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## RE Report

April the snow ends and the fun starts. We have competition schedules confirmed for our Regional, Divisional and National events. I recently attended a virtual meeting with SCCA leadership and support team along with all the other RE's and have several items to pass along to you.

A national Solo Development Committee (SDAC) was introduced to provide support on a divisional level to all regional Solo programs. Our GLDiv rep is Ray Jason and his contact info will be in the Member Account Portal (MAP) under Member Resources and Boards and Committees. They are working on Solo site development plans as Solo sites are becoming problematic even at the national level. Our region is very fortunate in this regard for Solo and Racing.

Marketing and New Membership brochures with new logos are coming out. SCCA is phasing out the original wire wheel logo and updating the SCCA branding with some minor graphic changes. Decals with the updated logo are available at the Online Store for purchase. We will order the new brochures which have a space for custom region labels to help our marketing efforts. The marketing group is also updating a region landing page that we can use on our website to keep our SCCA info up-to-date.

The SCCA Academy's Training and Development Committee is working on more training modules on the Learning Management System (LMS) for online training programs. Several programs are already online in the "My Learning" page like the Solo Safety Steward training. Soon there will be F&C training that will be elevated to serve in a partnership with IMSA for pro race workers. IMSA loves SCCA corner workers! More on that to follow. There are also SCCA Leadership courses available. To register, contact [regionservices@scca.com](mailto:regionservices@scca.com) with your name and membership number and they will give you access to any course you want. They are free to members but not available to the public.

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### NEW MEMBERS

**Kalin Chupp of Elkhart, In.**  
**Daniel Quilon of Goshen, In.**  
**Steven Slabaugh of New Paris , In.**  
**Jeremy Thomas of Elkhart, In.**  
**Justin Thomas of Goshen, In.**  
Welcome to SBR/SCCA  
Hope to see you at an event soon

I will close this update with a request for you to get more involved. Specifically, we really need a new PitBoard Editor and Merchandise coordinator to sell our swag at events. **These services will stop unless we have a member step up and take these important services over from Denny Jennings this season.** We also have a new position opening for a Social media/Marketing Manager for our region.

This person will manage our two Facebook pages, expand our reach to other social media, post photos and communicate event info through these important platforms. Membership dues reimbursement may be part of this depending on the level of involvement you are willing to take on. This is a new position and we want to make it the best it can be to serve the members and club. Email me or any Board member if you can help.

## SOLO UPDATE

Event dates are confirmed! Please note that some dates have changed from the preliminary schedule.

Points #1 – 4/23 Tire Rack <https://tinyurl.com/SBR-2023-1>

Points #2 – 5/21 Tire Rack <https://tinyurl.com/SBR-2023-2>

Points #3 & #4 – 6/3-6/4 Grissom

Points #5 – 6/18 Tire Rack

Points #6 – 8/20 Tire Rack

Points #7 – 9/17 Grissom, Hoosier Challenge

Points #8 – 9/24 TBD, currently Tire Rack

Points #9 – 10/15 Tire Rack

As in previous years, there will be a Starting Line School on Saturday 4/22 before event 1. If you would like to register, use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SBR-Starting-Line2023> We will also need approximately 10 volunteers to help with the school, and the club will cover your entry fee for an event this season in return. Please email me at [solo@sbrscca.org](mailto:solo@sbrscca.org) if you can help.

We are in desperate need of someone to commit to being the Timing and Scoring Chair this year. If you are interested, please email me. If you have any questions, please contact either Nick or Jason.

Looking forward to getting the season under way!

Jason

Solo Co-Chair

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CUBS TICKETS NOW (see ad)**

### 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

- April
  - 4—Member Meeting
  - 15—Starting Line
  - 16—Solo #1 at Tire Rack
- May
  - 2—Member Meeting
  - 13—GLDiv Grissom Repair Work Day
  - 18—TNIA—Gingerman
  - 21—Solo #2 at Tire Rack
- June
  - 3—Solo #3 at Grissom
  - 4—Solo#4v at Grissom
  - 6—Member Meeting
  - 9—South Bend Cubs Ball Game
  - 15—TNIA—Gingerman
  - 18—Solo #5 at Tire Rack
- July
  - 15/16 SBR Majors at Gingerman
  - 20/21/22—Lane Motorstate Challenge
- August
  - 1— Member Meeting
  - 17—TNIA—Gingerman
  - 20— Solo #6 at Tire Rack
- September
  - 5—Member Meeting
  - 23/24 SBR Regional @ Gingerman

### Free Dues

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

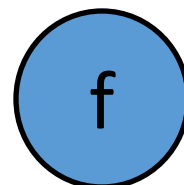
R.E.; National Race worker license; Race Chair; PitBoard Editor; Street Survival Chair; or Treasurer.

