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The "GT" Podium at the 2002 24 Hours of Daytona

If you watched the Daytona Rolex 24 on SpeedVision, and you are an "older" South Bend Region member, you were delighted to watch Anthony "Tony" Kester finish in 2nd place in the GT class in a Porsche and 8th overall.

Tony joined SBR back in 1974 when he lived in Michigan City, and had great success in SCCA Formula Ford. He eventually created a business helping amateur and pro teams take advantage of the latest in data access techniques and equipment, long before it had become a must for serious racers.

He also became noted for coaching drivers and teams in their quest for victory. Tony has been a major force behind the scenes, and to see him at the wheel at one of the world's most important endurance races was a thrill for those who knew him "way back when."

MONTHLY MEETING

When: First Tuesday of every month.

Who: All members and their guests.

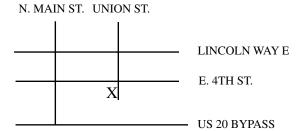
Time: Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

Membership Meeting at 8:00 pm

Indiana Time

Where: Mishawaka Union Station

327 Union Street Mishawaka, IN



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Area Code Changes?

I have heard rumors that the South Bend Area Code is Changing. Please email Jeff Luckritz, so he can make the appropriate changes. Thanks.

Cool New SBR, SCCA Merchandise Now Available! T-shirts and hats can be purchased at any meeting or Solo II.

R.E. NOTES Bill Howe



During an awards presentation

at this year's SCCA convention in Denver, the South Bend region's *PitBoard* was awarded 2nd place for a medium region newsletter. Which means you are now

reading an award winning regional newsletter, which is due largely to Jeff's Luckritz's dedication, along with those who contributed to this newsletter over the past year. I was fortunate enough to have been able to attend the convention this year, and was bursting with pride when I accepted the award for the region. I hope this is the first of many awards in years to come for the South Bend region.

There were no earth shattering announcements or issues at this year's convention. However, there was plenty of information and training. The agenda consisted of four different tracks over the three days of the convention, which were admin, race, solo, and rally. I spent most of my time in the admin and race tracks. The big news for admin is the new SCCA university (SCCA U) program, which will bring standardized training to all levels of the SCCA. The admin track actually consisted of a number of new training programs designed for REs, board

members, and other leadership personnel. The future plans for SCCA U include training at the national, divisional, and regional level with classes at the annual convention, division meetings, regional meetings, and in classrooms at the future SCCA headquarters.

One announcement that will effect us all, came out of the SCCA's annual meeting was that due to rising cost, the membership fee will be raised ten dollars. The club is still showing losses in Pro Racing, while SCCA Enterprises is actually making a modest profit. With a number of changes, and more marketing, the Pro race department is expected to be profitable in 2002.

The SCCA's board of directors felt that the increase in member dues is required to prevent continued depletion of SCCA reserves. I am also optimistic that the lower costs of operations in Kansas, along with increased membership will reduce the need for more increases in the future.

Some items that will be of interest to members who work races include continuing attempts to standardize flagging among the different race organizations in North America. There is also some research going into reorganizing the Race Control specialties, which would involve grid and course control being broken out from the catch all group of race control. Another item of interest is track safety and how it may affect the future of racing at Blackhawk farms.

I will end this months notes with a thank you and congratulations to everyone who has contributed to the success of our club and the award winning qualities of the *PitBoard*.

PitBoard via E-mail?

If you would like to receive *PitBoard* via e-mail **only**, contact HC at hcolwell@michiana.org By doing so, you will be saving the club a few dollars per copy. If you still want to receive *PitBoard* through the good old US Mail, no problem. Just do nothing.

Here's what's ahead for South Bend Region, SCCA members and their friends in 2002:

Local meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. For instance, we meet April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2 etc. Meetings are currently held at 8:00 PM (EST) at Union Station Restaurant, 327 Union Street, Mishawaka, IN. We have guest speakers at many meetings, and good fellowship at them all. Guests and nonmembers are very welcome.

Autocrosses (also called Solo II) are held monthly through November. Dates and times are still being arranged. Several sites are being used this year including South Bend and Peru, IN, so check before coming. Registration from 9:30 AM, first car off at 11:30 AM (EST). You need a safe car, effective muffler, seat belt, good helmet (loaners usually available) and the desire to have fun. Classes for all cars. Novice trophy. Special Tire Rack year-end trophies. Guests welcome. Many other autocrosses are staged every weekend from local to National Championship level throughout the Central Division.



