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# Tad and Larry's Excellent Adventure Larry Dunville



ohoto-Larry Dunville

Larry and Tad Dunville try out a different Solo Car.

Tad (my son) and I went to an Evolution 2 and 3 solo school in Dallas during his Spring Break. We used my Frequent Flyer miles to fly down, and we rented a brand new Mitsubishi Spyder at ???? Rent-A-Car. We went from a mid-engine/rear drive Boxster to a front engine/front drive Spyder. On the first day, we ran the front tires bald. Not sort of bald but ballllllllllllllllllllll We weren't sure what to do and decided to rotate the tires front to back.

On Sunday, we used up the former back tires (now on the front) and drove it back to the airport on 4 bald tires. We debated on how to return the car. Tad thought we should check it in and try to blend into the crowd ASAP. I thought maybe I should

pound my fist on the desk and demand a refund for renting us such an unsafe car! The guy who checked us in seemed a couple bricks short of a full load, so we decided to use Tad's plan, but we have decided not to use ????? Rent-A-Car for a while.

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# MONTHLY MEETING

When: First Tuesday of every month.

Who: All members and their guests.

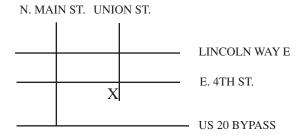
Time: Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

Membership Meeting at 8:00 pm

Indiana Time

Where: Mishawaka Union Station

327 Union Street Mishawaka, IN



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#### **March Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Bill Howe, H.C. Colwell, Jeff Pontius, Jeff Luckritz, Duane Belisle, Larry Dunville, Susan Williams.

**Treasurer's Report:** Not much coming in at the time, but lots going out which is typical for this time of year. Still have funds.

Membership: 200 +/-

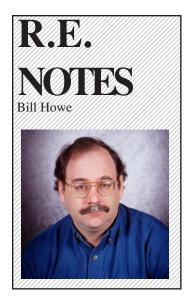
**Solo Report:** Spoke about CENDIV Solo Meeting at the Tire

Rack on 3/2. Covered Timing and Scoring, Little/Big Events, Grid and Safety. A number of SBR members were present. George has developed his own site acquisition package. LMC site in Benton Harbor, MI has been approved for our use. More later.

Race Report: SBR is helping run a Driver's School at GingerMan on 5/17-5/19. This will cost each of 6 regions \$1233 up front with actual cost TBD by a number of factors. For our race in July, we still need a timing and scoring chief.

SCCA National Convention: Dues are going up by \$10 in June. SCCA National Office is moving to Topeka, KS this fall.

**SBR WebSite:** Bill Loring has been keeping it updated. If you have suggestions, let him know.



### The Calvacade of

Wheels was an outstanding success for the South Bend region. We were able to get a lot of great exposure and put out a lot of information about the SCCA Solo and Road Racing activities.

Four members had cars in the show, including Curt Thews, Jeremy Gleason, Jeff Luckritz, and myself. Jeremy was awarded a second place trophy in his class, while Curt and myself took home first place trophies in our classes. I'm sure Jeff would have beaten me in the production-based race car class if we had known that the info sign provided by the show had to be visible (not locked in the trunk) when the cars were judged Friday night.

Being the first time for most of us at the show, we will be sure not to make that mistake next year. Curt was also inducted into the Coachmen Car Club's Hall of Fame along with his late brother, Russell.

The club was well represented all weekend with members being available to answer question during every minute of the show.

With plenty of info on solo, and road racing, as well as copies of PitBoard and past issues of SportsCar we were able to give show goers answers to almost any question. To everyone who helped make the show a great success I want to say thank you and keep up the great work. And extra thanks to Carol Alarcon (a new WRX member) and her husband for stepping forward and helping with the show. I know it's hard for new members to jump right in with a group of folks they don't know and sometimes we don't follow up with new members as well as we should.

