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photo-L.Loring

Paul McBride's Award Winning F500 at the UP Mall

This article is going to “toot our own horn.” The South Bend Region of SCCA does many things very well. Not only do a good number of SBR members autocross, but they work races, car shows and a few of you even race. Due to Jim Desenberg’s great leadership as Race Chair, SBR also puts on one of the best races in the Central Division....period!

As a racer, I can appreciate how costly entry fees can be. The June Sprints and the National at Indianapolis Raceway Park were \$250 each. That’s a good chunk of money. As an incentive for drivers to attend our race, the South Bend Sprints, we offer each racer a \$25 rebate on their entry fee if they raced with us the previous year. Twenty five dollars won’t put your kids through college, but it’ll buy the family dinner at Burger King.

On top of that, we also offer a \$25 rebate if the racer won at our race the previous year. Since our

race is a double event, that means a driver that won both races could earn \$50 plus an additional \$25 for coming back the next year. Seventy five dollars will also buy you some ice cream at Sherman’s on Phoenix road near exit 20 in addition to an upgrade from Burger King to Big Boy’s.

I truly believe that this has something to do with the rising car count at our races. When we first started at GingerMan, we had as few as 60-70 cars. For the past two years we have averaged over a hundred. As a non-profit organization, the SBR Board of Directors deemed this rebate program essential to establish good-will between us and the racers who come race with us. There is no reason for the region to make tens of thousands of dollars for a race. Sure it’s nice to be in the black to help make our region and race even stronger, but there should be a limit.

More importantly, we treat the racers right. We stay on schedule, feed everybody a good meal, and treat people nicely. If a racer feels “assaulted” by a chief or tech person, are they going to come back? Hell no! Luckily, we have a multitude of members that treat our “guests” appropriately.

This goes for the workers too. We also have an incentive plan for SBR members to work our race. When we first started racing, we were criticized for not having enough workers, especially chiefs. To encourage fellow SBR members to work our

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July 13-14 SBR Sprints at GingerMan Raceway in South Haven, Michigan.

Call Jim Desenberg if you can help @ (616) 695-5987

MONTHLY MEETING

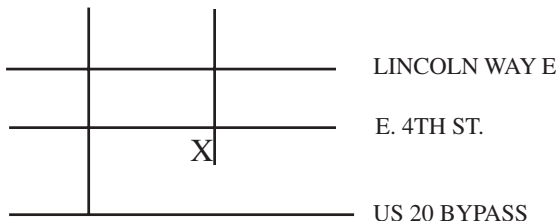
When: First Tuesday of every month.

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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SBR Activity

Points

Activity

Race Chair

PitBoard Editor

Website Manager

Race Chief of Specialty

Rally Series Chair

Solo Chair

Event Chair

Program Director

Club Officer

Event Co-Chair

Points

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200

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100

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75

Activity

Car Show Display

Solo Co-Chair

Race Worker/day

SBR Race Driver

PitBoard Article/page

Meeting Attendance

Rally Navigator

Race Crew/day

Rally/Solo Worker

Rally/Solo Driver

PitBoard Picture

Points

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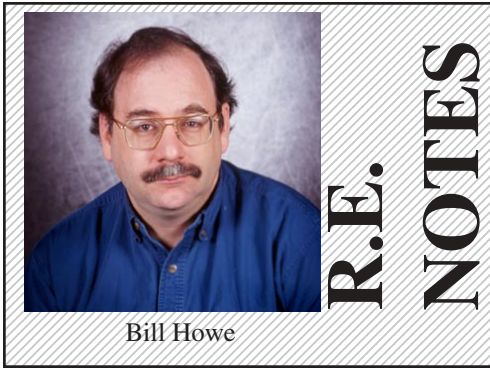
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Bill Howe

R.E. NOTES

Our race is rapidly approaching, and I hope to see many of the South Bend members there as workers or competitors. While we have a number of South Bend members including myself who fill key positions as chiefs, it is always those of you who do not normally work races who make the effort to come out and help flag a corner, work timing, or just be a gofer who help make a difference.

