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RE Report

Dog days of summer are upon us. Coming off a crazy month of working SBR and SCCA competition events as well as working over 50+ hour weeks at my job in July, it is kind of nice to take it back a notch. I had some "me time" away from my job and club work commitments by attending a Great Lakes Time Trials Series event at Mid-Ohio. It had been a tough year for me personally and I had difficulty getting the car on track until this past month. Even though I was still chasing tuning bugs in the race car, I decided to make the trip to Lexington, Ohio and just run the damn thing with its limitations. I had a blast in spite of the engine not running past 5,000 rpm. I have always wanted to run at Mid-Ohio and I figured it would be a chance to learn the track, sort the modifications I made from last year, and get at least one TT in this year. They had a great turnout with close to 90 cars. OVR and Indy teamed up to run a pretty smooth and safe event and we got plenty of track time for the money. I was pretty well dialed in on the right approach to the track by the third session and was really wishing I had full power to push it farther. Looking back it might have been the right thing to limit this track experience to 8/10th as I came home with me and the car fully intact. I am really glad I decided to "Just do it". I met some great folks from another region, learned a new track, and confirmed my setup going forward into next year. If you wait for everything to be perfect, or the Ideal conditions, you just might not learn anything and miss out on a good experience.

Mark Manninen, RE

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That's all. Need articles to publish

NEW MEMBERS

Conrad Adams of Mt. Pleasant, Mi.

Brigette Curtis of Niles, Mi.

Frank LaGambing-Lockwitz of Granger In.

Jacob Seese of Granger, In.

George VanSky of Culver, In.

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

September

5—Member Meeting

9—Cars and Coffee at Studebaker Museum

17—Solo #7 at Grissom

21—TNIA—Gingerman

23/24—Regional @ Gingerman

October

3—Member Meeting

14—Cars and Coffee at Studebaker Museum

15—Solo #8 at Tire Rack

November

7— Member Meeting

December

5—Member Meeting

January

TBD 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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GETTING SBR ACTIVITY POINTS Activity **Points** Activity **Points** Race Chair 400 SBR Race Driver 50 **Assistant Race Chair** 200 50 Race Worker / per day PitBoard Editor 40 200 Rally/Solo Worker 200 PitBoard Article 40 Website Manager Race Chief of Specialty 200 20 **Region Support** 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 75 20 Car Show Display Race/Solo Meeting PitBoard Pictures Solo—Co-Chair 75 10 **Event Co-Chair** 75

NOT A MEMBER?

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

From the Editor

Another solo is in the books. At this time I am qualified for year end trophies. Don't really know if that matters at all since we are being dusted by newcomer, Russel Lupica in his new Camaro. It is hard to beat newer technology and pure horsepower with 15 and 20 year old cars like George and I run. I did manage to get closer this time. Only got beat by .2 seconds. Hopefully I will continue to relearn all that I have lost by not competing for a few years.

Looking forward to our regional race weekend coming up. If you haven't signed up to work yet it isn't too late. Just go to (motorsportreg) and sign up. We need your help. Paul McBride is our race chair so talk to him at the meeting and ask what you can do to help. I am sure he will direct you where we need help.

Just a reminder that as a member of SCCA you can actually work Pro races such as the Trans Am series. Just ask Jeff Luckritz on how to get started. Below is a picture of me while working at Cleveland Grand Prix back in the day. Patty and I got to do a lot of places that we probably would not have if we didn't do the Pro racing thing. Really enjoyed it and made a few life long friends doing it. Friends like Don Sak and Amy Ruman. Her dad was driving at that time and Amy was always crewing. She now has a couple of Championships to show while driving the #23 McNichols Corvette. Still a lot of the same folks are crew to the current drivers that were there when we worked. My job eventually took it away as I couldn't miss the work time that it took up, But will never forget the good times we had.

As the year winds down I am hoping to put together some type of Road Rally for us to run. Let me know if you are interested in running such an event.





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 meetings.

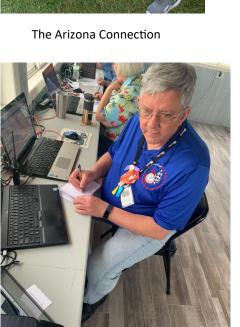
Pictures from Jeff of the Bert Olsen National Race



Pre-event corner worker meeting







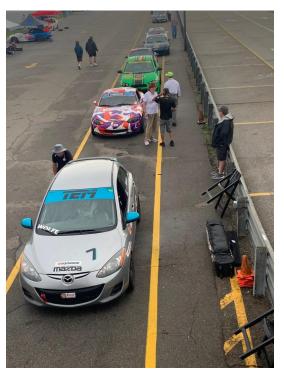
David keeping timing correct



Dawn getting dinner ready



Kim hard at work in Driver Info



Waiting for Impound Inspection

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