Our first solo is now in the books and it was quite a success with over 90 cars competing. Even though I was not able to attend due to other commitments, I'm always impressed by the outstanding job the region does with the solo events. I'm sure the large number of competitors is due in large part to how George Williams and his Solo committee do their jobs.

Another outstanding committee is our race committee that just had its first meeting to plan our July race. From a steward's point of view, Bill Farr feels that SBR not only does a very professional job of organizing our race, but we have shown that we are ready to do a National event. Bill's words go a long way in affirming that all our hard work has not gone unnoticed.

A lot of the thanks have to go to Jim Desenberg, our race chairman for a number of years, and Duane Belise who was race chair prior to Jim. And with Jeff Pontius coming on board as assistant race chair and maybe next year's chairman, I'm sure the outstanding leadership will continue.

Now that we have gotten to this point, we can't rest on our laurels, we need to continue to improve our race and make it not just one of the best regionals in Central Division, but THE BEST. How do we do that? We continue to look for ways to make our race more enjoyable to the workers as well the drivers. We also need to continue to develop our worker base, along with continued development of relationships with other regions by helping to support their events. It is also the members who only work our event who help to make the event a success. While you may never hold a divisional or national license as a worker, your enthusiasm is a major asset to our region.

This next month is going to be busy with a National at GingerMan the last week of April kicking off the racing season in Central Division, which many of us will be working or competing at. Solo has an event in Buchanan in May, the same weekend as a driver's school/regional race at GingerMan that the South Bend region is staging with Fort Wayne, Western Michigan, Detroit, Indiana Northwest, and Ohio Valley Regions.

With the 2002 season in full swing make the best of it and be safe.

# Big Doings At Grissom Lloyd Loring

Talk about jumping off the deep end! George Williams and his solo crew scheduled their first event of the year at Grissom Aeroplex despite it being about as far from the heart of our region as you can get. Just a few miles south and you are in Indy Region's territory.

But George had everyone check the trailer, gather the printed materials, recheck the timer and prepare themselves for a day of fun and work. Several folk went down the evening before, as Roger Johnson had allowed us access at the end of his week of activity. He uses the site to provide corporate training and support as part of SCCA Corporate Services, a littleknown activity of the SCCA that offers our expertise to corporations for a modest but profitable fee. So, course layout and traffic planning was done on Saturday to help speed up the action on Sunday.

The gate opened at 6:30 AM so that those of us who were coming from South Bend had to get going around 5:00 AM just to be on time. Because of a uncooperative wheel on my son's Honda, he

and I were running my Miata, but Bill graciously allowed me the pleasure of driving the van down and back while he manfully drove the Miata (I didn't raise a dummy.) We set up as quickly as possible but we noticed that the drivers kept coming in to register. In fact, by the time we closed registration, we had 97 signed in, including drivers from Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin and goodness knows where else.

Some of these were the "hot shoes" Roger has assisting him in his corporate service efforts. We were delighted to have them, even though they managed to take away many of our top trophies. As the entry list rose, we realized we couldn't get our usual 6 runs into a reasonable schedule. So we settled on 4 runs each in three heats. This worked quite well, even though we hadn't prepared for it.

The course was fun, and I learned a little about steering the Miata with the throttle, but not enough about keeping my speed up. But there was a grin at the end of each run, regardless of my less

than spectacular times. I was soundly beaten by my son, which was expected, but also by Angie Rogers who won the open class of 9 Miatas by a generous margin.

One of the most spectacular drivers was John Ames, from Colorado Springs, CO whose SS Corvette time was the fastest stock time and was within a few tenths of the fastest Prepared time, set by Steve Bollinger. FTD was a shifter F125 kart driven by Dan Cyr of Madison, WI. I have no idea how these folks stay so close to disaster. I can't hold my breath that long!

All-in-all a great day for autocrossing. We gave away all the trophies we had, and will get trophies to those whe earned them but couldn't collect them on the spot. Congratulations to Steve Tamandli for a fine, challenging course. And a big thank you to everyone who helped. Especially to Susan Williams for guarding the gate for hours at the start. She has a big head start on "Worker of the Year."