The South Bend race has become one of the best regional races in the Central Division because of the organization and professionalism that we strive to maintain in everything that the region does. A lot of the credit goes to our race chairman, Jim Desenberg, and his race committee for all their

months of work that goes into organizing a successful race. While a well organized race helps to make the event go smoothly, most competitors won't notice that as much as they'll notice that they enjoy the professionalism and friendliness of the South Bend members.

And that is where each and every one of you makes a major contribution to the success of our race program, and this also applies to our solo program. I have heard too many horror stories of unpleasant dealings at other region's events in registration, tech, or just plain apathy towards competitors and workers alike. This is one area that our region shines above the rest. We have developed a reputation for being able to deal with problems in a professional friendly manner, and make the event an enjoyable weekend for everyone. Keep up the good work and come on out to support our race weekend and some of our solo events also.

We recently held our annual car show with a change in venue from the Scottsdale Mall to the University Park Mall. While we did not have as many

cars as before we did have much better exposure. I commend everyone who participated in the show, and was impressed with Paul McBride's appearance Sunday in drivers suit. It's not a surprise that his car was voted the most popular. There is also a group of SBR members who will be showing cars at the Studebaker gathering in South Bend the last weekend in June.

It is these efforts along with the Cavalcade of Wheels, and individuals who promote the SCCA when they go to a local cruise in, that will help to fuel to growth of our club and get us away from being known as the Secret Car Club of America.

I will close my notes for this month by saying that my business has been having a difficult time so my time here is rather uncertain, but my involvement with this club and the people in it has made tough times very bearable and a pleasure. And if I do not remain in this area I very much look forward to seeing all of you at our race, solo event, or meetings in the up coming months.



George Williams looks good!

photo-J.Luckritz



Jeff Harrison's Solo II Neon

photo-J.Luckritz

Car Show Help

- Rod Markowicz
- Lynnette Markowicz
- Phil Bowman
- Dave Bowman
- Bill Howe
- Lloyd Loring
- Jeff Pontius
- Cathy Pontius
- Duane Belisle
- HC Colwell
- George Williams
- Susan Williams
- Snyder Family
- Jeff Harrison
- Paul McBride
- Jeff Luckritz



This is how Michael J. Fox got started!

photo-L.Loring

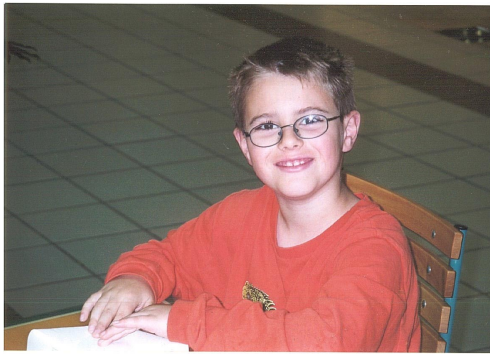


"Now, when Bill's Car Catches on fire..."

photo-J.Luckritz



The South Bend Region needs more people like Adam Snyder! If you were to look at the SBR members that help out at Solos, Races, Car Shows and meetings, you will see many of the same faces over and over again. Lord knows we couldn't be a club without the dedication of the 20 or so members that get things done.



Adam Snyder does the work of 20 members!

Before I go any further, I want to thank all of you who helped at the SBR Car Show at University Park Mall on June 15-16. About 20 of you helped put on another successful car show. We got 20 people to "sign on the dotted line" looking for more information about SCCA. The show is not about the cars...it's about the people. I have always maintained that the real purpose of putting on a car show is to attract new members. As soon as this issue is published, I plan on contacting every person who showed an interest in the club.

Getting back to the picture of Adam Snyder above. You won't see Adam at

any SBR meeting because he is probably in bed or watching sponge head or whatever cartoon is on TV. But the entire Snyder family is pivotal to putting on a successful race at GingerMan every year.

