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## August RE Report

July has been a busy month as expected. Hot off multiple successful events, I have had just a little time to reflect what we do and what is in it for the membership. First up was our SBR/Det Region Majors Race. We are a Racing Region and have been very successful in this since I have joined the region in 2004. Our continued success is the hard work of all Race Chairs, and individual Workers that show up as professionals with significant experience and holding National level licenses. I observed virtually flawless execution by the SBR/Det team (although the Stewards may have a different opinion!). What I also observed was our team getting older. I certainly feel this as I am no spring chicken myself. We need to pass on our expertise to younger workers to maintain the continuity of what we offer the SCCA race community and its members. I ask that all team leaders find that next leader and mentor them.

My next observation is that working events has its rewards as well. It is no secret within our region that I have had a challenging season to get my race car on track and compete. I have stayed active by working events when I can. The last being the Track Night in America event at Gingerman during the TT National Tour weekend. I coached the Novice Group and I find this rewarding when new drivers get a chance to try on-track experience the first time. The apprehension fades from the novices after the first session and I witness the enthusiasm in their faces. Occasionally, I see a little wide-eyed adrenaline after a minor off corner excursion. I make sure they are safe and discuss what happened as well as a recommendation to take it back to 9/10<sup>th</sup> and enjoy themselves. Seeing this click in a newcomer, it reminds me why we do this and motivates me to get back in the race car. I love the energy that this club and its members give me. I know that you will see the same if you try working an event.

See you all at the August Membership Meeting

Mark Manninen

RE South Bend Region

(see my pictures on page 4)

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### NEW MEMBERS

**Graciana Smith of Niles Michigan**

Welcome to SBR/SCCA

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

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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

August

- 1— Member Meeting
- 17—TNIA—Gingerman
- 20—Solo #6 at Tire Rack

September

- 5—Member Meeting
- 17—Solo #7 at Grissom
- 21—TNIA—Gingerman
- 23/24—Regional @ Gingerman

October

- 3—Member Meeting
- 15—Solo #8 at Tire Rack

November

- 7— Member Meeting

December

- 5—Member Meeting

January

Annual Awards Banquet—Watch for info

### Free Dues

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

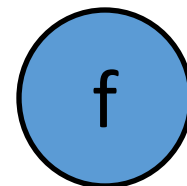
R.E.; National Race worker license; Race Chair; PitBoard Editor; Street Survival Chair; or Treasurer.

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

# MOTORSTATE CHALLENGE REPORT

The Lane Motorstate Challenge is over for another year, This was the 15th year for the event. This year was different in the it was an SCCA sanctioned event. It made for a few challenges but overall with the help of many great people we managed to pull it off without too many issues.

We started on Thursday with the drivers meeting at the Lane facility, followed by a cruise with over 50 cars to Weco beach where we had a great BBQ dinner provided by Pit-Stop Barbecue. Really good food.

On Friday morning we left South Bend with the weather looking a bit iffy, but got to Gingsman and found a dry track. The day turned out fantastic weather wise. At 7:30 a,m, we were doing Tech and had most cars done by the 8:15 drivers meeting. We got timed runs started on time and ran all groups thru for two runs by noon. After lunch we ran another two runs with a slightly short-ened format. I believe everyone got enough track time to get their fastest times.

Then it was time for the ice cream social that has become a tradition also. Thank you to Scott and his crew.

Went home to the Tire Rack and set up the course for Saturday on Friday evening. Made for quite a long day.

Saturday morning arrived with beautiful weather again and ran 4 runs in the morning and three runs in the afternoon. Finished at around 3, got the results to Scott, put the trailer away and went home.

It was another fun weekend but a long one being as it followed our Majors race the weekend before. Looking forward to another fun year in '24'.

Can't thank the folks enough who showed up from the club to support the event.

Two day workers were:

Mike Jennings	Jeff Jennings	David Anson	Peggy Anson	Duane Belisle
David Bowman	Bill Loring	Steve Piershalla	Steve Hempel	Bridy Schimel
H.C. Colwell				

One day workers were:

Dick Cimildoro	David Gushwa	Jason Cleveland	Paul Cleveland	Art Reynolds
Mark Bublitz	Nick Thompson			

Non-Members-	Jim Hemminger	Kenny LaPlace
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This is the new hat that is now available for sale from merchandise. They are a sure-fit design and we can fit most heads.

Price is \$20.00 each and I will have some at the meeting on August 1st

# The Bert Olsen Majors Race from David Bowman's Perspective

Wanted to express my satisfaction, pleasure, and exuberance for our BERT Majors Race.

Starting with the Friday night workers cookout put on by SBR's crew. Thanks to Jim Desenberg for his assistance in putting together the New Flat Top Grill. The 3 engineers advised it took only one hour to do a 30 minute job; with only one mistake! Well done guys! Leon Krauss did burgers, while Duane Belisle prepped his world famous blueberry cobbler (with vanilla ice cream), and I did Brats on another grill. I apologize for the 2nd half of brats being a bit "toastie" on one side; due to a "bonfire" that erupted from an unfamiliar grill. (No extinguishers were used!) They must have been ok, all food was gone by clean-up time. At last count approximately 35 participated.

Next, kudos to Jeff Luckritz and Nick, co-race chairs, and all those involved in putting on, I feel, a very successful race weekend. No major incidents that I heard of, but I guess we'll find that out from the Stewards Report.

On the racing side, SBR had a few participants. Group 4 had: Kurt Rotman in STL, finished 4th in class both days. William Reilly in T4, finished 2nd in class both days. The surprise was Matthew Savage in HP, finished 4th of 7 in class on Saturday, and finished 2nd of 7 in class on Sunday! In the paddock he exclaimed: "My first race weekend!", with a grin from ear to ear! Grandfather, Larry Savage, has quite the "Race Team" keeping him busy. Maybe one day we'll see Larry out there with his Lotus. Unfortunately son, David, experienced complications with his EP Honda Prelude. Any of us who participate with a vehicle know of that line. Group 5: Doug Campbell in FE2, finished 3rd on Saturday, and 2nd on Sunday, out of 4 in his class. Also, many thanks to Doug for supplying our Mustang Pace Car for the weekend; from Campbell Ford of Niles, MI.

Hopefully one day I can write about my racing. David Bowman



Mark's Pictures

# 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