A "unmodified" Honda Civic at an Autocross

Almost 40 Road Races are held in the SCCA Central Division alone, including our South Bend Region Dual Regional Championship race on July 13-14 at GingerMan Raceway near South Haven, MI. Club racing is also held at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course at Lexington, OH, Road America at Elkhart Lake, WI,

Indianapolis Raceway Park at Indianapolis, IN, Grattan Raceway near Grand Rapids, MI, Waterford Hills at Pontiac, MI and Blackhawk Raceway near Beloit, WI. SCCA club racing runs from mid-April through October. There will also be a Driver's School for all those budding racers on May 17-19 at GingerMan Raceway.



Install safety equipment and go road racing in Showroom
Stock.

Pro SCCA races include the Trans-Am, Speed World Challenge, Pro Spec Racer, and U.S. Formula 3 Series held at major tracks around the country. SCCA members are an essential part of both club and pro races, working as officials, trackside safety workers, pit crews and a host of other responsibilities and are often asked to staff major vintage and pro races up to and including the US Grand Prix Formula I race at Indy.

For further information on events, schedules, and meetings call: David Bowman, Membership Chairman at 219-255-7600 or visit our web site at: http://www.geocities.com/sbrscca.



Trans Am is SCCA's top Professional Road Racing Series

SBR SOLO STUFF

Solo II Chiefs

Solo II Chair George Williams
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Registration Chris Hogland
Safety Stewards Duane Belisle
George Schmidt

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Event Flyers Lloyd Loring/HC
PR Bill Howe

Tech. Inspector Rod Markowicz

Equipment Open
Tech Inspection Open
Event Chair Open
Worker/Course Crtl. Open
Course Design Open

2002 SBR SOLO CALENDAR

May 19 Clark Engineering

June 29-30 Grissom

September 8 Clark Engineering

Other Dates TBA

Registration: 9:00-10:30 am(S. Bend Time)

First Car Off: 11:45 am

Cost: \$15 SCCA Members

\$18 Non-members

Look for SBR Solo Results on the Web

Bill Loring has put together a SBR Solo II Web Site. You can find an event schedule, results, pdf files of forms, and photos. Check it out at:

http://homepage.mac.com/sbrscca/

New to Solo?

Let somebody know at registration and we'll find a SBR member to help you get started!

What to Bring to a Solo:

A Safe Car, Working Seat Belts, & a A helmet (Loaners are available)



A "Solo Truck" goes through the cones at a South Bend Region Solo.

The SCCA... it's for YOU!

The Sports Car Club of America is one of the country's largest motor sports organizations. Activities range from professional racing and rallying to socializing. In between is a myriad of activity— road rallies, solo events (that's where it's just you and your car against the clock on a twisting course) and club racing, for those who want to be race car drivers, crew persons, or race officials. SCCA is the official sanctioning body of such professional road racing series as the Trans-Am® road racing series plus *ProRally* and Pro Solo II.

SCCA IS LOCAL ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY

There are 109 local chapters of the SCCA all around the country. In the Michiana area it is the South Bend Region, SCCA. You can become involved with local events close to home and can make weekends of it with friends

HOW TO GET ACTIVITY POINTS

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Activity	Points
Race Chair	400
Website Manager	200
PitBoard Editor	200
Race Chief of Specialty	200
Rally Series Chair	100
Solo Chair	100
Event Chair	100
Program Director	100
Club Officer	100
Event Co-Chair	75
Car Show Display	75
Solo Co-Chair	75
Race Worker(Per Day)	50
SBR Race Driver	50
PitBoard Article/page	40
Meeting Attendance	20
Rally Navigator	20
Race Crew Worker/day	20
Rally/Solo Worker	20
Rally/Solo Driver	20
PitBoard Picture	10-

at divisional and national events as well. SCCA is like no other motor sports organization — because you're involved, because you can help to plan, stage, and operate events, as well as compete in them.

BE PART OF THE ACTION... CLOSE UP!

