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SBR Opens its 2003 Solo Season

Lloyd Loring



Good People, Sports Cars, Cones and Asphalt adds up to a Solo II

—All Photos by Jeff Luckritz

Can you say c-c-c-cold? That's what greeted 20 students and 81 contestants plus the SBR staff for the first weekend of autocrossing at the Tire Rack Test Track April 5 and 6. The Driver's School was first, and luckily for all, it started with classroom sessions inside the warm Tire Rack. The 20 students, many of whom had never competed in an autocross, were shown the basics, not just of driving, but etiquette, car preparation, and much, much more. Instructors included Steve & Kim Bollinger, Steve Tamandli, Steve Unwin, George Williams, Bill Loring, Duane

Belisle, Jeff & Kristi Harrison and Chris Harvey.

After a lunch provided by SBR, everyone moved outside to take short laps, with and without an instructor, putting their lessons to the test. In all, each student got about a dozen runs on the course, and improvements of 5 to 10 seconds were not uncommon for this short 24 second course.

It was windy (14 mph) and cold (24-41 F.) with a trace of snow, and tire grip was not to be had. The 4 sessions were short so that most could warm up briefly in their cars or the building. This was our first autocross school in many years, but, if comments from the students are indicative, it

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MONTHLY MEETING

When: First Tuesday of every month.

Who: All are welcome!

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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|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
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| Assistant Race Chair | 200 | Solo Co-Chair | 75 |
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| Website Manager | 200 | SBR Race Driver | 50 |
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| Club Officer | 100 | Race/Solo Meeting | 20 |
| Event Co-Chair | 75 | RoundTable/Worker Seminar | 20 |
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Corner Worker Quotes Hugh Murfin

It is good to see recognition of a sometimes taken-for-granted group of personnel at the banquet, and in an article about corner workers this last year. Though I am driving now, in several of the 29 years between my stints as a driver, I spent my springs, summers, and falls standing in the cold, the heat, the rain, and yes, even snow, working corners.

But you know, I wouldn't trade the times, experiences, or friends I made. And with the bad times there were also some good and very memorable times out on the corner. Having had several of these memorable experiences, I thought I might share a few that quickly come to mind with fellow corner workers, be they rookie or seasoned, and maybe create a passion for others to share a few experiences of their own.

This may even create a few good

stories, or quips, for the newsletter from others that, having been out there, would like to share these experiences through the voice of the South Bend Region newsletter. You never know, you might even be able to have a corner worker's section someday.

"That was kinda fun. I gotta do that again sometime!" Is what the driver of a Formula Ford said after we got him rolled off his top and his visor up to stare at his dilated hazy eyes. He'd touched wheels with another open wheel car and just rolled side over side several times. "I don't feel good...I think I've got the FL-BLUCK!" What the Sprite driver, in the still closed full faced helmet, said after pulling off into the corner. "OOOUUUHHH! Bud! You're on your own taking that helmet off." My mental response upon seeing the

Sprite driver's face shield turn lumpy white, "Forgot to check the Gas!" What my friend Larry in his Vette said as he pulled, engine dead, into 1A at Indy Raceway Park on the second lap of his Sunday race! "S**T! Not again!" What the corner workers said as their spare set of rope flags disappeared down the track behind a Camaro, already dangling the original set. All within about four laps time. For those who've never seen or heard of rope flags, ask me to explain when you see me at an event or meeting.

"We need everything!" What our phone person yelled over the phones as 30 plus Formula Fords filled the inside and outside of turns 1 and 1A at Indy Raceway Park on the first lap of the WOR games!

How many remember when the
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2003 SOLO II PLANNING MEETING

The meeting was held on 2/8/03 at the Tire Rack

** The schedule was finalized and is now posted on the website.*

** Solo chiefs were reviewed and 2 positions were filled. George Schmitt is Equipment Chief and Steve Unwin volunteered to take over the Novice program (which needs to receive more emphasis in 2003.)*

** Equipment and supply needs were discussed. Kristi Harrison is checking the forms inventory and George S. inventoried the equipment trailer and created an inventory list. Radios need to be checked.*

** The Grissom event was covered (June 28-29). Pre-registration on Myautoevents.Com or by mail will be required. An ad will be placed in the CENDIV bulletin.*

** A late fee of \$10 was established for anyone arriving at an event after the announced closing of registration. Being rather lenient in the past has resulted in too many folks showing up at the last minute. This has caused a great deal of last minute rush for registration, tech, computer entry and worker assignments.*

** Kim Bollinger will handle trophies again this year.*

** Tech Inspection will no longer be roaming but will be at a location specified by Jeff Harrison at each site we use. This will permit tech to be accomplished a little more effectively.*

** A Solo School for novices will be conducted on Sat., 4/5/03, at the Tire Rack with both classroom and in-car instruction. Lunch will be provided.*

** Safety Steward training is needed as we have only 4 or 5 members currently with licenses.*

** Establishing a core group trained in Timing and Scoring will insure that function always runs smoothly without having to depend on only 1 or 2 key*

people.

** Lloyd Loring was asked to continue with his excellent help with flyers and publicity.*

** Setting up Registration as a "production line" will speed up the process. Increased attendance will require starting earlier and having the 1st car off by 11:00am.*

** Entry fees were discussed and it was decided to increase them to \$20 for SCCA members and \$25 for non-members.*

** It was suggested we develop job descriptions for solo chiefs and also publish general instruction info to hand out at events.*

** We will need more help from South Bend members in helping with setup and put away in addition to their normal work assignments during the event. This is especially important during course set up early in the morning.*

** It is proposed we assign participation points for members working but not running an event as well as for those who are involved in set up the day before an event.*

—George Williams

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Waiting for a genie or the start?
was well received and helpful.