# SBR Discussion List Just Started!

We have started a discussion E-mail list for SBR members. The list is intended to be a place for SBR members to discuss club business, and anything else that comes up. It is hoped that this will help to keep everyone better informed about the club.

The list is free, and is hosted on the Yahoo Groups site. It can be joined by any SBR member. You can subscribe online by going to the SBRSCCA page at Yahoo, or you can send an e-mail to the subscribe address at the right. You can elect for the e-mail messages to go directly to your computer, or you can read them at the SBRSCCA page at Yahoo.

Here are some common addresses for the list:

#### Post message:

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### New to Solo?

Open

Course Design

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

### 2002 PAX/RTP Index Factors

SS	.836	CP	.854
AS	.828	DP	.849
BS	.827	EP	.868
CS	.812	FP	.865
DS	.798	AM	1.000
ES	.802	BM	.951
FS	.809	CM	.919
GS	.785	DM	.894
HS	.779	EM	.904
ASP	.836	FM	.897
BSP	.840	STS	.784
CSP	.842	STX	.801
DSP	.820	SM	.834
<b>ESP</b>	.826	SM2	.856
FSP	.817	F125	.932
AP	.874	FJr	.815
BP	.867	Spec FJr	.774

### 2002 SBR SOLO CALENDAR

May 19 Clark Engineering
June 29-30 Grissom Aeroplex
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 \$20 Non-members

# Look for SBR Solo Results on the Web

Bill Loring has put together an SBR Web Site. You can find our event schedules, flyers, results, pdf files of forms, and photos. Check it out at:

http://www.sbrscca.org/

### What to Bring to a Solo:

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



Good thing it is not raining!

