time they have earned F&C license and currently do Sound Control with a license also. These are two outstanding individuals. Thanks for all you do.

Great Lakes SCCA 2023 TENTATIVE Race Schedule

11/5/2022 ED.

DATES for 2023	DRIVER'S SCHOOL	DIVISIONALS	MAJORS	TE/TT, SCCA PRO EVENT or OTHER EVENTS
March	SPRING TRAINING - Manchester University, Fort Wayne, IN ???			
April 1-2				
April 8-9	DS-WHRRRI Classroom @ WAT			
April 15-16				
April 22-23	DS-WHRRRI Track Sessions @ WAT			
April 29-30				
May 6-7				
May 12-14	SBR/DET-ADS @ GM		OVR-M @ MO	SBR/DET-CRE @ GM
May 20-21				SCCA - Enduro @ NL
May 27-28 (Memorial Day)		DET - D @ WHRRRI		
June 3-4				
June 10-11				
June 17-18 (Father's Day)		WMR-D @ GRA		
June 22-25				Vintage GP @ MO ; TransAm @ MO
June 30- July 2				Indy NXT @ MO; USF Pro @ MO
July 7-9		NEO-D @ NL (9-10)		NASCAR Trucks @ MO (7-8)
July 15-16			SBR/Det-M 2 Gingerman	
July 21-23				SBR/DET-CRE @ GM AMA Vintage Bikes @ MO
July 28-30		CINCI-D @ MO		CINCI-TE/TT @ MO (7-29)
August 5-6				
August 11-13		OVR-D @ MO		
August 19-20			WMR - M @ GRA	
August 26-27				
Sept 1-3 (Labor Day)				
Sept 9-10				
Sept 16-17				
Sept 23-Oct 1	2023 RUNOFFS @ VIR			
Sept 23-24		SBR-D @ Gingerman		
Sept 30-Oct 1				
Oct 7-8				
Oct 13-15		OVR-D @ MO		
Oct 21-22				
Oct 28-29				
T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	C=Champ Series Event	M=Major
GM= GingerMan	GRA=Grattan	Q=Quad Only 1 Sanction per day counts		DS=Drivers School
NL=Nelson Ledges	MO=Mid Ohio	MIS=Mich Intl Speedway	WAT=Waterford Hills	ST= Super Tour
PIRC - Pittsburgh International Race Complex	PP-Putnam Park		TT - Time Trial	RA=Road America

LEGEND:
 Red Letters indicates Last year's event
 GLDIV or SCCA events
 2023 Calendar Dates
 2022 Dates
 2023 Dates

LONG SLEEVE SBR T-SHIRTS

I have few long sleeve SBR t-shirts as given to the race workers at the annual awards dinner. They are few as follows:

White—1—large; 4—XL; 2—XXL

Green—1—XL

Carolina Blue— 1—XL

Orange—2—XL

Light Blue—1—Large

They are available at \$19.00 each. Email Pitboard to check availability and delivery. Denny



Green is front of shirt and orange is the back view.

I do have a couple of these in short sleeve for \$5.00.

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



Beanies



Hardware Included