Sunday was no warmer, but the wind had dropped from 14 to 10 mph as 81 drivers signed in to run our points event #1. Most of Saturday's students were back to test their new-found skills, as well as more experienced drivers anxious to start a new season. The Novice Class was huge: 35 entries! Everyone was given four runs of the Tamandli-designed course. We were surprised to find 22 drivers in the newish Street Touring-Street Tire (STS) class, and fewer stock entries than we usually expect. There were no Prepared or Modified class entries, not too surprising considering the weather and lack of grip for racing slicks.

The competition was as hot as the track was cold, with many classes won by just tenths of seconds. Jeff Harrison had FTD in his DSP Neon with a 27.944, followed By Chris Harvey in his CS Miata with a 28.018, the only drivers to break 29 seconds. Chris also won overall on the Tire Rack Index. Full results are elsewhere in this issue and on our website.

New trophies (thanks Kim Bollinger) were shown and awarded in the warmth of the Tire Rack building. And the applause for the Tire Rack's hospitality by the entire group was loud, long, and appreciative. It was suggested by some that we should have some "fun runs" but (literally) cooler heads prevailed. We were able to get packed up and leave before dark, confident that we had a good start on the 2003 SBR autocross season.



Notice the scarf under Sarah Gaisford's helmet... smart.



The editor's choice for best looking car of the day.



Is Jeff Blanda searching for a tool, money, or pop can he dropped?



None of the above, a cone will have to do.

South Bend Region SCCA Board Minutes for: March 4th, 2003

Members present:

Jeff L., Jeff P., Jeff H., Larry D., H.C., Duane B.

Last months minutes were approved by Jeffs H and L.

Membership:

Currently 195 members (up 1 from last month.)

Treasurer's report:

- Expenses for solo trophies were paid January 1st.
- Solo down \$600 from last year.
- \$226 for income from dues.
- \$1359.50 over income from last year \$693.

Old business:

- Evolution school - They can rent our

SBR PAX/RTP Index

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| SS | 0.837 | STX | 0.798 |
| AS | 0.828 | STS | 0.784 |
| BS | 0.825 | AP | 0.871 |
| CS | 0.814 | BP | 0.865 |
| DS | 0.795 | CP | 0.853 |
| ES | 0.804 | DP | 0.845 |
| FS | 0.806 | EP | 0.863 |
| GS | 0.782 | FP | 0.861 |
| HS | 0.778 | AM | 1.000 |
| ASP | 0.846 | BM | 0.946 |
| BSP | 0.840 | CM | 0.916 |
| CSP | 0.839 | DM | 0.891 |
| DSP | 0.818 | EM | 0.899 |
| ESP | 0.826 | FM | 0.894 |
| FSP | 0.815 | F125 | 0.938 |
| SM | 0.834 | FJR | 0.820 |
| SM2 | 0.851 | SFJR | 0.774 |

Tentative SBR Solo Dates

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|------------|-----------|
| April 6th | Tire Rack |
| May 18th | LMC |
| June 28/29 | Grissom |
| July 20 | LMC |
| Aug. 24 | Tire Rack |
| Sept. 21 | LMC |
| Oct. 12 | Tire Rack |

equipment but we will not host a school.

- Cavalcade is all set and ready to go.

New business:

- Have received the new SCCA brochures.
- Cendiv by-laws - Talked about Cendiv becoming inc. Will vote later this year.
- Received videos of Runoffs to use for Cavalcade, Dave B. suggest that we should purchase. We will vote in April.
- Jeff L. would like SBR to purchase a digital Camera for PitBoard use. We discussed prices and decided to purchase one for the club.
- Speed Freaks has been discontinued by National office. \$45 per year.

Solo report:

- Coupons have been made to hand out for the Cavalcade of Wheels. Giving \$5 dollars off first Solo.
- Sanctions are in and approved.
- Solo needs new brooms.

Race Report:

- GingerMan agreed with 100 workers at no extra cost, last stall in paddock can be used if not rented, and provide our own security.
- Motion to participate in the Cendiv School. A deposit will be sent.
- Mailings for worker drawings have been sent out and designed by Jeff P.

—Kristi Harrison, Secretary

See the Cannonball Run at the Tire Rack

The cars are expected to arrive at the Tire Rack mid afternoon on May 4th and will be put to the challenge on the test track's 200' skid pad from about 4-7 pm. This will be a great opportunity to see which cars produce the fastest skid pad times and cornering g-forces. For more information go to:
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South Bend Region: The Next 5 Years

1959 to 1963

By Rebecca Snyder

1959 brought something new to PitBoard... Photographs! Pictures are a mixed blessing... It's cool to "see" the history of South Bend Region, but it's frustrating that the people in the pictures aren't always identified! January brought the "Corsa Coppia" Rally. Fred & Rena Ross came in First... Bob & Don Tarwacki received the "Busted Piston" for last place. New members... Dolly Olson, Elgeva Crowel, Joyce Kirkwood, Rosie Worth, Ruth Middleton, Penny Andrews (notice a pattern here?) February saw the running of "Ice Khanapades" in Syracuse, IN. Chuck Spurgeon came in First, followed by John Senour, and Dennis Schue. March brought the "Surprising Rallye." "After a few hours of blinding snow squalls, slippery pavements, bottomless mud roads, freezing winds, and other assorted frustrations..." First place was awarded to Larry Toppel and Bill Funk.

