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## RE REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your vote of confidence in me by selecting me to be your RE for 2024. Many important decisions lie ahead for the Board of Directors. Things to consider and decisions to be made that affect the entire membership.

With that in mind, we (the Board and full Club) need everyone's input so that decisions made and the direction that the club is headed and working in the best interest of all members. Please share your input with me and or any of the Board of Directors. We need and want your input.

We are the beginning of a new season of "Fun With Cars" with lots of exciting opportunities ahead of us. We need members to be involved by entering and or volunteering at our Solo events, Races, Road Rallies, and even our fun social events such as our Cub's Night out at the ball park.

Our February 6<sup>th</sup> Club meeting will be at Beef O'Brady's (our usual spot). The Board will meet at 6pm and the Membership meeting will be at 7pm. We will have a full slate of reports about race, solo, social events, and even a little about the National Convention that was held this past week.

See you at Beef's,

H.C. Colwell

SBR SCCA Regional Executive

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## NEW MEMBERS

**Daniel Bango of South Bend. In.**

**Carissa and Ken Braley of Grand Haven. Mi.**

Interested in Rally and solo

Welcome to SBR/SCCA

### SBR Monthly Meetings

We meet every first Tuesday of the month at Beef O' Brady's - Granger, In 12479 State Road 23 6:00—Board Meeting followed at 7:00 P.M.—general membership meeting Everyone is welcome to both.

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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>

### EVENT SCHEDULE

February  
3—Solo Planning meeting  
6—General Membership Meeting  
March  
5—General Membership Meeting  
April  
2—General Membership Meeting  
May  
7—General Membership Meeting  
June  
4—General Membership Meeting  
July  
2—General Membership Meeting  
5-7—Majors Race at Gingerman Raceway  
18-20—Motorstate Challenge  
26-28—SBR Regional Races at Gingerman  
August  
6—General Membership Meeting  
September  
3—General Membership Meeting  
October  
1—General Membership Meeting  
November  
5—General Membership Meeting  
**Watch for more dates in further editions**

### 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

**REVISIONS COMING SOON**

### NOT A MEMBER?

Join today at [SCCA.com](http://SCCA.com) and choose South Bend Region as your home region

## **SOLO REPORT**

The SBR Solo program kicked off its 2024 season at the annual banquet by awarding hard-earned trophies for the 2023 Championship Series winners. The 22 class champions, Novice and Ladies Index winners received personalized rain jackets in Safety Orange so they will be highly visible while work courses in the rain (which we, of course, always hope we never need to do).

The annual Solo planning session will be held on February 3 at 9:00am, at the Shambaugh and Sons office located at 5870 Carbonmill Dr in South Bend. We will go through our plans for day-of-event schedules, pricing, areas we can improve over prior years, equipment needs – all the important topics to plan ahead! Please plan to attend but if you can't, let me know your thoughts or concerns.

We are planning 7 events in the 2024 Series; dates have been submitted to Tire Rack for the 4 events planned for their test track. Grissom will again be a two-day affair on Jun 29-30. And there will be a work day at Grissom on May 11 to get the site ready for competition.

Several volunteers have stepped up already to lead the program as Chiefs. They are:

- Event Operations Chief (Solo Co-Chair) Steve Pierschalla
- Registrar Susan Miller
- Results & Standings Chief Andrew Nienhuis
- Waivers Chief (yes, it's a thing) Kim Bollinger.

We still need to identify these Chiefs, so please let me know if you're interested:

- Equipment & Set-Up Chief
- Course Design Chief
- Chief of Safety
- Novice Chief
- Announcer Chief
- Tech Chief
- Timing & Scoring Chief
- Trophies Chief.

See you on the 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Kim Bollinger

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Just a quick note to say thanks to everyone that helped put on our awards dinner. They deserve a standing ovation for a job well done in a short amount of time.

This will be absolutely my last year of doing Pitboard for the club. Someone else needs to pick up the torch and run with it. There are plenty of people in the club that can knock it out of the park compared to what I do. Just look at what our Social Media Chair has done in such a short time ( way to go Candace) Just let me know you are interested in doing so.

There will be plenty of opportunities to be a hero in our club. Work or run a solo, work a race, work or run a rally, go to one of our special events.

Don't worry that you don't have experience at doing something. We are an on the job training club. Just let someone know you are wanting to help out. They will point the way.

See you at our meeting on Feb.6 at Beef O'Brady's at 7 P.M.

