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Article and photographs by Jeff Luckritz

It happens every year. The North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Michigan is so crowded that we miss seeing an exciting new car. You would think that after walking around the show for 4 hours it would be hard to miss anything exciting. It's not. This year we missed the new Chevrolet Camaro. Oh well, you can only bump into people so many times before you just want to get the heck out of there. Here are my top 5.

Dodge

Challenger What a fantastic looking car. Complete with a Hemi and manual transmission. The boys at



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Dodge got all the proportions right. If the

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2006 SBR Solo Schedule

The South Bend Region SCCA is pleased to announce the 2006 Solo schedule.

Apr 22 (Sat)	#1 - Tire Rack
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May 7	#2 - Concord Mall
Jun 3 (Sat)	Test & Tune - Tire Rack
Jun 4	#3 - Tire Rack
Jun 17-18	#4 - Grissom ARB -
	CenDiv Series #2
Jul 22 (Sat)	#5 - Tire Rack
Aug 6	#6 - Lakeshore High
-	School
Sep 10	#7 - Tire Rack
Oct 15	#8 - Tire Rack

Watch for updates and event flyers in future issues of PITBOARD and on the SBR website, www.sbrscca.org. You may also contact the SBR Solo Chair, Kim Bollinger, at 574-271-0088 or by e-mail to: solo@sbrscca.org.

SBR SCCA Celebrates 52nd Annual Awards Banquet

Article by Leon Krauss—Photographs by Lloyd Loring

The atrium of the new Studebaker National Museum in the lovely historic district of South Bend, Indiana provided the setting for South Bend Region annual SPORTS CAR CLUB of AMERICA awards banquet. The museum is spread out over three floors in an impressive new facility and we were allowed to roam and reminisce as we strolled back through the annuls of yesteryear viewing the many Studebaker products on display. Eighty SBR guests enjoyed their fill of a delicious Polish wedding feast dinner catered by The Landing. The desserts were especially memorable. Our illustrious,



talented, friendly, organized and popular chemistry teacher, as well as new RE, Jeff Luckritz emceed the event. He was assisted by our own famous, Lloyd Loring who entertained us as he called out the winners of the numerous door prizes. John Rastetter, Director of Tire Information Services at Tire Rack was our keynote speaker and provided us with some history on the TA street radial designed by B.F. Goodrich. John showed us a video of how this tire won the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1982 mounted on a 924 Carrera Porsche.

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	Important news about upcoming training More important stuff that you should be reading right now instead of this

SBR Spotlight

RE NOTES

Racing and Hunting: The Same, but Different By—Jeff Luckritz 2006 SBR Regional Executive

Please don't ever make me choose. In addition to being very passionate about my job as a teacher and coach, my hunting and racing hobbies are very important to my soul. While one activity places man against man, the other is man against nature.

Hunting, especially deer hunting provides a time to think. A time to think not only about the game you are pursuing, but more often than not, time to think about life and what touches it everyday. As I sit in my tree stand for 2, 3, or 4 hours at a time, my mind wanders like a stream through the forest. Often times as I sit there and daydream, my thoughts are interrupted by the sound of an approaching animal. Usually the approaching sound is followed by anything but the deer that I am hunting. Squirrels, birds, turkeys, ducks, geese, owls, hawks, beavers, coyote, fox and of course the occasional deer has made its way past my blind. Funny thing is, even though I was not fortunate enough to get a deer this year, it was a successful season. My mind had time to relax.

Racing provides very little time for wandering and relaxing thoughts. Once you leave the grid, it's time to focus. No thinking about work, marriage, children, church, or politics. In many ways racing is a game of survival and every driver on the track has got you in their sights. Racing is all about focus. Every turn is a challenge in braking, steering input and acceleration while at the same time doing it better and faster than your competitor. It's a fast moving game that demands 100% concentration on the task at hand. Like hunting, I did not get a "win" in 2005 in my Showroom Stock Miata. Even though racing is about winning, it's also about the competition. Competing against man and machine has been going on for centuries. Man has changed very little while the machines have changed significantly.

What does 2006 have in store? While there are many variables in life that one has no control over, I have control over the choices that I make. As fall approaches in September, I know it will be to time to enter the woods and "cleanse my soul." As spring approaches in the Midwest, I know it will be time to climb back into the race car. Logic says that I should give up racing. Even as I send money to Michigan State University for my son's tuition which creates a tight family budget, I know that I must race in 2006. Those of you who race understand this, hopefully my wife, Dawn, will too.