April 1959 Pit Board reported the results of a club survey... With 49% of the questionnaires returned, 79% were in favor of a clubhouse and/or event facilities. 80% were willing to donate time and skills. The total pledges were \$7,300 and the large majority felt we should purchase at least 20 acres. May had the statewide Gymkhana, with South Bend Region winning three of the five events... Larry Toppel - Corvette Capers, Bert Olson - Serpentine, Chuck Spurgeon - Diminishing Slalom.

In **May**, the Rallye of "Dangerous Women & Dancing Girls" was held. Jack & Phyl Gregg were First, Laverne & Mo Dalrymple came in

Second. South Bend Region also aided the South Bend Police Department with a Safety Lane. 579 vehicles were check over 2 days. In June, several members attended a race at Put-In-Bay (I've been to Put-In-Bay and I just couldn't imagine someone holding a race on the island - it must have been quite a sight!) In July the "Hooty-Owl" Overnight Rallye was ran... One of the recommended items was "Maps of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky & Ohio" and "enough gas in tank for 200 miles." **August 1959**... Gymkhana in the Rain... "So many bare feet have seldom been seen this side of the Mason-Dixon line..."

The 7th Annual Innocents Abroad Rallye was held in September... First place went to Walt & Phyllis Crowel, Second to Carl & Elgeva Crowl. In **October 1959**, we held a Gymkhana at the Osceola Speedway. Class A was won by Jack Crowel, Class B by Walt Crowel, Class C by Lloyd Loring, Class D by Wm. Chadbourne, Class E by Larry Toppel, Class F by Bob Retzloff, Class G (Ladies) by Vi Witwer, and Class H by Mike Cleary. In 1959, the Red Bud Trophy went to Will Chase, the Walker Trophy to Elgeva Crowel, and the Walker Trophy to Bert Olsen. Carl Crowel was elected R.E. for 1960 with Chuck Spurgeon as Assistant

R.E. The reins of the Pit Board were handed over to Lloyd Loring & crew.

January 1960's Map Rallye was won by the Gregg's with the Rafferty's coming in Second. The Bio of Curt Thews was printed. I wonder if he ever got "a 300 SL gull wing coupe, or anything that will accelerate 0-60 in 5.2 Seconds"!!! The Playland Park Raceway Gymkhana was won by Dennis Schue in his Sprite. Larry Toppel recommended that lady Sprite drivers be barred from future competition... **March** brought the Springimmick Rallye but little Spring! Jack and Wilma Boone came in First. Martin Tanner was featured in April's Pit Board... "Martin bought his first sports car in 1953 and immediately tried to find things to 'repair' (some things never change) By the time he had finished reading the instruction manual, the car had been completely rebuilt... except for the gearbox!"

The April Aggravator Gymkhana



was run in May... Larry Toppel took First place, with Dick Wisler coming in Second, and Bob Tarwacki Third. Some of the suggestions on “revitalizing” our club from June 1960... (1) A “Car Clinic” at each meeting (2) Drivers School for our Events (3) A “Tech Talk”... for making our cars better (4) Elimination of all reports at the meeting by officers and chairman unless there is something to say of vital importance. July’s European Rallye had Jim Cherpes and G. Julius First and Lloyd and Joyce Loring coming in Second. The 8th Annual Innocents Abroad All Night Rallye was held in August... Required equipment... All lights must work, Flare or adequate signal light, Working windshield wipers... Suggested... Spare gasoline, flashlight, tow rope, fan belt... Entry fee included boat fare for two and meal for two at the finish banquet. The destination... Mackinac Island... Gene McComber and Warren Mix from Kalamazoo club came in first... Lloyd and Joyce Loring came in second. October’s combined Rallye and Concours was put on by the ladies of SBR and a fine job they did. Lloyd and his Porsche came in First. 1960 Award winners.. John Powell - Walker Trophy, Elgeva Crowel - Thomas Trophy, Lloyd Loring - Red Bud Trophy. Bob Tarwacki was elected R.E. for 1961 with John Powell as Assistant R.E.

The first rallye in 1961 was the Aspirin Rallye. T. Brandon and K. Fullmer came in First with D. Wisler and J. Stalter. Martin Tanner was made an honorary member as he showed entertaining slides and movies at the January meeting. The “Hearts and Pushrods Party” was held in February 1961. Admission

was \$2.00 per person plus an “original” Valentine (signed). February also had the “Old Timers Revenge” rallye. One checkpoint required you to have a can opener to open beer cans and be able to count in roman numerals. Maddox and Putnam came in First, with Powell/Powell 2nd and Loring/Loring 3rd. March’s Pit Board featured a review of the Annual Sports Car Exhibition at the Henry Ford Museum by Jim Bell. Pictured are 1) Plymouth XNR, 2) Lotus-Valiant, 3) 300 SLR, 4) Cockpit of Corvette SS, 5) Another shot of Corvette, 6) Civit Formula Jr. Will Chase won March’s Trials and Tribulation gymkhana. April’s “Kook’s Tour” rallye started at the “new Town and Country Shopping Center.” Jackson & Cherpes came in First and John Hagerman from Benton Harbor received the Busted Piston award.