Even if you don't want to compete, SCCA has plenty of places for you. As a race worker or official involved with timing and scoring, corner work (flagging and safety), in the pits, paddock, grid... wherever there's a job to be done. Or you can work at rallies or solo events (autocrosses). If you want to compete, you have a wide choice: road rallying, performance rallying, autocrossing (Solo II or the faster Solo I), and regional, divisional, national, or professional racing. SCCA also helps you get started with driver's schools in every sport, and worker schools for most specialties.

REGULAR MEMBER

Yearly cost for a full membership is \$45 National dues, plus \$15 South Bend Region dues, total: \$60 (you must belong to a local region to join the national SCCA and vice versa). Membership Benefits:

- You are eligible for Divisional and National Racing Championships.
- You are eligible for SCCA competition driving schools —leading to a national racing license.
- You can earn an Official's License for duties at major regional, divisional, and national SCCA racing events, and many professional events.
- You can earn competition licenses for professional rallying, as well as for Solo I.
- Take part in social activities of the South Bend Region, with the right to hold office and full voting privileges.

- Free annual subscription to SportsCar, the SCCA official monthly magazine, and to PitBoard, the newsletter of the South Bend Region, as well as advance information on local events.
- Free SCCA cloth insignia for your jacket or cap, plus decal for your car, and membership card.
- Free Participant Accident Insurance while involved in SCCA activities.
- Special discounts on Club merchandise, and discounts for car rental, insurance and other benefits available only to SCCA members.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Cost for a family membership (member, spouse and all family members under 21 years of age) is \$70 National dues, plus \$20 South Bend Region dues, total: \$90.

- The entire family can join for less than just two individual memberships.
- Children (under the age of 21) can hold certain worker licenses, compete as a member in non-speed events, and receive a membership card, cloth insignia and decal, and event insurance benefits.
- Member and spouse each have all the local and national benefits of a full membership, including holding racing and official's licenses, voting privileges, and availability of club discounts on merchandise.
- The family shares the subscriptions to *SportsCar* and *PitBoard*.

SPOUSE MEMBER

Cost for a spouse membership is \$10 National dues, plus \$5 South Bend Region dues, total: \$15.

• If your spouse is already a member, you can join with all the benefits of a full membership except that magazines, newsletters and event flyers will be shared. A spouse membership can be added at any time.

SPEED FREAKZ® MEMBER

Cost for a Regular Speed Freakz member (under 26 years of age) is \$20 National dues, plus \$5 South Bend Region dues, total: \$25. This plan provides full membership privileges, a car decal, insurance benefits and Club merchandise and service discounts. Members can compete in local rallies and solo events, and be active in many race specialties. A Competition Speed Freakz membership is \$40 National dues, plus \$5 South Bend Region dues, total: \$45. This permits full participation in all SCCA competition activities. Take your choice. No matter which membership plan you choose, you'll find yourself among people who love cars and competition, and want to be a part of the action. No need to own a "sports car" (whatever that is) or even any car at all! Just add your enthusiasm to over 70,000 people just like you who enjoy the sport... on the inside! For further information, contact:

David & Tami Bowman SBR/SCCA Membership Co-Chairpersons 3807 Fern Hill Dr Mishawka IN 46544-6267 (574) 255-7600

Help!

We need help at the SBR Booth at the Calvacade of Wheels. The show is open on Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24. Contact Bill Howe for details.

Summary of SBR Board Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2001

January 8, 2002

Members Present: Bill Howe, Paul McBride, HC Colwell, Rod Markowicz, Lynette Markowicz and Duane Belisle.

New Business: Paul proposed purchasing a transponder system for racing. Several regions are interested in sponsoring a Driver's School at GingerMan Raceway; WMR, FWR, INR, DET, OVR and SBR.

Solo Report: No new information. Still looking for a Solo site. Tire Rack is not interested in communication until the first of the year.

Race Report: We have a deposit for the track. CENDIV race schedule has not been approved by the BOD.

Round Table: Bill Howe gave an overview. Members present at RoundTable were; George Williams, Rod and Lynette Markowicz, Bill Howe, Jim Desenberg, Jeff Pontius, Duane Belisle, Lloyd Loring and Bill Loring.

Calvacade of Wheels: If any club members are interested in showing a car, please let Bill Howe know.

Annual Banquet: January 19 at the Matterhorn. Cost is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple.