New Members

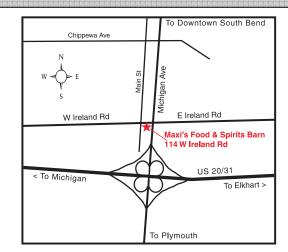
Please welcome the following members to SBR

Randy Easton—Niles, MI Kent Hurley—South Bend, IN George E Westfall—Berrien Springs, MI Denise M. Westfall—Berrien Springs, MI Joshua E Westfall—Berrien Springs, MI Aaron Westfall—Berrien Springs, Nick Domster—Wanatah, IN (Dual member)

Monthly Meeting

When: First Tuesday of the month
Where : Maxi's Barn (map below)
Time: Board meeting @ 7:00 PM General meeting @ 8:00 PM
Who : Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a member of SCCA to attend

Note: All times are South Bend, IN



SBR Calendar of Events March 7 SBR Membership meeting

March 24-26	Cavalcade of Wheels	
April 22	1st Solo (Tire Rack)	

Buy tires from the **Tire Rack** and SBR earns extra \$\$\$. How? Simply click on the Tire Rack link on the SBR website (www.sbrscca.org), make your purchase, and SBR gets a percentage of each sale.

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SCCA National News

Julow Named Next SCCA President By Eric Prill

TOPEKA, Kan. (Jan. 27, 2006) – Sports Car Club of America, Inc. (SCCA), the 60,000-member motorsports organization boasting the largest active participant group in racing, announced today that James R. Julow will become its next President.

Julow brings a wealth of industry experience to SCCA, with a focus on marketing and operations. His 28-year automotive career has included stints with all domestic divisions of the current Chrysler Group, including serving most recently as the DaimlerChrysler Vice President of Motorsports and SRT Programs.

"Throughout this process, the Board of Directors' primary goal has been to ensure the future leadership and excellence of the staff for this Club," SCCA Chairman of the Board Robert Introne said. "We met with a number of excellent candidates, and Jim Julow stood out as an outstanding choice for the next president of SCCA. He brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership qualities to our company and has a proven record of success in his past business endeavors." "Given my broad background in the automotive industry and, more recently, consulting in high-tech growth marketing, I feel that there is a lot that I can bring to SCCA," Julow said. "My goal is to turbo charge SCCA. It already has a great image and excellent programs, and I want to work to take everything to the next level."

Under Julow's leadership, the current Dodge Motorsports program, which includes a successful NASCAR effort, was

born. Additionally, the Street Race Technology (SRT) program was conceived, and he oversaw the launch of the Viper SRT-10 convertible and SRT-4 as well as the distribution of the Viper Competition Coupe. While the Vice President and General Manager of Dodge, Julow set all-time records for sales, share and revenue for the Dodge Division.

In 2003, following his departure from DaimlerChrysler, Julow became a partner and Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Swat Team, a growth marketing consulting company specializing in the high-tech industry.

Julow's academic accomplishments include undergraduate and MBA degrees from Purdue University and certificates of merit from Harvard University and Michigan State University. He and his wife, Joan, will relocate from Bloomfield Hills, Mich. to Kansas. The couple has three college-aged children.

Julow replaces Steve Johnson, who held the Club's top position from 2000 through September 2005, before moving to a similar position with Champ Car. Julow will officially take the office full time in early March, but will be on hand for the annual SCCA National Convention in Kansas City, Feb. 2-4.

SCCA, Founded in 1944, the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is a 60,000-plus member motorsports organization that incorporates all facets of autocross, rally and road racing at both club and professional levels. It annually sanctions over 2,000 events through its 111 regions and professional subsidiary. Landmark events and series for the Club include the Club Racing National Championship Runoffs® at Heartland Park Topeka; The Tire Rack® SCCA Solo Nationals and ProSolo Championship at Topeka, Kan.; and the SCCA Pro Racing SPEED World Challenge Championships. For more information, please visit www.scca.com.

SBR Regional Awards

A history of the memory and spirit behind the SBR's annual awards. — By Jim Bell and Lloyd Loring

Red Bud Trophy

Created to honor the individual who scored highest in South Bend Region local events. Originally it was for both rallies and gymkhanas (which at the outset had no classes.) As both rallies and the newer solos gained class winners and multiple winners per event, it was difficult to fairly assign points. Eventually rallies disappeared locally, and the PAX handicap system was a reasonable solution to the solo class problem. The award was created initially by Jack & Wilma Boone, who were early members (both served as R.E.s) and who actually lived on Red Bud Trail north of Buchanan (it was a fine road in the '50s to "exercise" an MGB or early Alfa.) Racing was never a part of Red Bud Trophy scoring since it was rare in the earliest years for the region to regularly stage a road race, and other races weren't considered "SBR" events. In addition, in the early years there was a local rally or gymkhana staged just about every month of the year.