In May 1961 we held the SBR Concours. After the judging, everyone took two laps around the Bendix banked oval at speed. “Best of Show” was awarded to Shar Spurgeon’s gorgeous Jaguar. New wheels for May include Carl Crowel - Mercedes 300 SL, Don Tarwacki - 1961 Corvette, Bob Tarwacki - 1959 Karmann Ghia,



May, 1961 Gymkhana Podium Finishers: Flying-Wedge Rafferty, Jim Cherpes, and First to Reverse John Powell

William Senger - 1961 Porsche 1600 Normal. Everyone running June’s Hoosier 100 Rallye received 5 gallons of free gas (was that about \$1.00???) Despite the buckets of rain and driving down “Tulip Road... two very narrow lanes, with grass five feet high in the middle...” John and Barbara Hemming came in First, with Lloyd and Joyce Loring Second. SBR also held the Michiana Time



Trials in June 1961. First overall was Garth Deal in a Morgan. The fastest lap of the day belonged to Jack Hergenroether in his Formula III Cooper-Triumph and of course Lloyd Loring “set up his ‘big voice’ from Electro-Voice in the VW bus” (I wonder if back then he thought he’d still be doing that 40 odd years later?) Wedge Rafferty, Bob Durren, and Gene Donato represented SBR at June Sprints.

The 1961 Region Run-Off for the Indiana State Gymkhana was won by Jim Cherpes with Wedge Rafferty 2nd and Honest John Powell 3rd. The State Gymkhana was held in Fort Wayne and South Bend got 50% of the top 10 places (but not first) gave us Region 1st place (INR was 2nd and Fort Wayne 3rd). The 9th Annual Innocents Abroad rallye was

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*Curt Thews & the Thews Special
South Bend Safety Check May 1961*

held in August 1961. In September 19 cars entered Wedge Rafferty's "Regularity Run" at the South Bend Motor Speedway. After 5 heats of 3 laps each and a required tire change in the last heat Jack Kirkwood came in First, Jim Cherpes Second, and Hank Chun Third. The Thinking Man's Rallye was held in **October 1961**. Jack Kirkwood and Jim Cherpes were First, Bob and Joyce Runeman Second, and Lloyd and Joyce Loring Third. "SBR was represented at Wilmot by drivers, Wedge Rafferty, Dick Wisler, and Gerry Brown. Wedge paid his entry fee, drove around having a wild time, and decided not to race after all. It seems he had mechanical trouble-or something." Gerry Brown finished 5th in two races and Dick Wisler finished 4th and 7th. We also held a Halloween Party. The Deutschlander Rallye in **November** had 31 cars entered. George Maddox & navigator Jerry Reneburg came in First, Steltner/Bell Second, and Kirkwood/Cherpes Third. Elections were also held for our 1962 Officers. Introduced at the **December** banquet were Curt Thews

as R.E. and Jim Bell as Ass't R.E. Dick Wisler received the "most improved new driver" award. Enola Powell received the Thomas Trophy. John Powell received the Walker Trophy. The Spring Lake Road Racing Trophy was awarded for the first time to Bob Durren.

January 1962 started out with the "lost road rallye". Lloyd and Joyce Loring came in First with Kirkwood/Jackson Second. Also the National SCCA racing program for 1962 started with SBR's own Bob Durren taking First place in F production. Bob became the first SBR "member in Number '1' position in National Points Standings..." At the February Valentine Party "a demonstration of the new dance craze 'The Twist' was also put on." (Does anyone who was there care to demonstrate at our next meeting???) The Midwinter Night Rallye was also held in **February**. "Wanda Tropp, "Miss Midwinter Night Rallye", awarded trophies to #1 - Bert Olson and Charlie Spurgeon, #2 - Joe Hunn and Tom Brandon, and #3 - Marilyn and Jim Cherpes." **March's** British - American Field Trials saw almost everyone "equipped with either chains or snow tires or both... But apparently Bert had decided he didn't need that thar' kind of stuff and proved it by taking first place in his Porsche..." In March, the Eyedropper Economy Run had the Hosford & Hosford Economy Team took the top trophy with 60.008 ton-mpg and 38.966 mpg. (Would someone care to explain the ton-mpg figure???) New wheels for April 1962 were Skip McGee - '59 Sprite, Floyd Essex - '60 T-Bird, Mike May - '58 Alfa, Ray Hayes - '62 Corvair, Don Tarwacki - '60 Sunbeam Alpine.

The **May Fiasco** had D. Colliver in First, B. Runeman in Second and E. Steltner Third. SBR was also well represented at the Wilmot races. Norm Perkins took home a 2nd and 3rd and Dick Wisler got two 3rds. At Road America (**June Sprints 1962**,) Bob Durren finished 3rd in GP. At IRP, Dick Wisler finished 8th of 22 FP in his first ride in the "little Yeller Porsche." And lastly, a Tip from the June Pit Board on how to flame proof your racing coveralls... "In one gallon of hot water, dissolve 10 ounces of boric acid. Dip and soak garments in this solution at least three (3) times, allowing garments to dry completely between drippings. Important: This treatment is water soluble, and must be repeated after each washing or dry cleaning of treated garments." (Anyone care to try that on their driver's suit? I didn't think so...) The 10th Annual Innocence Abroad had only 10 entries. Ray Hayes/Paul Riedel received First Place followed by Bob and Joyce Runeman, Jack Doty and Don Colliver, Russell Thews and Curt Thews. **July 's** JIMkhana had 13 cars and rain, drizzle and then more rain. Don Colliver received First, Joe Hunn Second and Bob Runeman Third. In August 1962 we held the first ever (at least by this name) Thru A Rallye Darkly, or T.A.R.D. After starting at Thews Motors and ending in Bremen, IN the next morning the team of Bert Olson and Harry Jack received First Place, followed by George Maddox and Dewey Layton.

