



2005 Solo II Season Takes Shape *Bill Loring*

The SBR Solo program has a number of challenges before us for the 2005 season. Our Solo Chair of several years, George Williams, has moved on to a new job on the east coast*. George did great things with the program, and he will be missed. We also found out that Lake Michigan College, who hosted many events for us over the last several years, was closing their property to driving events of any kind. Additionally, we received a request from the CENDIV Solo committee, that SBR put on a CENDIV series event in 2005. With these hurdles in mind, on January 15th, 2005, a SBR Solo organization meeting was held.

First on our agenda for the meeting was the job of filling the various leadership positions. Those in attendance at the meeting were quick to step up to take on the various positions, although there are still a couple left to be filled.

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Event Setup and teardown

open

Publicity

open

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Next, we discussed possible event sites. We talked about a number of options, and looked at various sites on the web by using satellite imagery.

There are some promising leads, but we still need people to scout out other options, and come to us with your ideas. We want to have a variety of sites that we can run at, so that we have alter-



Kim Bollinger takes over the Solo Chair position

natives should we lose a site, and so that we don't run at any one site too often, and wear out our welcome. We now have a preliminary schedule:

- April 23 - The Tire Rack
- May 14 - Test & Tune — The Tire Rack
- May 15 - The Tire Rack
- June 26 - The Tire Rack
- July 23-24 - CENDIV Series event at Grissom
- August 7 - The Tire Rack
- August 28 - Location TBA
- October 9 - The Tire Rack

As you can see, we are relying heavily on The Tire Rack's site at this time, as we don't have other sites nailed down yet. This should underline the urgency that we should all feel about finding new event sites. If you have ideas, PLEASE contact Kim Bollinger. kbbollinger@cs.com 574-271-0088.

For 2005, we have decided not to put on a Solo School. While this has been popular in the past, it represents a large amount of work and preparation. Instead, we'll be having a "Test and Tune" on May 14th. This hopefully will be a good day for people to experiment with different setup options, in a no-pressure, less struc-

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***BREAKING NEWS! George Williams is back from the East Coast and now working in Mishawaka!**

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MONTHLY MEETING

*When: First Tuesday of the month.
Where: Oaken Bucket Restaurant
Time: 7:00 pm: Board Meeting
8:00 pm: General Meeting
Who: All are welcome!*



SBR Meeting Site
Oaken Bucket Restaurant • 1212 S Ironwood Dr

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Solo Seminar in Indy

I want to let you know about an exciting event going on in Indianapolis on March 12, 2005. The idea behind this Solo II seminar is for people to get together before the Solo II season starts to do some bench racing and to get some training to help all of the Solo II programs be as good as they can be. The seminars will be held on the east side of Indianapolis at the Andersen Logistics facility. The event is “no charge” to all participants.

We want to offer a table area for all clubs to put out information on their club and the activities coming up for the season. We will have 18 seminars going on during the day — including car prep, tech

inspection, T & S, Solo II testing, a Solo Safety Steward seminar, how to get started in Solo II and many others.

The seminars begin at 12:00 on Saturday and will go until 5:00. I hope this will get your interest and the interest of your club. I would ask that you post this on your web site, in your newsletter and send the flyer to your friends. If you have any questions, please contact me. The contact information is on the attached flyer.

See you in Indianapolis in March!

Velma Boreen
Saginaw Valley and Indianapolis
Regions/SCCA



Curt Thews in his “new” Ford Speedster

Getting SBR Activity Points

Activity	Points	Activity	Points
Race Chair	400	Car Show Display	75
Assistant Race Chair	200	Solo Co-Chair	75
PitBoard Editor	200	Race Worker/day	50
Website Manager	200	SBR Race Driver	50
Race Chief of Specialty	200	PitBoard Article/page	40
Associate PitBoard Editor	100	SBR Meeting Attendance	20
Rally Series Chair	100	Car Show Booth/day	20
Solo Chair	100	Rally Navigator	20
Solo Series Specialty Chief	100	Race Crew/day	20
Event Chair	100	Rally/Solo Worker	20
Program Director	100	Rally/Solo Driver	20
Club Officer	100	Race/Solo Meeting	20
Event Co-Chair	75	RoundTable/Worker Seminar	20
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tured environment.