photo-Larry Dunville

# **Grissom A-Go-Go Solo Results**

Class	Driver	Hometown	Club	Car	Best Time	Points
SS						
1	John Ames	Colorado Springs, CO	ConDiv	01 Chevrolet Corvette	51.645	100.00
2	Alex Parkinson	W Lafayette, IN	SBR	99 Chevy Corvette	59.060	10.00
3 SSL	Kent Parkinson	W Lafayette, IN	SBR	99 Chevy Corvette	59.707	10.00
33L 1	Alina Zohrabian	Ann Arbor, MI		01 Chevrolet Corvette	61.477	100.00
AS	Chair Handan 4	Dealess IN	CDD	04 (%)	(4.700	100.00
1 BS	Chris Hoglund	Rochester, IN	SBR	94 Chevrolet Corvette	64.720	100.00
1	Tony Lipscomb	South Bend, IN		01 Audi TT	60.896	100.00
2	Nick Gustas	Kalamazoo, MI		01 Audi TT	65.364	33.97
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1	Angie Rogers	Granger, IN	SBR/FWR	99 Mazda Miata	53.867	100.00
2	John Rogers	Granger, IN	FWR/SBR	99 Mazda Miata	54.210	94.27
3	Kumar Viswalingam	Cinncinnati, OH	Cincy	99 Mazda Miata	54.401	91.08
4	Chris Harvey	Osceola, IN	SBR	99 Mazda Miata	54.942	82.04
5	Joe Tharpe	Marshaltown, IA	DMVR	00 Mazda Miata	55.297	76.11
6	William Loring	Osceola, IN	SBR	99 Mazda Miata	58.136	28.67
7	George Schmitt	Elkhart, IN	SBR	96 Mazda Miata	58.228	27.14
8	Lloyd Loring	South Bend, IN	SBR	99 Mazda Miata	61.799	10.00
9	Matt Malicki	Kalamazoo, MI	WMR	97 Mazda Miata	63.717	10.00
DS						
1 ES	Steve Brouwer	Rockford, MI	SBR	0 Audi S4	58.183	100.00
1	Clemens Burger	Anderson, IN	Indy	92 Toyota MR2	55.907	100.00
2	John Haluska	West DesMoines, IA	DMVR	90 Mazda Miata	56.882	84.30
3	Joan Karnas	Indianapolis, IN	Indy	92 Toyota MR2	59.939	35.09
4	Dan Stone	Sheridan, IN	Indy	1992 Mazda Miata	60.013	33.90
5	Duane Belisle	Elkhart, IN	SBR	86 Mazda RX-7	60.187	31.10
6	Todd Green	Hebron, IN	SBR	85 Toyota MR2	60.926	19.20
FS		,		•		
1	Kent Weaver	Kettering, OH	WOR	96 Ford Cobra	55.151	100.00
2	Byron Short	Scottsdale, AZ	AZ Border	02 Chevrolet Camaro	55.566	93.23
3	George Williams	Middlebury, IN	SBR	95 Chevy Z-28	55.862	88.40
4	Chris Weldy	Lafayette, IN	SBR	96 Chevrolet Camaro	56.590	76.52
5	Nathan Biesenmeter	West Lafayette, IN		96 Chevrolet Camaro Z28	61.118	10.00
6	Andy Harman	Mishawaka, IN	NNJR	02 Chevrolet Camaro Z28	61.352	10.00
7	Josh Harmon	Elkhart, IN		98 Chevrolet Z28	65.954	10.00
8	David Trent	Lafayette, IN	SBR	99 Dodge Dakota	66.321	10.00
FSL						
1	Crissy Bolinger	Kettering, OH	SBR	96 Ford Cobra	57.406	100.00
GS						
1	Gustard Hammerly	Zionsville, IN	Indy	89 Honda CRX Si	60.373	100.00
2	Alberto Pizzato	Indianapolis, IN	Indy	89 Honda CRX	61.250	86.93
3	Zachary Green	Crown Point, IN		97 Nissan 200SX SE-R	64.310	41.31
4	Don Sappington	South Bend, IN	SBR	93 Acura Integra	66.166	13.64
HS				04.75	66.024	100.00
1	Joshua Meinika	Albion, IN		01 Daewoo Leganza	66.021	100.00
2	Jeff Blanda	Mishawaka, IN	SBR	91 Plymouth Laser RS	67.552	79.13
3	Bernard Blanda	Mishawaka, IN	SBR	91 Plymouth Laser RS	69.176	56.99
4	Jeff Zeisler	Harrison, OH		91 Honda Civic Si	69.178	56.96
5	Ryan Steele	Holland, MI		91 Honda CRX	69.269	55.72
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1	Kristi Powers	South Bend, IN		01 Hyundai Elantra	69.028	100.00