Did you know that we send out something like 1700 entry forms to drivers all around the country? All of these forms need to be stamped, folded, labeled and finally mailed. I have a feeling that the Snyder kids; Brooke, Amanda and Adam do a majority of the work. Not only that, but when you stop by the registration building at GingeMan Friday through Sunday, chances are you will be greeted by one or more of those kids with a smile as they get you registered.

What's my point? In addition to the "regulars" helping out, I would love to see others making an effort to make South Bend Region even bigger and better.

Why don't you make it a point to help out the club at one event this year? I don't mean just enter a solo, but actually volunteer to help by doing more than just shagging cones. Heaven knows, George Williams and company would love to have you volunteer.

Or how about giving Jim Desenberg a call and helping at our race in July? You don't have to be there Friday through Sunday, even a half day's work would be helpful. Putting on a race is a logistical nightmare and Jim would more than welcome any help you could offer.

The next time we have a car show, contact the people in charge and offer to stand around for 3 hours and spread the "gospel" of SCCA. I had an opportunity to talk to dozens of people at the Cavalcade of Wheels and the show we put on at University Park Mall about

SBR and all the great things we do.

If you read this publication regularly, you know I am always pleading for articles and pictures. Many of you have responded and we printed our largest issue in years last month. It contained 14 pages of stories, pictures and information about SBR and SCCA.

Your article doesn't have to be 5 pages long. Write 5-7 paragraphs about your latest adventure with your car. It could be a new car purchase, some simple maintenance, or about an event you attended. People in our club like reading articles from different members.

If you are wondering why my car is often featured in PitBoard, it's because nobody else gave me a picture to put in PitBoard (besides Lloyd). Believe me, if you send me a picture, it will go in PitBoard.

In summary, here is a list of ways you can help SBR become a better region:

- Work at a Solo**
- Work at our Race**
- Work at one of our Car Shows**
- Write an article for PitBoard**
- Submit Pictures for PitBoard**
- Help with our website**
- Run for Board of Directors**
- Line up a speaker for meetings**
- Come to monthly meetings**
- Chair or Co-Chair an event**
- Bring a friend to an event**

Once again, thanks goes out to all the members who have helped the South Bend Region in any way, shape, or form. As for the rest of you, please offer your expertise in the future, the club needs you!

SBR SOLO STUFF

Solo II Chiefs

Solo II Chair	George Williams
Ass't Solo II Chair	Paul Stock
Announcer	Lloyd Loring
Registration	Chris Hogland
Safety Stewards	Duane Belisle
	George Williams
	Rod Markowicz
Timing/Scoring	Bill Loring
Trophies/Awards	Kim Bollinger
Event Flyers	Lloyd Loring/HC
PR	Bill Howe
Tech. Inspector	Open
Equipment	Open
Event Chair	Open
Worker Chief	Steve Bollinger
Course Design	Open

2002 SBR SOLO CALENDAR

7/21	#5	Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI
8/25	#6	Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI
9/8	#7	Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI
9/29	#8	Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI
10/20	#9	The Tire Rack Test Site, South Bend, IN

Look for SBR Solo Results on the Web

Bill Loring has put together an SBR Web Site. You can find a solo event schedule, results, pdf files of forms, and photos. You'll also find a link to pre-register for SBR events.

Check it out at:

<http://www.sbrscca.org>

What to Bring to a Solo:

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

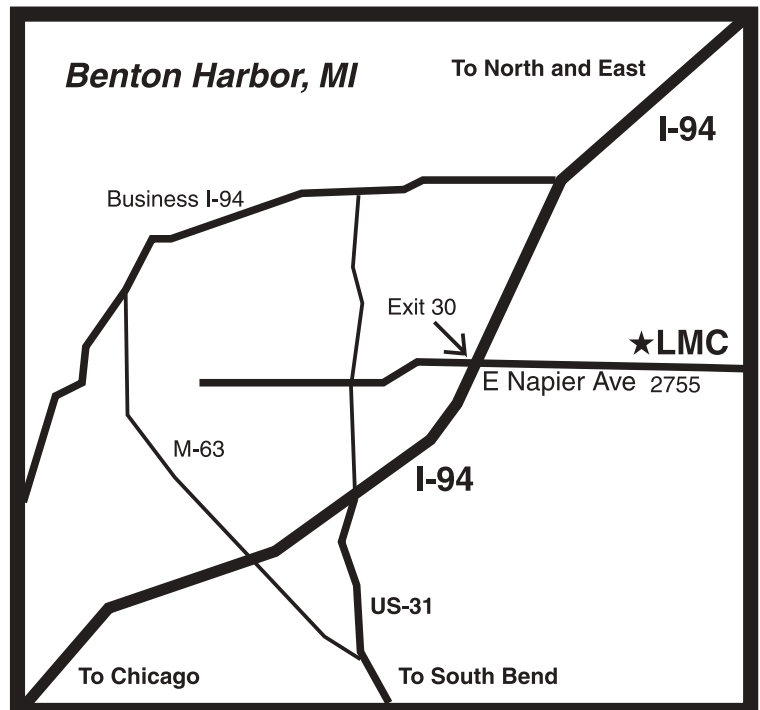
New to Solo?

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
ESP	.826	SM2	.856
FSP	.817	F125	.932
AP	.874	FJr	.815
BP	.867	Spec FJr	.774

Here's Where You'll Find Lake Michigan College



May Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present-Bill H, Duane B, HC, Jeff P, Susan W.

Treasurer's Report-Low income for the month. Received some more Solo income tonight. Spent money on Solo trophies, SBR merchandise, car show, PitBoard etc. Money will start coming in during the summer months.

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Solo report-Events coming up at Grissom. The Tire Rack has borrowed our timing equipment for testing until their equipment arrives.

Race-Everything costs more this year. Worker turnout has been adequate at best at races so far this year. We could use your help at our race in July. We now have a Timing and Scoring Chief, ambulance crew, base station for radios, lunches are arranged, race classes set, supplemental regulations set, race meeting to be held on May 14.

Driver's school-funds have been paid out for our share of the cost. A good number of SBR members will be helping.

Car Show-To be held June 14-16 at University Park Mall. Car owners pay \$25 and SBR will pick up the other \$25.

Other-What happened to the old SBR Computer? We need to find it and get it back. Bill L. has it and will give it to Bill H.

New Business-Metro Motorsports is developing a Busch Team and has offered to host a SBR meeting some time in the future.

May Membership Meeting Minutes

Guests: Mike R, Alex P, Adam S, Kristi P, Norma, Robert and Johnny.

Solo Report-Expected 50 cars at Grissom, got 93. The event went well and everybody had a good time. We need help from members to help at the next event at Grissom. George and Steve will be meeting to firm things up with Lake Michigan College. Our worker core is increasing: Steve B, Kim B, Steve T, Paul S, Duane B, Lloyd L, Bill L to name a few. We would love to have more people help.

Web Site-Bill Loring will be looking into a new web site domain. It looks pretty affordable at around \$100 per year. Everything should be up and running soon (it is-ed.). Contact Bill if you would like some information posted on the web site.

Club Merchandise-Lynnette M has SBR T-shirts available and is working on polo shirts and sweatshirts.

Other-Club welcomed Dennis Jennings and his wife. We were glad to see them there.

Incentives Con't from p. 1

race, the Board of Directors established the following incentives; National License holders and our Race Chair receive full dues, \$55, Divisional License holders receive \$45 and Regional License Holders receive \$10. So, if you were wondering what all those checks being handed out at the Annual Banquet were, well, there you have it. But the "Buck doesn't stop there!"

We also take care of workers from outside the region who choose to come help us out. During the 2001 South Bend Sprints we handed out a total of \$500 in cash door prizes in addition to other items. Some people took home five bucks, others took home a lot more than that. Again, just SBR's way of saying thanks.