The schedule of each event should remain pretty much the same for 2005, but there are a few things we will be doing that we hope will allow us to stick to this schedule with better success than in the past. Most events will follow this schedule:

Site opens: 8:00 AM

Registration: 8:30-9:30 AM

Tech Inspection: 8:30-10:00 AM

Novice Meeting: 9:30 AM

Driver's Meeting: 10:30 AM

1st Car off: 11:00 AM

Note that we will observe Indiana time, regardless of the event location.

Also note that the Grissom event will follow a different schedule. We will be enforcing a \$10 late fee for anyone who arrives at registration after 9:30 AM. While this may seem harsh to an individual, please remember that we are doing this for the rest of the competitors, who have arrived on time. It is not fair to them to hold up the start of the event while computer files are edited, forms reprinted, work schedules reworked, cars teched, etc. Please be aware of each event's schedule, and arrive with plenty of time for you and your car to be ready. We'll all have more fun that way!

Speaking of fees, the SCCA has raised fees for all Solo events by \$2.00 per driver this year. This will mean an increase in entry fees if SBR wishes to break even for the year. We're not happy about this, but there's nothing that we can do about it.

So for 2005, SBR will allow drivers to not only register online, but we'll also be letting them pay online. You will still be able to register on site, but it will cost you a bit more. For those without internet access, we'll let you pre-register via regular mail as well. The fees will go like this:

Pre-Register via mail or

MyAutoEvents.com: \$22 for SCCA members, \$27 for non-members.

Register on site: \$25 for SCCA members, \$30 for non-members.

Requiring payment for pre-registration will accomplish two things: It should reduce the number of no-shows on Sunday morning (usually over 10% last year) and it should speed the registration line on site even more. A pre-registered driver will simply have to show a driver's license, sign the waiver and pick up a wristband. They'll then be set to go. Both of these things should

also improve our ability to get events started on time.

Parker Brown will be making improvements and refinements to our novice program, with the goal of keeping the novices coming back, so that someday, they're no longer novices! One of the things that we've discussed, is the thought that we have some of the more experienced drivers available at the start line just after the novice meeting. These drivers could then go on a walk with smaller groups of novices, to talk to them about finer points than can be discussed with the mob of 20-30 that can usually be found following Kim, Scott or others around the course.

Mark Manninen is looking into setting up an annual tech program. This will allow some of our more experienced drivers to get their car teched once at the beginning of the year, and not have to have it done again for the remainder of the season. This could also potentially save time at each event. We might hold a "Tech Day" alongside the test and tune event. This is under discussion.

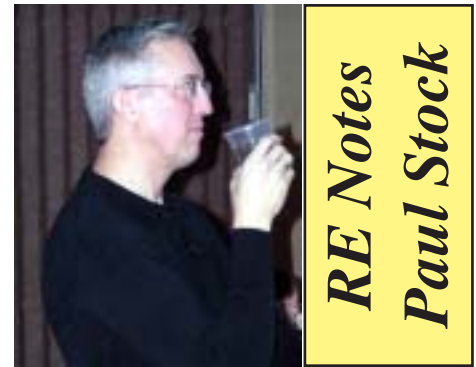
We have also been discussing a "Pro Class." Some other regions use this, to allow their more seasoned drivers to compete against each other on an index. It gives them a fun way to compete, while freeing up the regular classes to be won by someone other than the local "hot shoe."

Finally, we're always looking for drivers to get more involved in the running of events. The more people we have that can fill in on different positions, the easier the events go, and the happier our core staff is. If you ran five or more events last year, you can probably count on hearing from one us. Why not beat us to the punch, and get in touch now to volunteer to help?