# **Grissom Results Continued**

	Driver	Hometown	Club	Car	Best Time	Points
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1	Roger Johnson	Fostoria, OH	NWOR	01 Chevrolet Corvette	52.714	100.00
BSP	Troger Common	1 0010114, 011	1,,,,,,,,,,		021,711	100.00
1	Jeremy Gleason	Elkhart, IN	SBR	91 Dodge Stealth RTTT	61.958	100.00
CSP						
1	Jerry Martin	Logansport, IN	SBR	67 Datsun 2000 Roadster	59.370	100.00
2	Tim Dordon	Holland, MI	SBR	92 Honda CRX	59.900	91.97
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1 2	Kathy Martin April Dordon	Logansport, IN Holland, MI	SBR SBR	67 Datsun 2000 Roadster 91 Honda CRX	64.940 65.479	100.00 92.53
DSP	April Doldon	Holland, Wil	SDK	91 Honda CKA	03.479	92.33
1	Andrew Bratt	Brooklyn, IN	Indy	84 Toyota Supra	58.192	100.00
2	Jeff Alexander	Indianapoolis, IN	CSCC	97 Dodge Neon	64.633	10.00
<b>ESP</b>		•		C		
1	Gary Burton	Columbia City, IN	SBR/FWR	90 Ford Mustang	58.290	100.00
2	Lonnie Bright	Cassopolis, MI	SBR	94 Chevrolet Camaro	59.817	76.42
FSP	D: D	II 1 '11 M	CDD	OA NAVI CITY	62.455	100.00
1	Brian Barrett	Hudsonville, MI	SBR	84 VW GTI 99 GMC Sonoma	62.457	100.00
2 3	Elton Windsor Paul Stock	Kokomo, IN Mishawaka, IN	SBR	77 MG Midget	64.521 64.754	70.26 66.90
FSPL		Wiisiiawaka, iiv	SDK	// Wid Midget	04.734	00.90
1	Stacey Mulder	Hudsonville, MI	SBR	84 VW GTI	66.332	100.00
AP		,				
1	Bill Belcher	, MI		98 Superperformance Cobra	58.225	100.00
2	David Koepp	Kokomo, IN		65 Cobra 427 Roadster	64.842	10.00
CP						
1	Medard Murfin	Silver Lake, IN	SBR	66 Plymouth Cuda	71.565	100.00
2 DD	Chad Murfin	Warsaw, IN	SBR	66 Plymouth Barracuda	71.984	94.73
DP 1	Steve Bollinger	Granger, IN	SBR	66 Austin Healey Sprite	51.412	100.00
2	Kim Bollinger	Granger, IN	SBR	66 Austin Healey Sprite	53.403	65.15
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1	Tony Koufos	Crown Point, IN	PCA	70 Porsche 911	54.695	100.00
AM						
1	Greg Bowden	Comstock Park, MI	WMR	74 Pegasus One Seater	54.731	100.00
2	Rex Chipman	Sparta, MI		74 Pegasus One Seater	55.492	87.49
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1 2	Stephen Brinkerhoff Don Kline	Plainfield, IN Plainsfield, IN	Indy Indy	86 Toyota MR2 86 Toyota MR2	57.820 60.326	100.00 60.99
EM	Don Kine	Framsheid, in	may	80 Toyota MIK2	00.320	00.99
1	Jim McKamey	Portage, IN	SBR	Pontiac Fiero	51.488	100.00
2	Steve Tamandli	South Bend, IN	SBR	88 Pontiac Fiero	51.732	95.73
FM		,				
1	Ricardo Gonzales	Miller Beach, IN	SBR/PCA	65 Bobsy Solo Vee	49.912	100.00
2	Mike Quinn	Toledo, OH	NWOR	94 KBS Mark 7	57.715	10.00
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1	Dan Cyr	Madison, Wi	Milwaukee	95 Tony Kart	47.897	100.00
2 STS	Alan Sheidler	Rochester Hills, MI	NWOR	96 Honda/Renspeed Shifter I	<b>V</b> al148.//1	83.58
1	Phil Osborne	Roanoke, TX	Texas	95 Dodge Neon	58.328	100.00
2	Lukas Kummer	Toledo, OH	NWOR	93 Honda Civic Si	58.427	98.47
3	Mike Stensland	Indianapolis, in		93 Nissan Sentra	60.378	68.37
4	David Mason	Lafayette, IN	SBR	97 Honda Civic	60.933	59.80

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5	Jim Zeisler	Harrison, OH	CINTI	02 Nissan Sentra	61.140	56.61
6	Scott Woosley	Muncie, IN	FWR	83 VW Rabbit Gti	61.444	51.92
7	Steven Schneller	New Haven, IN	FWR	98 Dodge Neon R/T	61.567	50.02
8	Scott Nardin	Grandville, MI	SBR	91 VW Golf	62.729	32.09
9	Christopher Foresman	West Lafayette, IN	SBR	95 Honda Civic Si	63.133	25.86
10	David Smith	Columbia City, IN		98 Honda Prelude	63.456	20.88
11	Rob Pardue	Holland, MI	WMR	00 Honda Civic Si	63.959	13.11
12	Adam Locsi	South Bend, IN	SBR	91 Acura Integra	64.115	10.71
13	Casey Galloway	Maumee, OH	NWOR	01 Hyundai Elantra GT	67.206	10.00
14	Robert Ridenour	Toledo, OH	WOR	96 Acura Integra GSR	68.602	10.00
STSL	,					
1	Debbie Zeisler	Harrison, OH		02 Nissan Sentra	64.253	100.00
2	Allison Smith	Grand Rapids, MI		84 VW GTI Rabbit	67.338	56.79
SM						
1	David Bowman	Mishawaka, IN	SBR	95 Dodge Neon	57.083	100.00
2	Jeffrey Harrison	South Bend, IN		98 Dodge Neon ACR	57.252	97.34
3	Phillip Bowman	Mishawaka, IN	SBR	95 Dodge Neon	57.311	96.41
4	Bryan Keller	Sylvania, OH	NWOR	94 Honda Civic	62.557	13.69