Denny

# ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

## Top 20 Points

Dennis Jennings	Steve Bollinger
Mark Manninen	David Anson
Jeff Luckritz	David Bowman
H.C. Colwell	Brian Tack
Kim Bollinger	Nick Thompson
Duane Belisle	David Ferris
Peggy Anson	Jason Cleveland
Paul McBride	George Williams
Steve Pirrschalla	Leon Krauss
David Gushwa	Jim Krzyzewski
Mark Bublitz	Susan Miller

(Last place was a three way tie)

## SOLO AWARDS

Cam C - Jason Cleveland	SM—Chris Sholtis
Cam T—Mike Collins	SMF—Jason Gast
CS—Daniel Isbell	SSM—Dick Cimildoro
DS—Peter Jacobs	SST—Steve Pierschalla
DSL— Susan Miller	STH—Andrew Nienhuis
DM—Mark Manninen	STR—Ryne Kolessar
ES—Conrad Adams	STS — Micah Hilton
EV—Darren Gruber	STU — Dallas Latsch
FS—George Williams	STX—Noah Zimmer
HS—Thomas Blankenship	XP—Steve Bollinger
	XPL—Kim Bollinger

## Annual Travelling Trophies

Boone for Race Worker—Dennis Jennings  
Jeanne Ruble for Solo Worker—Steve Pierschalla  
Elly Thomas for Solo Index - Female—Susan Miller  
Red Bud for Solo Index Points—Male—Conrad Adams  
Busted Piston for Hard Luck Racer—David Bowman  
Walker Award for Most Enthusiastic—David and Peggy Anson  
2nd Annual Lloyd Loring for Most Engaged—Dennis Jennings  
Curt Thews Award for Lifetime Achievement in SBR—Paul McBride

## SOLO INDEX AWARDS

10th—Scott Nardin  
9th—Ryne Kolssar  
8th—Mike Collins  
7th—Conrad Adams  
6th—Daniel Isbell  
5th—Peter Jacobs  
4th—Dallas Latsch  
3rd—Nick Thompson  
2nd—Jason Cleveland  
1st—Andrew Nienhuis

Ladies Index—Susan Miller  
Novice Index—Jacob Seese

Other Awards given were Hero Awards, Membership Milestones ( congratulations go to Paul Bender—65 years as SBR member), And SBR Rewards Program ( receive your dues back by holding different positions). You can see how on our website.



Plenty of socializing done before dinner



Pictures provided by  
Candace Cleveland and Steve Pierschalla

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## Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for February 2024

With no report for January, this one has a bit more content. The divisional leadership is gearing up for the upcoming season.

So, here's what I did this past couple of months.....

### Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (12/5): Due to a scheduling conflict, I was unable to attend this meeting. That said, the committee reviewed letters as usual and prepared for the upcoming season. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (12/13): The Chair of the CRB requested that all of the sub committees host a "Town Hall" style Zoom meeting to allow constituents a chance to interact with the committee members. We would host that meeting as our regularly scheduled monthly meeting for December. We tried to reach out to members who would be interested in joining us. Several folks joined our meeting and we had a nice discussion with them on a wide range of topics.
- CRB (1/2): The CRB reviewed the strategy for data collection for 2024. Which tracks, what races, etc. They also had an involved discussion on the future of the Club Racing program. In the end, it was obvious that we need to have a strategic planning meeting in the spring. This will allow us to focus on the long-term planning of the program. I have already started working with John LaRue (CRB Chair) on this. Like every other monthly meeting, the open letters were reviewed as well. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- GLDiv BoD meeting (1/8): We met to discuss how the division could support the introduction of the Flagtronics system at our race events. This is coming in a couple of years and we need to be prepared so regions will be properly equipped to support the program. No decisions were made as this was just an informational meeting. We will discuss it further with the broader membership at our GLDiv Convention in March.
- EVAC (1/10): Final revisions of the latest SCREV update were discussed. These would be passed on to the BoD for review and promulgation. We reviewed pending letters. We also discussed hosting a town hall type meeting for our December time slot so folks could query us about the committee and its work.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (1/29): As we were busy with the convention on our usual date (4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month), we slid this back meeting a week. We discussed a few items and received reports on a couple more. The financials for the past year are almost complete. Even with a poor start to the year (bad weather holding down car counts at big events), we managed to come out ahead of projections. Even SCCA Pro was ahead of the curve. A select committee was formed to update the BoD handbook and its output was reviewed. We will have a couple of weeks to look through it and offer comment.

### SCCA Events:

None

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The new year also means it's time for your GLDiv BoD to start working on the Convention. This year's event will be held at The Summit in Fort Wayne on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with a social portion held the evening before. Event details and registration information can be found [here](#). Many of our colleagues from the National Office will be in attendance. Please reach out to [Val McCammon](#) if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

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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.com](#) 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*



This is Steve Smith 280Z that just went through 3 year restoration. He lives out on Phoenix Az and is friends with Mike and I.



This is Max Lagod who raced GT1 and Trans Am back in the day. He was lost way too early in life. He and his dad were great people.

## **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