Tami Says...Thanks

I want to thank everyone who came to our year end awards banquet. I think everyone had a good time and I was really disappointed that Paul McBride didn't get up and talk. HaHa.

I was really looking forward to that part of the evening. My thanks to everyone who helped me, it was greatly appreciated. Hope we all have a woderful 2002.

Tami Bowman
Banquet Coordinator

Members Present: Bill Howe, HC Colwell, Paul McBride, Rod Markowicz, Jeff Pontius and Susan Williams.

Membership: Our new membership cochairs are David & Tami Bowman. Membership stands at 200.

Treasurer's Report: Not much coming in at the end of the year, this is normal. We still have money.

Solo Report: Talking with the owners of the old Tire Rack site. We may be able to have events there after the tires are gone. We can use the site for a snow solo...for \$1000. No thanks. We met with a representative from Clark Engineering Service in Buchanan, MI. Would consider 2-3 events there. Still need to do some checking to be sure. Looking into using Scottsdale Mall, a GM facility in Three Rivers, the Hummer site and possibly another event at Grissom. Bill H. also looked at the Berrien Springs airport and the Osceola Dragstrip. Not sure either would work. Kim B. will try the Elkhart Airport. The new TireRack site may not be feasible due to layout.

Race Budget: Track cost for 2002 is about \$7700. Additional expenses for ambulance, tow truck, food, insurance, publication, trophies etc. Based on previous years, SBR should receive more income than expenses if the number of entries remains similar.

National Convention: Bill Howe plans on attending the Denver meeting on February 7th through February 9th. SBR will pay \$200 towards expenses to attend.

CENDIV Race Schedule: A phone conference was held. There was lots of discussion at the meeting regarding this issue.

Driver School at GingerMan: To be held on May 18-19. Details still need to be ironed out. SBR members willing to help include; Bill H, Duane B, Paul M, Jeff P, Rod M, and Jeff L. We would love other SBR members to help in any area of interest.

Submitted by Susan K Williams

Holding The PitBoard Jeff Luckritz

Everybody has their favorite web addresses. No.

not those kind, the other ones. You know, the web site you check everyday. If you have been reading this column, you know that I have been in quest of a new race car to run.

During my search, there were several pages I checked daily in search of a car. I was looking for a **salvage or water-damaged** car to prepare for showroom stock racing. Some of the pages I checked on a regular basis were:

www.casmiami.com morrisrose.com dandauto.com

When searching for a **used car** with a clean title, I would regularly frequent:

www.autotrader.com www.ebay.com

In fact, in addition to finding my present '99 Miata on ebay, we found our '97 Grand Caravan advertised on the autotrader site. Even if you don't buy a car using one of these sites, I found it useful to research selling prices of the vehicle I was looking to purchase.

Of course, being an **SCCA** member, there are several pages that I visit on a regular basis. The *scca.org* site will get you just about anywhere you want to go. From autocrossing to working races, you can find the appropriate link here. I have even downloaded license and physical forms and *FastTrack* news. For information regarding **South Bend Region's Solo Series**, you can't beat *www.homepage.mac.com/sbrscca*. Bill Loring does a fantastic job of keeping all the autocrossers informed.

For finding information regarding **road** racing, I have found the following sites useful.

www. sccapro.com www.sccaforums.com www.h-production-scca.com www.TheRaceSite.com

When I was thinking of running a production car so I could be just like Bill Howe, the third site listed proved to be helpful. Additionally, the people posting topics were very friendly. The sccaforums.com site consists of a message board that covers the entire spectrum of SCCA.

This is only the tip of the sites I have bookmarked on my computer. If anybody has some useful sites they use for autocrossing, racing, working races, etc. Give me a list, and we'll try to share them with others on the pages of *PitBoard*.



Most of you know what type of car is pictured here. Many of you can probably determine the actual year the car was produced. But, how many of you know who the proud owner "draped" all over the car is?