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](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



## **JOIN US AND ROOT ON OUR OWN CUBBIES**

**WHAT:** South Bend region annual trip to the Cubs Ball Game

**WHEN:** June 9, 2023—Gates open at 6:05 and game starts at 7:05 p.m. (buffet served 6 to 8)

**WHERE:** South Bend Four Winds Field—501 W. South Street in South Bend

**WHO:** Any South Bend region member and their guest

**COST:** Free (alcohol not included) ticket, ball cap, and buffet( burgers, dogs , mac and cheese, chips, cookies and soft drinks)

**HOW TO GET YOUR TICKETS:** Email Denny at [pitboard@sbrscca.org](mailto:pitboard@sbrscca.org) - Tickets will be available for pick up at the June Membership meeting or at the will call window at the main ticket area the night of the game.

Come join us for a night of fun as our South Bend Cubs take on the Lansing Lugnuts. We will be seated in the Home Run Porch section in Left Field. It offers a great view and has great seats with a table top to set your food and drinks on. Really close to the Tiki Bar for your adult drinks also.

Last year the Cubs won the entire Mid-West division championship and hope to repeat this year.

Fireworks will follow the game. But remember, the number of tickets is limited so reserve soon. Don't miss out on this perk for SBR members only. It is one way we honor all of you that invest your time and energy to make SBR one of the best regions in the entire SCCA family.

Just make sure that when you reserve tickets that they are costly to the club. If you can't use them for some reason please give them to a family member or a friend so they don't go to waste.

Hope to see you there!!

# 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](mailto:pitboard@sbrscca.org). Thanks for considering this. Look forward to hearing from you.

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## 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](mailto:pitboard@sbrscca.org).

## From the Editor

So, Solo season is upon us. Our first Solo is on April 16 after the Starting Line School on Saturday. Hopefully this weather will straighten out by that time. Good luck to all competitors this year. I am even planning on running a few. Although I will miss the first as I am going out of town.

Still looking for an associate editor that came work with me this year and take over in January or sooner. Easy job. Email me if you are interested.

Also looking for a merchandise chair to take over immediately. Again, email me if interested. Another easy job.

With the regional race being moved from May to September this year that means that our first race is our Majors in July. If you would like to get a little training beforehand you can very simple attend a TNIA event at Gingerman to learn the basics of Grid, Tech, Registration, Course, and F&C. Just show up and tell us what you want to learn. We will, train you as we have a great group of folks that work these events and know their stuff.

Don't forget to sign up for your South Bend Cubs tickets. The game is on Friday, June 9 at 7 P.M. Gates open at 6 and a ballpark buffet will be available from 6 to 8. You also get a free Cubs hat and get to sit with all your friends. Nice viewing area to watch the game. Extra bonus is Fireworks show after the game. All free to members and a guest. Don't miss it.

Also in July is the Lane Motorstate Challenge. Friday is at Gingerman and Saturday is at the Tire Rack. You can run if you like or you can work the event as a F&C person on Friday and chase cone on Saturday.

Please remember that as a club we are only as successful if everyone participates. Come to our events even if only to watch and visit with fellow members.

Until next month I hope to see you at the Meeting on the 4th at Beef O'Brady's in Granger. Bring a friend. There will be lots of discussion on things going on.

Denny



# **MOTORSTATE CHALLENGE**

WHAT: Lane Automotive Motorstate Challenge (Pro Touring event)

WHEN: July 20/21/22

(20th—Registration, Cruise, Dinner at Waco Beach)

(21st— Track day at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven Michigan)

(22nd—Autocross at Tire Rack in South Bend Indiana)

Come and join us as we welcome approximately 90 entrants that are vying for a trip to the “Ultimate Street Car competition”. The cars are amazing as vintage cars with many, many upgrades (suspension, motors, safety, etc.)