# Solo Stuff for '02 George Williams-Solo Chair

The 1st event is behind us. 97 drivers was a lot more than we expected and everyone pulled together to have a successful day. Even Roger Johnson, our Grissom Liaison, seemed to be impressed with the region's efforts. With tighter security requirements, it was important to insure we complied with all the new rules to preserve our privilege of using the site.

There were a number of opportunities for improvement which will be necessary to run a 2-day event in June. The most obvious shortcomming was the lack of region members both before and after the event to handle the setup and put-away details. We can do better.

#### **Solo Chiefs:**

Jeffery Harrison has offered to take overall responsibility for Solo Tech Inspection. He was well broken in after the 97entries at Grissom. I arbitrarily "placed" Steve Tamandli as chief course designer. Steve is persistent in creating championship quality courses and he will understand why I didn't "ask first."

There are still a few duties to fill with SBR members who understand that great events are run with enough people in a great solo staff. Equipment and Event Chief opportunities are still open.

Grissom Event on.June 29-**30**. This will be a 2-day event and will require great support to pull it off. We will need help with gate security, course and grid layout, registration, and various pre-event setup details. Following the event it will be important to have the resources to swiftly pack up all of our gear. This detail, as well as sufficient volunteers for gate security will be needed so everyone will have an opportunity to run and the old guys won't be left with

putaway.

Event at Clark Engineering - May 19th. This will be a joint event with a Porsche and BMW club. They will be running their classing and awards. It should be fun to compare our performances to those of these marque clubs.

#### **Outside the Region**

Jim McKamey and Steve Tamandli made a double event weekend with entries at Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne on Apr. 6-7. I believe Steve's car drives faster for Jim. I went to the Ft. Wayne event and tried to further my learning curve in the '02 Camaro. Two weeks later, at a Chicago Region event at the Rt. 66 Speedway, we experienced enough cold rain and wind to just leave the street tires on (wind chill below 30 deg). Steve passed on this one, perhaps a heater and windshield issue.



No racing for me this weekend at the first CENDIV National Race at GingerMan. You know what... that's O.K. I could have gone two days without any sleep, but I decided it would be better to start my 2002 race season the following weekend at Blackhawk Farms.

So instead of qualifying at GingerMan on Saturday, I am spending the day doing final prep work on the roll cage, window net assembly and race seat. The interior should be back in the car by the end of the weekend.

SBR Car Show To Be Held At University Park Mall

The 2002 Car show will be held at University Park Mall in Mishawaka on June 15 and 16th. The SBR Board of Directors felt that the UP Mall would provide

After successfully putting the cylinder head back on for the first time on a Miata, I had the mufflers cut off at the local Lentz Muffler shop, and had them bend some 2" pipe and install it where the mufflers used to be. Not only does it sound cool, it saves a little weight and should provide an extra 2-5 hp.

All told, I have torn out the air conditioning system, the airbags, the factory seat, the mufflers and replaced the power steering with a manual system. Hopefully, all this will save 50 pounds or so and get the '99 Miata down to the miniumum weight of 2200 lbs.