I'm sure I've forgotten something, but in a nutshell, this is the solo program for 2005. If you have any feedback, feel free to contact any of the folks listed above, or post a message to the SBR message board.

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How? Simply click on the TireRack link on the SBR website, make your purchase, and SBR gets a percentage of each sale.



Well it has been an interesting first year as RE. Dealing with all of the issues surrounding splitting the division and incorporation has been time consuming and educational. It truly has been interesting to see how the organization operates, but I am glad to have these issues behind us. It was good to get our race back, thanks to all of you that helped out in that effort. It took a lot of communication to the appropriate folks and I know that I ran out of patience with this process several times. This yearend has seen our Solo program begin to undergo many changes from the loss of one of our sites to the loss of our Solo Chair George Williams. Let me say now that George will be greatly missed. He put together a well organized group. Thanks for everything George!

As I look forward to the upcoming year I am encouraged by all of the folks that have stepped up in the Solo program. Kim has a good team of people that are ready for the challenges of the new season. As I look forward to the new year I have been thinking about what I feel the club needs. Upon reflection though it is not what I think that matters. It is what you the members think that matters. To that end I would like to hear from you on what it is that you feel we need to accomplish. Should we focus on a membership goal for the upcoming year? Do we need to have more 'social' events, i.e. fun-type rallies or picnics? Do we need to develop more race workers? Should our focus be on the Solo program? Do we need more community oriented functions? Feel free to call (574) 257-4170 or email pstock@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lastly to my fellow Solo C-stock competitors. It was a great year! I had a good time with all of you. The competition was excellent. I hope to see all of you in the upcoming season.

South Bend Region 2004 Trophy Winners

Traveling Trophies

B. J. Swanson (Best Race Driver)
Tony Loniewski

Red Bud (Most Solo Points)
Ross Bollinger

Cookie Walker (Most Enthusiastic)
Dave Bowman

Thomas (Highest Female Points)
Kim Bollinger

Jeanne Ruble (Solo Worker)
George Williams

Jack Boone (Race Worker)
Leon Krauss

Busted Piston (Car Woes)
Bob Gregory

Hero Drivers

Tony Loniewski
Runoffs Champion (CSR)

Scott Nardin
Solo National Champion (FM)

Kim Bollinger
Solo National Champion (EM)

Regional Awards of Merit

Paul Stock
George Williams
H.C. Colwell
Jeff Luckritz
William Loring

Certificates of Appreciation

Western Michigan Region
Grissom Aeroplex
Lake Michigan College
The Tire Rack
Jeff Roselli & Dodge Motorsports
Oaken Bucket Restaurant

Activity Points Awards

1.	George Williams	1410
2.	Jeff Luckritz	1310
3.	Jeff Pontius	1120
4.	Lloyd Loring	1115
5.	Leon Krauss	795
6.	William Loring	780
7.	Paul Stock	750
8.	Duane Belisle	705
9.	Bert Olson	660
10.	David Bowman	655
11.	H.C. Colwell	580
12.	Tamara Bowman	500
13.	William Farr	400
14.	Kim Bollinger	380
15.	Lynnette Markowicz	360
16.	Eugene Wieszorek	360
18.	Richard Wisler	355
19.	Don Pancheri	340
20.	Steve Bollinger	300

Solo Class Champions

SS	Lee Moore
BS	Robert DeWispelaere
CS	George Schmitt
CS-2	Tim Gaisford
CSL	Kelly DeWispelaere
DS	Peter Jacobs
ES	Dan Bard
FS	George Williams
GS	William Loring
HS	Dave Gushwa
HSL	Megan Ohmann
STS	Thad Peterson
STX	Nate Vanderveen
SM	Andrew Nienhuis
SM2	Ricardo Gonzales
BSP	David Bowman
CSP	Steve Unwin
ESP	Steve Scudder
FSP	Bradley Watson
AP	Bill Belcher
CP	Mike Zickuhr
DP	Steve Bollinger
EM	Alex Pancheri
FM	Scott Nardin
FJR4	Ross Bollinger