Membership Application

Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

Applicant's Signature _

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest member participation automotive organization, please complete the form below *in full* and return, with payment, to the SCCA Membership Department, 9033 E. Easter Place, Centennial, CO 80112-2122, or to the South Bend Region, SCCA Membership Co-Chairs: David & Tami Bowman 3807 Fern Hill Dr, Mishawaka IN 46544-6267 (574) 255-7600

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For Sale: Old SBR Laptop: Gateway Colorbook, circa July 1994, 486 processor, unknown speed., 20 MB RAM, 775 MB Hard Drive 1.4 MB Floppy Drive, NO CD drive Built-in trackball, but you'll want a mouse for serious use., 640x480x256 color display, good for indoor use, hard to see outdoors., Ports: Keyboard/Mouse, Parallel, Video, PCMCIA (I think), Software:, Windows 95, Microsoft Access 97, Not much else., The battery in this computer is shot, it must be plugged into the power adapter to function properly. Everything else seems to work fine, although I did notice that the system settings were reset after the machine sat in my basement unplugged for the last 10 months or so. I've fixed this, so it all works well now. Best Offer, Contact Bill Howe

Professionally Rebu	ke Calipers:	
83-86	Mercury Capri	Right Hand
82-89	Chevy Cavalier	2 Pair
91-93	Camaro/Firebird	Left Hand
82-86	Bonneville	Right Hand
83-94	Topaz/Tempo	Left Hand
90-	Chevy Cavalier	Pair

Make an offer. Duane Belisle (219)293-5704 dsbelisle@aol.com

For Sale-1969 Datsun Roadster. 2000 cc. 5 sp, Titled, Some Rust, Restorable. \$1000. OBO
For Sale-1992 Chevy S-10 Blazer. 4 x 4. 2 door, 4.3 L V6, AT,PW,PL,PS,Reese Rec.,ABS,Pioneer CD, 166 k miles,Some Rust \$3300 OBO.
Call David Bowman 219-255-7600

For Sale-'99 Miata Parts. Soft Top w/rear glass, frame and defroster-\$250. AC Compressor, condensor and fittings/hoses-\$100. Black Factory Leather Nardi Steering Wheel only-\$50.00. Black leather factory driver seat-\$75.All prices negotiable. Jeff Luckritz 616-429-3676 or jluckrit@remc11.k12.mi.us

For Sale -- 81 Fiat X 1/9

Fun 'D' Stock solo car. 5K on new motor. Two sets of wheels. One mounted with street tires and one with used Yokohama's. Newer shocks and front sway installed. Car runs well (runner up in 99 Australian Pursuit) but in need of some TLC body work. Going racing, so need a good home for the solo car and space in the garage. Call H.C. at (219) 291-6756.

SBR CALENDAR

March 5	SBR General Meeting at 8:00 pm
March 23-24	Calvacade of Wheels
April 2	SBR General Meeting at 8:00 pm
May 18-19	Driver School at GingerMan
May 19	SBR Solo at Clark Eng.
July 13-14	SBR Sprints at GingerMan

CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free to South Bend Region SCCA members;non-members may advertise for \$5.00 per ad month. Ads submitted by members will be run for 2 issues unless the editor is notified. Non

member ads will run based on payments received. To place a display or classified ad, contact the Pitboard editor.

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PITBOARD SUBMISSIONS

Send,e-mail, or personally deliver your articles, photos, classified ads,comments and ideas to the PitBoard editor by the 15th of each month. I do not have Microsoft Word, so, please don't e-mail Word attachements. Include your name, phone number and e-mail address with your submission, just in case the editor needs to contact you; no anonymous submissions will be printed. When sending photos (which will be returned), include the who, what, when, where, why and how information.

FREE to a good home – 2 Yokohama 250/590R15 race slicks and 2 Goodyear 22.0X8.5X15 race slicks. Too large for Datsun Roadster fender wells, and are aprox 1/2 to 3/4 original thickness. Bill Howe (W) 219-875-5376 (H)219-266-4324

For Sale- Porsche 914 2.0 L parts. Mostly disassebled engine and transaxle stuff. Starter, alternator and fuel injection. Removable top and instruments. Javier 219-532-9166

Wanted- Factory 15" alloys from 1999-2002 Miata. Contact Jeff Luckritz at 616-429-3676 or jluckrit@remc11.k12.mi.us

PITBOARD

South Bend Region, SCCA Jeff Luckritz, Editor 4478 Woodridge Way St. Joseph, MI 49085

SBR General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 5th and April 2nd
8:00 pm @ Union Station in Mishawaka
Guests Very Welcome

(More Information Inside)