There are a lot of races out there and only so many racers and workers. Why don't you come out and help us out for a day at the race, heaven knows, the club could use your help. The more smiling South Bend Region folks we get at the track, the better the weekend is. We will even let you bring a friend...and we'll feed them too.

Working Our Race?

Please e-mail
Becky Snyder at:
rsnyder@atlasdie.com
She would like to make
Name Tags for everyone
working our race.

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.

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: 1971 Ford Pinto 1600 engine, 5 speed transmission and radiator. One owner \$500 obo. 574-293-1235

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.

For Sale- 4 16x9.5 C4 Vette wheels in good condition. A few scratches.Great wheels for an ESP F bod. 275 Hoosiers and 265 Kumhos fit great. Contact Lonnie Bright llbright@webtv.net or 616-445-9288

1997 Ford Mustang Cobra – 54K miles, black/black leather, clean; starting family, need mini-van (yes, I still have my man-bits); 5sp. MT, AC, PS, PW, PL, Mach 460 stereo (cassette & CD), "Bullitt/Anthracite" wheels with 245/45-17 Dunlop SP Sport 5000 (est. 30% left) for street use; fully prepared for "F Stock", have autocrossed 1 1/2 seasons, Koni Sport (yellow) single adjust (rebound) shocks/struts, Steeda front sway bar, Redline synthetics in engine/trans/diff, K&N, Dynamax Ultraflow SS mufflers (slightly louder and more defined than stock, cool sound), Hawk HP+ front pads, DOT 5 brake fluid, Class 1 hitch, short trailer that fits 275 width tires (max) with tool box for jack/air tank/tools, OE wheels with Kumho Ecsta V700 275/40-17 (6 events, est. 60% left) for autocross; OE mufflers, shocks and swaybar available. \$14,000 for whole package \$13,500 for car only.

Kyle Broeker Indianapolis (H) 317-891-0095
broeker97@AOL.com (C) 765-994-7292

Formula Vee 40th Birthday Party

June 19-22 at 2003 June Sprints at Road America

Contact Mary Ann Kendall at
(630) 213-1010 or (815) 363-8560
or email: maqkendall@aol.com

SBR CALENDAR

July 9	SBR General Meeting at 8:00 pm (Indiana Time)
July 13-14	SBR Sprints at GingerMan Raceway
July 21	Solo at Lake Michigan College
August 6	SBR General Meeting at 8:00 pm (Indiana Time)
August 25	Solo at Lake Michigan College

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.

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 attachments. Text works fine, though. 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.

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



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Presents the 5th SBR Points Solo

Pylons go to College

Sunday July 21, 2002

At Lake Michigan College, 2755 E Napier Ave, Benton Harbor, MI
(see map page 5)

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

Guests and novices always welcome

You'll need a safe car, seat belts, an approved helmet (Snell 1990 or newer). A few loaner helmets will be available.

• No open exhausts. If you are LOUD, you'll be asked to fix it or not run.

Compete for these season championships:

- **Tire Rack Championship** scored on the 2002 PAX/RTP Index. All entrants eligible, no event trophies.
- **Novice Class Championship** scored on the 2002 PAX/RTP Index. All entrants eligible.
- **SBR Solo II Regional Championship** All SCCA car classes, and parallel **ladies** classes.
- **SBR Street Tire Class Championship** scored on the 2002 PAX/RTP Index.

All SBR members who run 3 or more events are eligible for all annual championships.

• **Please call in advance for go-kart approval.**

Further information from: George Williams (574) 825-5565 E-mail:ghenryw@aol.com

Or visit our SBR website at <<http://www.sbrscca.org>>

Pre-Register at <<http://www.myautoevents.com/>>

SBR General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, July 9th

8:00 pm (IN time) @ Union Station Restaurant in Mishawaka

Guests Very Welcome

(More Information Inside)