This is a South Bend Region sponsored event and all entrants must be SCCA members (full or weekend) and must sign SCCA waiver. This enables us to cover everyone under SCCA competition insurance. All workers will be supplied lunch, a t-shirt, and \$20 per day. Also they get to see some of the fastest cars and drivers in the country.

There will be a cruise on Thursday that ends up at Waco Beach and treated to a BBQ dinner (free to SBR members). Then on Friday morning the SBR team does Tech inspection followed by Time Trial action on the track at which point we become corner workers. This is an important job as to make sure all the participants are safe. At the end of Friday there is an ice cream social that you won't want to miss. On Saturday we move to the Tire Rack for a good old shootout on the test track autocross style. We need about 15-20 workers to help chase cone, do tech (if not done on Friday) work grid, timing, announcing, and so forth. Again you will be provided lunch and \$20 for the day.

This is a very important event for SBR as it helps pay for our racing and other member things such as Ball games and bus trips. Plan on coming out and help make this event the best we can and really enjoyable for the competitors.

For more info or to volunteer for this event please email Denny Jennings at [gridman1@att.net](mailto:gridman1@att.net)

# Coffee Cruise In for a cause

Co-hosted by Hospice Foundation and St. Joe Valley Street Rods

**CARS ★ MOTORCYCLES ★ TRUCKS**



**April 16, 2023 • 8:00am – 12:00pm**

**Center for Hospice Care Mishawaka Campus  
501 Comfort Place • Next to Central Park**

**MINIMUM DONATION OF \$10 TO DISPLAY YOUR VEHICLE**

Pre-registration requested • [FisherR@cfhcare.org](mailto:FisherR@cfhcare.org) • 574.243.3119

100% of proceeds benefit Center for Hospice Care

Free General Admission • Parking available @ Central Park

## **AWARDS FOR:**

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Best Truck  
Best Motorcycle  
Best of Show**

SPACE IS LIMITED

*Pre-registered vehicles take precedence*

DONUTS AND COFFEE PROVIDED

ACCESS TO VIST THE ROBERT J. HILER JR.  
VETERANS MEMORIAL

JUDGING AT 10AM



On-site registration begins at 7:30am  
501 Comfort Place • Mishawaka



## FOR SALE

I'm selling my '93 Prelude (H23 motor). I love the car but want to concentrate on developing my 350Z and open up more garage space. The Prelude is set up for SCCA E-Production. Excellent cage gives a rigid platform. It has new springs and matching revalved Bilstein coilovers. Fully adjustable suspension. Corner balanced and aligned. Front drive clutch-type LSD. Extras include: 8x 15 inch wheels, 4x 16 inch wheels, cylinder head, intake, header and flex tube, plus many incidentals. The car has relentless 3rd gear torque. Fun to drive. Needs track tires and new harness (current harness expired). Otherwise I believe the car is trackable as is. This would be a great entry-level car for wheel-to-wheel racing or autocross. Come see it. SBR SCCA price is \$5000. Pictures of the car are on the Facebook social page of SBR SCCA. Touch base with me for more details.

Steve Hempel  
shempel@parrett.net  
269-369-7627

Looks like a great way to get into racing.  
This car would allow you to run the Enduro that SBR will be having, along with autocross, Time Trials, etc.  
Right price for a beginner.





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#### NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

March was a whirlwind for me.....with trips to Fort Wayne, IN for the divisional meeting and Kansas City, MO for a face to face Club Racing Board (CRB ) meeting, I had a few nights away from home and a lot of miles on the highways in my EV.

So, here's what I did this past month.....

#### Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (3/7): We finalized an agenda for the first of two face to face meetings in 2023 which would be held in March (3/17, 3/18). The group discussed the ongoing BSpec debate about class parity. An extended conversation was held about the definition of weights in the GCR. Base weight, minimum weight, starting weight.....all had different definitions depending on what category you were looking. It caused some confusion (rightly so) and the committee took some time to clarify the language used across all classes. Other minutiae were handled such as (rain lights, FIA GT4 tire specs, etc.). The results of CRB rules changes can be seen her.
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (3/8): We are all excited because one of our EVAC members built an EV that campaigned at a race in CA. It finished all the sessions and ran extremely well for its maiden voyage. In addition, we've begun work on a memo to registrars for all programs to alert them on how to handle an EV when it signs up for an event. Our goal is to give registrars a unified path to follow so that an entrant using an EV can be dealt with in the same fashion. This allows the region to be aware of the entry and can be prepared. We're also exploring how to work with risk management so we can catalogue incidents that involve EVs. This will let us utilize 'best practices' so we learn from past events as we shape policy moving forward.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (3/27): An issue at the 2022 Runoffs warranted our attention. Language was changed in the GCR that bubbled into a disagreement between the Steward Corps and the CRB. The leaders of these groups met with us to make their case in this debate. The BoD heard from each of them and discussed how to proceed. After all of that (it took over an hour), we also got an update on the financials. We worked on some minutia like changes to the ERB rules, filling Court of Appeals (CoA) positions, some liaison changes, etc.

#### SCCA Events:

- GLDiv Spring Training (3/3, 3/4): This meeting will go down in the history books for a variety of reasons. One, the weather was REALLY nasty. Two, several members of national staff (eight?) came to the meeting to help us with our various programs and events. This included Mike Cobb who is the President of the SCCA. Three, I was made speechless....and those who know me know that this doesn't occur too often.

My drive down from Lansing was pretty tricky for the last 30-40 miles. The ice and snow caked on to my windscreen wipers and made the roads treacherous. Then it warmed up a bit and the ice was removed from my car by rain. The Friday evening social was punctuated by many visits with friends over some pretty good pasta dishes. Much fun was had by all.

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On Saturday, I tried to attend as many sessions as I could, so I was pretty busy all day. The meeting was highlighted by having all levels of leadership in attendance. Regional, divisional and national program managers worked together to make our programs better for the members of GLDiv. This was truly a very educational experience for all involved.

As for my “speechless” moment, I was extremely humbled, proud and appreciative to hear that I was the recipient of the Steve Harris Dedicated Member Award from the division. I walked up to the podium and I just didn’t know what to say. I was shocked and amazed that I would be considered worthy of such an award. The award is glass and very heavy so I described it as “the perfect blunt object from a Perry Mason episode” (yes, a reference from a TV show from 60 years ago.....I’m old.....get over it). I want to thank everyone for this extremely high honor. I use Steve’s management style as the template for my directorship and how I appoint myself as I hold the position.

The weather may have quenched the atmosphere outside but the camaraderie inside made the weekend very fruitful. We expect bigger and better next year so please make sure to attend the meeting in 2024. Details will be announced here when they become available.

The divisional leadership should be praised for an outstanding meeting. Everyone in attendance told me they were very impressed. Val McCammon is the leader of the squad but she couldn’t have done it without help from so many others. Velma and Raleigh Boreen, Tony Brown, the REs from the various regions and, of course, the folks from HQ who braved the inclement weather and travelled to the meeting. Mike Cobb’s story of his trip to Fort Wayne is priceless....ask him about it the next time you see him.

- CRB Meeting (3/17, 3/18): This meeting was designed to discuss the long term health and success of the Club Racing program. The Chair of the CRB (John LaRue) let us know that there would be no portion of the program (Runoffs, classes, run groups, venues, schedule, etc.) that would off limits. The group met for eight hours on Friday and four more on Saturday. Many topics were brought up. We came up with several great ideas and various members are following through to see about their viability. The biggest takeaway is that there are no isolated variables in this conversation. Changes in one area have consequences in another. Reform of the program won’t be just in one area. It’s similar to turning an ocean liner on the high seas.....it won’t happen easily or quickly.

As details of our changes become tangible, we will let the membership know.....but for now this is all on a “need to know” basis. I assume everyone understands that this will be a long process and discussion of the conversations we had would not be prudent.

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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. 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.

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.

*Dayle Frame*

# 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)



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All Sizes



Hats



Limited Sizes



Beanies



Hardware Included