The 3rd Rafferty's Regularity Run was held at Plymouth Raceway Park in **September**. Bert Olson in his Porsche beat out Bob Runeman in his Porsche for First Place. Curt Thews

got Third and Fourth (in a Jaguar and Porsche respectively). The “Dames Divergence” rallye was ran in **October**. It started out at the A&P parking lot in Mishawaka at the corner of 4th and Union (how many of us have parked there lately?) The team of Dannielle and Don Colliver received First place. When is a Checkpoint not a Checkpoint? When you run the “Old Timers Revenge II” and checkpoint 3 is just off course and most inviting while Checkpoint 2 is hiding up the road. George Maddox and Jerrel Reneberg received First Place with Jim and Al Meister Second. Also, from **November 1962...** “Analysis of SCCA’s 1962 National race results... 858 National license holders started a total of 1,928 times in the 13 events. The average National had 148 starters... The number of drivers earning National points was 353 while 505 additional license holders started in one or more Nationals but failed to earn points.” Award winners for 1962 were... The Harold Miller, Jr. Trophy for the most active new competition driver of the year to Jim Cherpes, The Walker Trophy to Ray Hayes, Outstanding New Member and Thomas Trophy to Marilyn Fry, The Red Bud to Bert Olson and the Busted Piston to Curt Thews (along with a compass.) Jim Cherpes was elected R.E. for 1963 with Bert Olson serving as Assistant R.E.

The first “Area IV Roundtable” was held January 5-6, 1963 in Fort Wayne, IN with SBR’s own Lloyd Loring acting as moderator. In January we also started holding co-events with MCC (Michiana Corvette Club). The **January Mixer** was renamed the “Klondike Derby” and had 29 entrants and 28 DNF’s. First

place *and* the Busted Piston went to George Maddox and navigator. The February “Snowbird” rally (note the lack of “e” on the end) was held along with TCSCC and MCC. The SBR team of Riedel and Jones came in First followed by Burke and Colliver. New Wheels in **February** were Skip and Norma McGee, Laslo Vesei and Don Komito all with 1963 Volkswagens and Disk Wisler with a Volvo. The **March Marathon** (115 miles, not 26 miles and 285 yards) was put on by MCC. Curt Thews and Lloyd Loring came in First overall. Coming Second for SBR but Third overall were Bert Olson and Jim Cherpes. Also announced in **March...** “A vote was taken at the Competition Seminar at the annual meeting relative to the proposal of holding a runoff of Divisional Champions at the conclusion of the season. Ninety-Four voted in favor, twenty-three against...” **April’s** Mickey Mouse Gimmick Rally was reported on by Elizabeth Loring. George and Laura Maddox got second place and first in our club, Curt Thews and Daddy (Lloyd Loring) came in third (second in our club.) Marilyn Fry and Mommy (Joyce Loring) came in 16th (8th for SBR).



*Bert Olson & Jim Cherpes 2nd place
March Marathon 1963*



*Lloyd Loring & Curt Thews
1st place March Marathon 1963*

The 11th Annual “Innocence Abroad” rally was held in **May 1963**. The team of Maddox and Whitney came in Second overall and first for SBR members. **June Sprints 1963** brought an interesting new class - Formula V! SBR was represented by three entries - Norm Perkins, Gene Donato, and Wedge Rafferty. On Sunday, Martin Tanner placed first in H modified, “Doc” Wyllie first in G modified. At **July’s** Beach rally everyone learned that “Happy Acres” is not in Baroda, MI. The team of Steltner-Riedel came in First followed by Loring-Loring and Burke-Burke. The “Crystal Ball Gymkhana” was held in **August 1963...** “Of the twenty-four entrants four were women drivers.” Bert Olson had the fastest run of the day, but came in Third. First Place went to Warren Burke with First for women going to Marilyn Fry. TARD II was also held in **August...** Runeman/Means came in First, Guests Bennet/McComb were Second and the team of Maddox and Bell came in Third. In **September** SBR’s Tech Team worked the Road America “500” afterwards they were presented a trophy by the Chicago Region. After a random name draw Ray Hayes went home with a Lucas

Lamp. The Oktoberfest rally ended in Bryan, OH with W.Crowel and C. Thews coming in first. The unique thing about this rally is that it had three starting points - one for SBR, one for the Kalamazoo Sports Car Club and one for the Defiance (OH) Sports Car Club. Defiance won the club trophy with SBR in Second and KSCC Third. **November Nightmare Rally...** billed as the toughest rally of the year... Colliver/Colliver in their Valiant received



Road America June 1961

First Place followed by Loring/Straf in a VW. In **December** the reins of the club for 1964 were passed over to Lloyd Loring. Trophy winners for 1963... George Maddox - Red Bud Trophy, Bert Olson - the Harold Miller, Jr

Driver award, Paul Riedel - Enthusiast Trophy, and Marilyn Fry - The Thomas Trophy.

Well that's it for 1959 to 1963... Putting this together has been a real challenge and a total delight! I couldn't possibly cover everything I've read in this "little" article - I just try to hit the highlights and name the names that made our club what it is today. Looking back at the first 10 years, I'm amazed at how things have changed and how they're still the same. One of the biggest issues back then and still today is how to get

people in the club involved with the club activities... One activity I'd like to see all South Bend members (past and present!!!) show up at is our 50th Anniversary party. It only happens once so let's celebrate!

