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RE REPORT

Time to Vote and elect our future Regional Board of Directors as well as our Area #4 national Director. We will still be accepting nominations for the SBR 2024 Regional Executive at the November General Membership meeting as I am stepping down from the Regional Executive position after two terms and will maintain a seat on the Board of Directors for 2024 per our club Bylaws. We will need to elect a new Regional Executive as well as three voting Board Members for 2024. Elections for the nominees will be held in person on Tuesday November 7th. We will also have a vote on the official acceptance of an alternate or new club logo. I have received some mail in ballots already and if you have an opinion on this make sure you come and vote! Voting is currently active for our Area 4 Director. Dayle Frame our current Director for the Great Lakes Division. Dayle is running for his second term. Dan Hodge from Ohio is running against him for the Director position. Make sure you vote with SCCA for our Director between 10/1 and 10/15 via your SCCA Member Account Portal (MAP).

The Board has decided on our SBR awards banquet venue which will be held on January 20th at our "Club House", also known as Beef O'Bradys. Although the Banquet may look a little different than past years, we will still celebrate our Solo Champions and acknowledge the people that make our club the best it can be. There will be No Charge to attend! Look for more information on getting you reservation in as seating will be limited to 60 people. If anyone has ideas on a guest speaker for our banquet or winter membership meetings, drop me an email at RE@sbrscca.org.

Mark Manninen, RE South Bend

Don't forget. Elections at the meeting. If you can't attend use absentee ballot on page 3 and email it in.245

Just a reminder for all those folks that won travelling trophies last year.

Please return to the club either this meeting or at the December meeting so that we can have them ready for the new win-

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NEW MEMBERS

No new members to report this month

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>

EVENT SCHEDULE

November

7—Membership meeting— election night

27—SBR is 70 years old

December

5— Membership meeting

January

20—Annual awards dinner at Beef O’Brady’s in Granger

July 2023

TBD—SBR Majors race at Gingerman

Free Dues

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

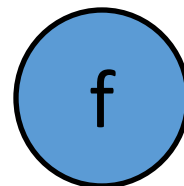
R.E.; National Race worker license; Race Chair; PitBoard Editor; Street Survival Chair; or Treasurer.

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

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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

South Bend Region Absentee Ballot

Regional Executive: (Vote for one)

No Nominations

Write in _____

Board Members: (Vote for three)

Davis Anson _____

Steve Pierschalla _____

T.J. Campbell _____

Rod Markowicz _____

Larry Savage _____

H.C. Colwell _____

Steve Bollinger _____

Vote as you want and email to Duane Belisle at mazdaman86@msn.com on or before 4:00 P.M. on November 7, 2023

Member name: _____

Member Number _____

(This ballot may be duplicated for family members)

AN AUTUMN Trek



FALL FUN

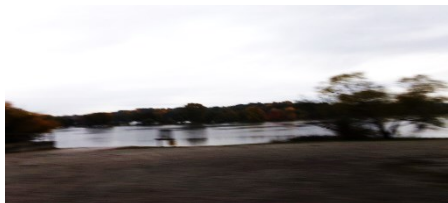


October 21 2023

SBR is having a Trek Rally. We meet on Carbonmill Drive. This is a rally that you play follow the leader. You can keep up with Denny Jennings, our leader, or you can navigate on your own with the directions he made, if you get behind or lose your way. The rally is set up on good roads, so there is no worry about hurting the babies (cars). The best thing about this rally is it is FREE! We have 9 cars show up, on a rainy Saturday, temperatures around 50 degrees. All are ready for a cruise. Who told Mother Nature we were driving our SBR cars and hot rods? Duane Belisle was our cruise leader and Denny Jennings was the navigator. His wife, Patty, went to be



with her Mom. The best to Patty and her mom.



9 cars leaving for Trek Rally Going by Chain of Lakes in Lydick

My childhood home is just down the street from Lydick Bog. Sixty years ago it was a farmers swamp, at least that is what the neighborhood kids called it. It was just farmland on this side of US20, no houses at all. There is 178 acres made into the Lydick Bog, a state nature preserve. There is a trail in the preserve that is 1.73 miles long. You can take the shortcut to the Boardwalk and it is 1/4 mile, maybe more, one way. The Boardwalk did not exist until March 2021, from donations that total \$160,000 dollars. It takes you out into the Bog. Lydick Bog is the last remaining bog in Indiana. We had 5 people in our group that walked out to the bog, in the misty wet weather. Leon Krauss walked by himself, almost a run. The other four of us meandered in the rain.



Walking to the Lydick Bog

Leon Krauss coming towards us

David Anson with umbrella



Some color behind the group

This is a dual member from Chicago

Heather Ingraham (middle) with her friend

David Anson with umbrella

Spicer Lake is near the Michigan stateline in New Carlisle. It is one of St Joseph County Parks. There is 320 acres with several trails to explore. Spicer Lake has no oxygen so the only life in the lake is Mud Minnows. It is

a glacial kettlehole lake through a portion of the Wetlands. The walk from the parking lot was ¼ mile, give or take, one direction. We did not walk to the Boardwalk because it would be very slippery with rain coming down. The park was supposed to be open at 11am but was not, so the bathrooms were not open. Denny made it a short stop because of the weather. Where o where did the good weather go?