Tire Rack Index

1. Steve Bollinger
2. William Loring
3. Thad Peterson
4. Ross Bollinger
5. George Williams
6. Peter Jacobs
7. Robert Palmbo
8. George Schmitt
9. Douglas Biehl
10. Mike Zickuhr

Novice Index

1. Douglas Biehl
2. Mark Manninen
3. Chris Vestal
4. Lynn Elms





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 South Bend Region, SCCA Membership Co-Chairs: David & Tami Bowman 3807 Fern Hill Dr, Mishawaka IN 46544-6267, or to the SCCA Membership Department, PO Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Applicant's Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Address _____ Telephone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Single Married E-Mail: _____

IF SPOUSE ONLY APPLICATION: Present (Spouse) Member Number _____

IF REGULAR + SPOUSE OR FAMILY APPLICATION:

03 Spouse's Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: (husband/wife & children) list names and ages of children **under age 21:**

04 Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

05 Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

06 Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

Have you been an SCCA member before: No Yes Year _____ Previous Member No. _____

PRIMARY INTEREST(S) IN SCCA:

Please send me a free Crew License (*check box to left*)

Please indicate the area(s) of SCCA in which you plan to participate, or which interests you most. Your response will be used to allocate your National dues to the areas you indicate. Thank you.

Club Racing Pro Racing Road Rally Solo

Annual Dues	National	+ SBR	Regional	= Cost	Total
01 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member	\$55.00		\$15.00	\$70.00	\$ _____
03 <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Member	15.00		5.00	20.00	\$ _____
10 <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	85.00		20.00	105.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear Member*	30.00		15.00	45.00	\$ _____
				Grand Total	\$ _____

*First Gear member must be 21 or under.

National Office Use Only	
C- _____	\$ _____
C- _____	\$ _____
C- _____	\$ _____
Source	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ U.S. Make payable to SCCA. DO NOT SEND CASH.

Visa MC No. _____ Expiration Date _____

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.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Dues Include payment for subscription to *SportsCar* magazine (\$24 value.) Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions.

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For Sale: 1981 VW Autocross Rabbit. Has 1984 rebuilt GTI motor, with rebuilt 1983 GTI short gear 5 speed transmission. Bilstein sport shocks with Neuspeed racing springs, front and rear sway bars. Rears 28mm front upper shock tower brace, lower front brace, Neuspeed rear triangular shock brace. Heavy duty motor mounts, custom oil cooler, twin Mikuni 40 mm racing carbs, electric fuel pump, Bellevue Motorsports long tube header, need to replace Dynamax muffler. 13x8.5 3-pc Revolution wheels custom painted yellow. has 215 50 15 BFG R1. Rabbit is custom painted yellow, fades to purple and black. Includes Auto-meter oil temp and water temp gauge on dash, GTI tach and speedometer cluster. GTI vented rotors. Very worn twin Corbeau racing seats. Battery relocated to trunk. Many other extras, i.e., replaced ball joints, replaced tie rods, both are adjustable. Replaced wheel bearings. This is a great starter car, \$3000.00. Includes Trailer. Dana Farran

1967 Austin Healy Sprite for sale. 1275cc engine bored .1275, one complete spare engine. Both engines are extensively modified with the best of everything. The car is fully race prepared, inside, outside & underside. Carrera adjustable coil over shocks on all 4 corners. Fuel cell, LSD, MSD ignition system, roll bar, 11# Halon fire system. Many drive train spares & mounted rain tires. One year old Hoosier slicks (8x20x13) on custom Revolution brand wheels. Enclosed single axle custom trailer included. \$7,000.00 obo call Kevin 574-234- 6186 for more details