Go Karting!

without a large investment

Last year, The Tire Rack worked with South Bend Raceway Park (<http://www.sbrp.com>) to host several Go-Kart events for Tire Rack employees. This arrangement has been made again this year, and The Tire Rack is now extending the invitation to include South Bend Region SCCA members!

The Tire Rack Track Nights will be held each Wednesday night beginning on April 9th, with racing starting at 5:30 pm. (late arrivals can usually be accommodated; you'll just run in a later group). You'll be racing around a challenging road course in Honda 4-cycle powered rental karts capable of about 45 mph on the straight-aways, and with lots of grip for the turns.

With the flexible layout options at the track, we've been told that the configuration may change from week to week. SBRP supplies gas, helmet (you can bring your own), go-kart and neck roll.

You **MUST** wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt or jacket, and it is suggested that you wear "sturdy" shoes. Pricing will be \$20 per driver (MINIMUM of 25 people required) or \$25 ea. for a smaller group. At a few select events, the karts may be fitted with transponders which will electronically give lap times (& "bragging rights") to participants. Transponder events will cost \$30 per driver. We will give advanced notice of these events.

How does it work? Each driver will compete in two 8 lap preliminary races which will then determine which group you get to race with in the 10

lap "feature" race. That's 26 laps of racing for only \$20! There will be strict rules regarding deliberate "rough driving," so don't come to play "bumper cars."

Who can participate? Tire Rack employees, friends and family, and SBR members and family. There is no minimum age requirement, but you must be at least 4' 6" tall to be able to operate the karts safely.

The track is located on Crumstown Road. Additional track info/directions can be found on the SBRP website: <http://www.sbrp.com/> If you're interested, please contact William Loring (webmaster@sbrscca.org) (574-675-0641) each time you plan to attend. We need to know about how many SBR people we can expect from week to week, so that we can plan accordingly.



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Here We Go Again! SBR Points Solo #1

| | Driver | Hometown | Club | Car | Time | Pts |
|------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|-------|
| BS | | | | | | |
| 1 | Bob Colburn | Portage, MI | WMR | 99 BMW M Coupe | 30.518 | 100 |
| 2 | Ryan Frye | Wyoming, MI | | 98 Porsche Boxster | 30.570 | 98.47 |
| CS | | | | | | |
| 1 | Chris Harvey | Osceola, IN | SBR | 99 Mazda Miata | 28.018 | 100 |
| 2 | George Schmitt | Elkhart, IN | SBR | 96 Mazda Miata | 29.750 | 44.36 |
| 3 | Paul Stock | Mishawaka, IN | SBR | 00 Mazda Miata | 30.284 | 27.21 |
| 4 | Matt Malicki | Portage, MI | WMR | 97 Mazda Miata | 30.371 | 24.42 |
| 5 | Duane Belisle | Elkhart, IN | SBR | 96 Mazda Miata | 30.738 | 12.63 |
| 6 | Tim Gaisford | Warsaw, IN | SBR | 74 Porsche 914 | 31.364 | 10 |
| 7 | Stacey Barrett | Hudsonville, MI | SBR | 00 Mazda Miata | 32.577 | 10 |
| CSL | | | | | | |
| 1 | Sarah Gaisford | Warsaw, IN | SBR | 74 Porsche 914 | 33.287 | 100 |
| DS | | | | | | |
| 1 | Bill Ozinga | Buchanan, MI | SBR | 02 Subaru WRX | 29.400 | 100 |
| 2 | Michael Tucker | Niles, MI | | 02 Subaru Impreza WRX | 30.607 | 63.05 |
| 3 | Joshua Swathwood | Elkhart, IN | | 03 N. Sentra SER SpecV | 32.771 | 10 |
| ES | | | | | | |
| 1 | Alex Pancheri | South Bend, IN | | 93 Mazda Miata | 35.002 | 100 |
| 2 | Don Pancheri | South Bend, IN | | 93 Mazda Miata | 35.581 | 85.11 |
| FS | | | | | | |
| 1 | George Williams | Middlebury, IN | SBR | 02 Chevy Z-28 | 31.612 | 100 |
| GS | | | | | | |
| 1 | Jeff Luckritz | St. Joseph, MI | SBR | 95 Dodge Neon | 29.829 | 100 |
| 2 | Travis Spoor | Durand, MI | | 02 Ford SVT Focus | 30.560 | 77.94 |
| 3 | Christopher Foresman | Lafayette, IN | SBR | 02 Honda Civic Si | 30.700 | 73.72 |
| 4 | Ryan Dunlap | Port Clinton, OH | | 02 Ford SVT Focus | 31.251 | 57.1 |
| 5 | William Rozzi | Granger, IN | SBR | 03 MINI Cooper S | 31.720 | 42.94 |
| 6 | Andy Nienhuis | West Olive, MI | WMR | 00 VW Jetta 1.8T | 31.911 | 37.18 |
| 7 | Steve McNeal | Holland, MI | WMR | 02 Ford SVT Focus | 31.973 | 35.31 |
| 8 | Ron Nienhuis | W. Olive, MI | WMR | 00 VW Jetta 1.8T | 32.091 | 31.75 |
| 9 | Josh Luckritz | St. Joseph, MI | SBR | 93 Nissan Sentra SE- R | 32.514 | 18.99 |
| HS | | | | | | |
| 1 | David Knapp | Oshtemo, MI | | 93 Audi 100s | 31.838 | 100 |
| 2 | Gregory Powers | Mishawaka, IN | SBR | 01 Hyundai Elantra | 32.446 | 82.81 |
| 3 | Don Fore | Noblesville, IN | SBR | 97 Honda Civic EX | 32.610 | 78.18 |
| 4 | Will Vasich | Kalamazoo, MI | INR | 86 Audi 4000s | 32.763 | 73.85 |
| 5 | Jeff Smith | Mishawaka, IN | | 01 Ford Focus ZX3 | 33.986 | 39.28 |
| 6 | Jonathan Warner | Mishawaka, IN | SBR | 00 Toyota Camry | 35.475 | 10 |
| STS | | | | | | |
| 1 | Nate Vanderveen | Wyoming, MI | SBR | 00 Subaru Impreza RS | 29.581 | 100 |
| 2 | Steve Unwin | Kalamazoo, MI | WMR/SBR | 88 Volkswagen GTI | 29.937 | 89.17 |
| 3 | Dave Biegas | East Lansing, MI | | 02 Ford Focus SVT | 29.960 | 88.47 |
| 4 | Adam Locsi | South Bend, IN | SBR | 91 Acura Integra | 30.021 | 86.61 |
| 5 | David Mason | Lafayette, IN | SBR | 02 Acura RSX-S | 30.079 | 84.85 |
| 6 | Ross Johnson | Ann Arbor, MI | | 96 Acura Integra | 30.975 | 57.59 |
| 7 | Rob Pardue | Holland, MI | WMR | 00 Honda Civic Si | 30.979 | 57.47 |
| 8 | Pete Stodola | Schoolcraft, MI | | 96 Acura Integra | 31.018 | 56.28 |
| 9 | Dean Hailey | Bristol, IN | SBR | 88 VW Scirocco | 31.273 | 48.52 |
| 10 | Parker Brown | Portage, MI | SBR | 99 Ford Contour SE | 31.314 | 47.27 |
| 11 | Steve Coram | Valparaiso, IN | INR | 01 Ford Focus | 31.404 | 44.54 |
| 12 | Don Sappington | South Bend, IN | SBR | 93 Acura Integra | 31.501 | 41.58 |
| 13 | Ryan Sherwood | Edwardsburg, MI | | 02 Honda Civic | 31.797 | 32.58 |
| 14 | Keran Chapman | Grandville, MI | | 02 Mitsu Mirage | 31.977 | 27.1 |