Cars parked at Spicer Lake New Carlisle



The Trekkers by the info sign
Spicer Lake Nature Center behind them
Some passengers did not get out

We played Follow the Leader the entire day, There was a spot of miss navigation, but the rest of us followed. I guess that was the way we were suppose to go. The Anson's brought up the rear in case some one took a wrong turn, or lagged behind. On the first street the Porsche Macan (ladies from Chicago) decided they wanted to be farther to the front so they passed Leon. We thought a car got in front of us, so we were going to do the same thing, realized he was in our group. The color was good in some sections and great in other sections. I liked the curvy and up and down hilly areas. I believe that everyone had a good time and enjoyed the 60 mile drive. The rain had stopped and it cleared up a little bit.

South Bend was the place we left from. The back roads of Indiana and Michiga became our Road Course. There was Lydick, New Carlisle, Hudson Lake, Galien, Buchanan and Niles. The place we ended up the Trek



Rally was Front Street Pizza in Niles Michigan.



On the previous page, you are looking through the windshield of the Anson's 2018 Mustang GT. Showing a little color on the left photo and the American Flag across the street in Buchanan Michigan.



The last photo is part of the group inside Front Street Pizza

Thanks to everyone who came out on a rainy Saturday, and especially Denny Jennings for planning the event. Let's do this again!

Written by Peggy Anson

Solo Update:

The 2023 season has ended, and so has my time as Solo Chair (Solo Co-chair for the last two years). It is hard to believe that it has been six years since I took over the program. I remember that first event and the "Where's the porta-potty?" Some things you learn on the fly! A big shout-out to everyone who helped me. Unfortunately, and fortunately, there are too many to name! I do want to thank Nick Thompson. He stepped up to run the event side of things a couple of years ago and has done a fantastic job managing the events.

I won't be disappearing from Autocross, and you will likely find me in a new role for next season. I'm just ready to move on from being the chair. I'm also super excited that my wife has joined my dad and me at the events (see her article for more details), and I can't wait to see how she continues to improve next season!

Season results should be posted soon, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the awards banquet. Have a safe winter, and see you in the spring!

Jason Cleveland

Solo Co-chair 2018 -2023

MY FIRST SOLO SEASON by CANDY CLEVELAND

Autocross is a familiar Sunday activity for me, as a spectator watching my husband and father-in-law on the course at the Tire Rack. This spring, my husband brought home the cutest little Mazda Miata and upgraded his SCCA membership to one for the family, in an effort to “persuade” me to try autocross.

My first event as a driver was on my birthday in May of this year. I was stressed out and terrified the entire week prior. The fear was that I wouldn’t know where to go or what to do and that I might miss a signal or flag. What if I hit a cone or ran my car off course? As a woman, I feared that the men would not welcome me because it is a male dominated sport, and I worried that they would be angry at me if I made a mistake. Add to that the fact that I had only driven the Miata a handful of times, and it had been many years since I had driven a manual transmission car.

As I approached the starting line for that first run I was physically shaking and felt sick. I honestly thought about turning the car around and saying forget it. The only thing that kept me from doing that was my husband in the seat next to me. He kept telling me that I could do this and to take my time and learn the course – no one was expecting me to go for it on my first run. My mother-in-law has a video of that first run and my car rivals that of a snail going around the course. But I did it and felt such a sense of accomplishment because I had faced a fear and done something I never thought that I could.

The second run that day was a little less stressful and I shaved a little time off. My husband continued to coach me on each run, telling me what I could do better or what I shouldn’t do, and the trend continued! I was about 20 seconds faster on my last run of the day. I was so proud of myself that evening and what was a day I was dreading a little, turned into a wonderful day that ended with a birthday and celebration dinner!

Fast forward to October 15th and our last solo event. Even with several events under my belt, I still get butterflies before that first run on the course, but not like I did that first day. I have learned to push my car a little more and my times are much better than they were at the start of the season – I’m not last!

Everyone has been so welcoming to me as a novice and a woman, offering to let me ride with them for pointers or just offering advice on what they saw on the track. As it turns out, it is not just a boy’s club and I feel like I belong here, to the extent that I’ve volunteered to be the Social Media & Marketing person for the club starting in January! My hope is to find a way to bring more women into the club so that I have some competition!

The thought of putting the car away for the winter is sad, but I am definitely looking forward to next season!

P.S. Thank you to my husband for pushing me out of my comfort zone and for his patience in coaching me!



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	New -\$20 Old \$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



Old Hats



New Hats



Beanies



Grille Emblems—Hardware Included