For Sale: 2000 VW Jetta GLS 1.8T Silver. Excellent condition, fast 5 speed. Loaded including heated seats, tinted windows, rear spoiler, and 2 sets of rims and tires. Summer: 17" Enkei rims w/ 235/45R17 Khumo Ecsta Supra 712 tires. Winter: 15" stock rims w/ 195/65R15 Dunlop Winter sport tires. Low mileage, **reduced** to \$12,000 OBO. **1985 VW Cabriolet** Exceptional condition, no rust, new paint stored past 3-4 years. GTi bucket seats, Blaupunkt Stereo w/ Infinity speakers. 15" Enkei rims with Khumo Ecsta Supra 712 tires. Nice collectible, **reduced** to \$3000. Can throw in some extra VW rims (Tear Drops and Tarantula). Contact Andy (616)886-4584. Please leave a message.

For Sale: Car dolly swivel plate good tires. with straps. Kurt (574) 273 1963 home (574) 286 1298

For Sale: 1985 Ford F-350 Crew Cab pick-up, 460 cubic inch V-8, automatic, air conditioning, cruise control, tilt wheel, long bed, fiberglass cap, reese hitch, 2 spare wheels, 167,000 miles, \$1,600.00 OBO Call Dave 574-289-7223 evenings

Good Wheels with Winter Tires! 4 MSW alloy wheels fit Mazda 1993 626/1996 MX6 89-92, Ford Probe 88-91, perhaps some Toyota Camry, Eagle Talon, or Eclipse. 5-bolt 114.3 mm circle, 6" wide x 14" diameter and 67.06 center bore, ET38 offset. Have ancient Yokohama winter tires mounted. 4 Mazda 626 5-1/2 wide 14" OEM steel wheels with excellent Blizzak WS-15 185/70R 14 tires good for several Michiana winters. About 10/32" tread remaining. Make an offer. Lloyd at (574) 272-6719 or LWLoring@sbcglobal.net.

For Sale 1970 Super Vee Zink Z 14, ready to race, Came in 2nd place in the 1971 U S Gran Prix, Ron Fingers the Piloto \$11,000. 1994 Frazer LeMans, Sport racer from New Zealand right hand drive with Toyota twin cam motor, can be driven on street \$11,000. 1979 Porsche 911 F 3.0 PCA Club Racer (F), Sparco seats, 6pt rollcage, fresh motor with JE pistons, under 5 hours since rebuilt, Wevo shifter torison bars, fiberglass bumper \$34,000. 1994 Caterham (Super 7) 180 hp excellent condition, right hand drive \$19,500. Free Evening Practices at GingerMan Raceway with purchase. Call Dan 269-253-2017. WHEELS FOR SALE: R3, Borbet 17x8, 5 spoke E36M3 \$400

**WANTED:
ARTICLES FOR PITBOARD**

SBR CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- March 1 *SBR General Membership Meeting (8:00pm)*
April ??? *Cavalcade of Wheels, Joyce Center*
April 5 *SBR General Membership Meeting (8:00pm)*
April 23 *SBR Solo at The Tire Rack*
April 23/24 *SCCA National at GingerMan*

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New Member

Crista Weaver, from Beavercreek, Ohio. This is a suburb of Dayton. Crista has participated in our local solo program and is a transferee from Western Ohio Region.

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Cold Weekend in Detroit *J.Luckritz*

You could find one-half of the Luckritz family in the frozen tundra of Detroit during the second weekend of January. On Saturday night, my son, Josh, and I spent the evening in the Pontiac Silverdome watching the Monster Truck Jam. Lots of “Good Ole Boys” drinking beer and in need of dental work. But hey, it was better than staying home and shoveling snow. I came away disappointed... I think it was rigged like pro wrestling!

Once again we spent the better part of a Sunday wandering around the mecca of automobiles at Cobo Hall in Detroit. You can really tell which automakers build “excitement.” While the MINI, Ford, BMW, and Porsche drew shoulder to shoulder crowds, the Mercury display was like a ghost town.

My favorite vehicles were the Ford GT (again) and the new Corvette Z06. But what really got me hot and bothered was the new minivan by Honda... guess who’s old?