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|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------|-------|
| 15 | Elliot Tippmann | Coldwater, MI | SBR | 02 Ford Focus | 32.103 | 23.27 |
| 16 | Leigh Roto | Deer Park, IL | | 00 Ford Focus ZX3 | 32.395 | 14.38 |
| 17 | Mike Pelletier | Schaumburg, IL | | 01 Ford Focus ZX3 | 32.689 | 10 |
| 18 | Jason Risner | Eaton Rapids, MI | | 02 Ford Focus ZX5 | 33.253 | 10 |
| 19 | Mike Hanley | Dewitt, MI | | 01 Ford Focus | 33.286 | 10 |
| 20 | Tim Grantham | Mishawaka, IN | | 2001 Honda Civic | 34.124 | 10 |
| 21 | Travis Maszyanski | Kalamazoo, MI | | 97 Dodge Avenger | 34.510 | 10 |
| 22 | Lonnie Bright | Cassopolis, MI | SBR | 94 VW Rabbit | 34.970 | 10 |
| STX | | | | | | |
| 1 | Robert Palmbos | Manistee, MI | | 02 Subaru WRX | 29.733 | 100 |
| 2 | Joseph Andreini | Grosse Pt Pk, MI | L. Sup. | 01 Subaru Impreza RS | 30.687 | 71.12 |
| SM | | | | | | |
| 1 | Phillip Bowman | Indianapolis, IN | SBR | 95 Dodge Neon | 29.264 | 100 |
| 2 | David Bowman | Mishawaka, IN | SBR | 95 Dodge Neon | 30.281 | 68.72 |
| 3 | Bill Dermody | Zion, IL | | 00 Ford Focus | 30.356 | 66.42 |
| 4 | Tony Lipscomb | South Bend, IN | | 01 Audi TT | 30.400 | 65.06 |
| 5 | Curt Van Duren | Holland, MI | SBR | 86 Volkswagen GTI | 30.461 | 63.19 |
| 6 | Mike Vasich | Orland Park, IL | INR/SBR | 01 Ford Focus | 30.506 | 61.8 |
| 7 | David Brilliant | Middlebury, IN | | 02 Audi TT | 32.870 | 10 |
| SM2 | | | | | | |
| 1 | Ricardo Gonzales | M. Beach, IN | SBR/CHI/INR | 74 Porsche 914 | 30.742 | 100 |
| 2 | Paul Baldwin | Lafayette, IN | | 00 Ford Mustang | 31.458 | 79.04 |
| ASP | | | | | | |
| 1 | Matthew Napieralski | South Bend, IN | SBR | 98 BMW Z3 | 29.251 | 100 |
| ASPL | | | | | | |
| 1 | Frances Napieralski | South Bend, IN | | 98 BMW Z3 | 31.005 | 100 |
| BSP | | | | | | |
| 1 | Gordon Wishon | Granger, IN | WOR | 98 Toyota Supra TT | 30.018 | 100 |
| CSP | | | | | | |
| 1 | Jason Kolk | Waterford, MI | Detroit | 84 Mazda RX-7 | 29.797 | 100 |
| 2 | R.J. Pruitt | Kentwood, MI | WMR | 84 Mazda RX-7 | 30.518 | 78.22 |
| 3 | Chad Brubaker | Royal Center, IN | | 87 Mazda RX7 | 32.644 | 14.01 |
| DSP | | | | | | |
| 1 | Jeff Harrison | South Bend, IN | SBR | 98 Dodge Neon ACR | 27.944 | 100 |
| 2 | William Loring | Osceola, IN | SBR | 98 Dodge Neon ACR | 31.574 | 10 |
| 3 | Collin Snyder | Livonia, MI | | 95 Honda Del Sol | 33.495 | 10 |
| 4 | Jerry Martin | Logansport, IN | SBR | 80 Fiat X 1/9 | 34.613 | 10 |
| 5 | Wayne Snyder | Livonia, MI | SVR | 95 Honda Del Sol | 999.999 | 10 |
| ESP | | | | | | |
| 1 | Gary Burton | Columbia City, IN | FWR | 90 Ford Mustang | 29.749 | 100 |
| FSP | | | | | | |
| 1 | Bernard Blanda | Mishawaka, IN | SBR | 91 Plymouth Laser RS | 31.841 | 100 |
| 2 | Jeff Blanda | Mishawaka, IN | SBR | 91 Plymouth Laser RS | 31.984 | 95.96 |
| 3 | David Watson | Charlotte, MI | WMR | 90 Ford Escort GT | 34.221 | 32.73 |
| 4 | Brad Watson | Charlotte, MI | WMR | 90 Ford Escort GT | 40.001 | 10 |
| 5 | Brian Barrett | Hudsonville, MI | SBR | 84 VW GTI | 40.708 | 10 |