Prepping the Miata for racing in SSB has been a whole lot more work than I had envisioned. Everything is 7/8 scale compared to the Neon I used to run in Showroom Stock C. This requires a little more planning when installing the safety equipment because I have to fit a 6'1" driver inside that tiny little two-seater.

But, I am sure glad I decided to run the Miata. Just driving it in the muffler shop parking lot made me grin from ear to ear. Not only that, others think it's awesome. It got kinda tiring explaining to people how it is possible to race a Dodge Neon.

As many of you know, it's hard enough trying to explain to people what autocrossing or road racing is, but try explaining to people that a Dodge Neon can actually be a race car. To the average person, a Neon is a cheap, economical commuter car that can't possibly be a race car, let alone be a competitive race car.

After reading the *Autoweek* article about the new Mini, I told my wife that would be a fun car to race in 2003. Boy was that a bad idea, look for me to run a Miata for the next several years... per my wife's RECOMMENDATION!

more exposure for the club than Scottsdale Mall. Even though the management has been super at Scottsdale Mall, we felt we needed to look at other yenues.

The downside is this: UP Mall wants to charge \$50 per car for the weekend. After discussing this at the April Board Meeting, we decided that SBR would provide a \$25 stipend for each car entered in the show. This means that it would only cost members \$25 to display their car.

I know what many of you are thinking. Why leave Scottsdale Mall where we were treated very well and were charged nothing? Answer... More shoppers. Irene Mills of UP Mall promised to advertise our event and did mention that they usually charge \$50 per car per day. We could have displayed our cars from Friday through Sunday, but I decided it would be better for us to have a display for Saturday and Sunday only. Many of you are very busy and you also use your cars for daily transportation.

There is room for 10 cars or so. Contact Jeff Luckritz (616-429-3676) if you would like to display your Race, Solo or Touring Car. This will be a great opportunity for SBR.



# **Membership Application**

#### **Dear Prospective SCCA Member:**

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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### **CLASSIFIEDS**

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 (W) 574-875-5376 (H)574-266-4324

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 574-255-7600

#### 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 (574) 291-6756.

**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 approx 1/2 to 3/4 original thickness. Bill Howe (W) 574-875-5376 (H) 574-266-4324

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### SBR CALENDAR

May 7	SBR General Meeting at 8:00 pm (Indiana Time)
May 18-19	Driver School at GingerMan
May 19	SBR Solo at Clark Equipment
June 4	SBR General Meeting at 8:00 pm (Indiana Time)
June 29-30	SBR Solo at Grissom Aeroplex
July 13-14	SBR Sprints at GingerMan

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

# Cavalcade Help

Thanks to all those that worked the show:

Bill Howe Jeff Luckritz
Jeremy Gleason Curt Thews
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HC Colwell Paul Stock

Duane Belisle Lynnette Markowicz

Rod Markowicz

### **Denny and Patty Say Thanks**

Thank you to SBR for the plant and all those that sent cards or called to make sure I was OK.

I am back to work and moving on forward at this time. Friendships are all so precious at this time and also I know I have a lot of you at SBR.

Denny Jennings

# **Curves at Clark**

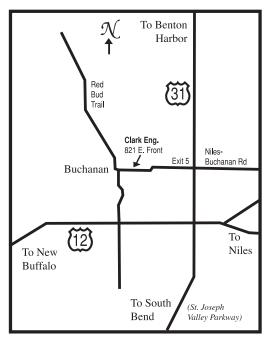
Sunday May 19, 2002

At Clark Engineering Services 821 E Front, Buchanan, MI

Registration 9:00-10:30 AM **EDT** (*Michigan time*) First Car Off 11:45 AM **EST** \$15 members, \$20 non-members

Go to <a href="http://www.sbrscca.org/">http://www.sbrscca.org/>
for event flyer, rules, on-line registration and much more</a>

# Guests and novices always welcome



# SBR General Membership Meeting Tuesday, May 7

8:00 pm (IN time) @ Union Station Restaurant in Mishawaka **Guests Very Welcome** 

(More Information Inside)