Ryan Frye missed a first place finish in B-Stock by a mere 0.052 seconds... now that's close!



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COMING EVENTS

Early May Car Show at Marquette Mall
May 10, 2003 Dust Off Tour of Various Garages
May 18, 2003 Model T Club - Door Prairie Museum
June 15, 2003 Father's Day Car Display at Lighthouse Mall
June 22, 2003 Ragtop Auto Museum Car Show

SBR CALENDAR

| | |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| April 27 | GingerMan Nat'l Race, S.Haven, MI |
| May 6 | SBR Membership Meeting @8:00 pm |
| May 18 | SBR Solo #2 @ LMC, Benton Harbor |
| June 3 | SBR Membership Meeting @8:00 pm |
| June 28-29 | Area 4 Drivers School at GingerMan |
| June 28-29 | SBR Solo#3 @ Grissom Aeroplex |
| July 8 | SBR Membership Meeting @8:00 pm |
| July 12-13 | SBR Sprints at GingerMan |
| July 20 | SBR Solo#4 @ LMC |
| August 24 | SBR Solo#5 at Tire Rack |

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Month Day Year

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail: _____

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Member Number if spouse is current member

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03 Name _____ Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____

04 Name _____ Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____

05 Name _____ Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____

06 Name _____ Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____

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|--|----------|-------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 01 Regular Member | \$55.00 | | \$15.00 | \$70.00 | \$ _____ |
| 03 Spouse Member | 15.00 | | 5.00 | 20.00 | \$ _____ |
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| 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Speed Freakz Member | \$25.00 | \$5.00 | \$30.00 |
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*I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., and its **South Bend Region #35**, and agree to abide by the bylaws.*

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★Note: Entry in the Speed Freakz membership category ends in June. A new program will be announced shortly.

Quotes Cont'd from p.3

WOR games were always held at Indianapolis Raceway Park? Or, when they used to run seven to eight SCCA events a year there? And now there is talk of dropping the whole road racing program at IRP.

“RUN!” What the corner captain yelled as the MG decided to pay us an inside the track visit and take out the phone station and telephone pole up near the fence beside the access road at 1A IRP.

A good reason to keep someone looking up track as well as down

track at all times.

“One more time sucker! And this paddle’s yours!” What I yelled as I stood beside the track flagging an incident with hand paddles, (for those who can remember such things), to protect my fellow workers, as the guy in the Alfa-Romeo refused to obey my hand signals to slow down under caution, due to workers on the track. As well as buzzing my kneecap for the second time. But, I think he got the hint, since I had the paddle in a throwing position. He was noticeably slower

the next time around.

“What the?” What the drivers probably thought as they went past on the final lap of the final race of the day. For at the edge of the track stood a pretty woman in a pink evening gown waving a yellow paddle flag to cover an accident near the track. You see, she had a wedding to go to, and to be on time, had already replaced her whites with her more appropriate wedding apparel.

These are just a few of the many times that things occurred that became memories. And anyone just starting to work corners will accumulate their share of funny, and some not so funny, instances. But, that’s part of why we work corners isn’t it? If we didn’t have some stories to tell we wouldn’t be having fun. And everything worth doing should be fun. I’ve certainly had my share.

And as any experienced worker will attest. You newer corner workers will have your times as well. And I hope they’ll all be good ones.



Photo—Jeff Luckritz

A potential new member looks on at the 2003 Cavalcade of Wheels.

May Membership Meeting Tuesday, May 6th @ 8:00 pm at the Union Station Restaurant Mishawaka, IN

(See map on page 2)

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