Harold Miller, Junior Trophy

This trophy is awarded (when the board deems it appropriate) to the best new driver in the region. It is a memorial to Harold Miller, Junior, the son of an early member, Harold Miller, who was a weekend racer who drove an H Modified race car (similar to the current D Sports Racing.) As best I can recall Harold's car was a Bandini or similar Italian car. His son, Harold Junior was a special child who was truly fascinated by race cars and was Harold's most faithful and enthusiastic pit crew member.

B. J Swanson Trophy

The B.J. Swanson award is presented to the best SBR race driver. B. J. was a real "comer" and was moving up fast in the field of professional racing. A much-liked driver, he had enormous talent and seemed able to drive just about anything. His career came to a sudden and tragic end at a pro race at Mid-Ohio when his car left the track at corner one and was demolished. This trophy is a memorial to a fine person who truly loved what he was doing.

The Walker Trophy

The Walker Trophy is awarded to the person the board feels best exemplifies the enthusiasm that any club like ours must have to succeed. It is named for "Cookie" Walker whose own enthusiasm was legendary. It is one of our oldest trophies and is earned only with great effort.

The Thomas Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the female driver earning the most points in South Bend Region local events (rallies and solos.) It is named for "Ellie" Thomas whose activity in competitive events was a highlight of early SBR competition. It should be pointed out that, unlike most other early motorsports competition, the SCCA always welcomed women to compete and work at every event, including racing.

The Jeannie Ruble Trophy

This trophy is relatively new, and is awarded to a member who shows an unusual devotion to working at SBR events of all types. It was established to honor Jeanne Ruble, who, over the years was an R.E., Chief Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member, and worked races, and rallies in uncounted numbers.

The Jack Boone Trophy

This trophy was created to honor the memory of Jack Boone, a member of the highly-vaunted SBR Tech Team which provided technical inspection (called scrutineering these days) to a number of other regions, including the Chicago Region for its June Sprints and Pro races during the late 1950s and early 1960s. The trophy was originally created to reward scrutineers, but has since been broadened to include all race workers.

The "Busted Piston" Trophy

This trophy was originally called the "Pisted Buston" and was created from broken transmission and engine parts of several race cars, including a seriously mangled connecting rod and a holed piston. Unfortunately the original was mislaid some years ago, so a substitute was created. The trophy originally was awarded to the member driver of the last place car that finished in each local event, but has now been awarded annually to a driver suffering truly bad luck during the season.

Announcement—Upcoming Training Available Timing and Scoring

On March 4, 2006 there will be Timing & Scoring training at the CENDIV Stewards and Workers Seminar. It will begin at 9AM and continue until 3PM at the Clarion Waterfront Inn & Conference Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan on attending. With the split of CENDIV it is more important then ever that we all know what is entailed in T&S. There will be time for hands on practice during the training. Please contact Con Peplowski if you plan on attending. Certificates of attendance will be provided, and she would like to start on them before the training.

Con Peplowski -National Administrator Timing and Scoring e-mail—times99@sbcglobal.net

Fire and Rescue Training

There will be an F&C Workers Fire & Rescue school at Indianapolis Raceway Park on Sunday, March 5th, at 9:00am. Please RSVP to John Best at 765-642-2916, evenings BEFORE 9:00 pm This is available to ANYONE regardless of experience. Not only is it important, but it's pretty cool and fun too! More information is available at www.indyscca.org as well. The amazing thing about this win was that it was accomplished with only 5 street tires used on the race car, competing against the best formulated racing tires in the world!

Awards and Honors

A special Honorary Award was bestowed upon Lloyd Loring for handing out the best door prizes (actually it was to recognize the "Voice of Solo" for his years and years and years of service!).

The **TOP 20 LEADERSHIP POINTS** for membership participation were recognized. Additionally, the annual SBR Traveling Trophies were presented. Joe Woodward was presented a special CENDIV award. A special recognition award was given to Paul Stock for being the SBR RE for the past two years.

HERO DRIVER AWARDS were presented to Jeff Luckritz, Crista Weaver, Angie Rogers, Steve Bollinger and Todd Green.

REGIONAL AWARDS OF MERIT were presented to the following people, for additional assistance to our club beyond their usual activities: H.C. Colwell, William Loring, Kim Bollinger, Dave Bowman, Paul Stock, The Concord Mall, Tire Rack, Lake Shore High School, Grissom Aeroplex, Maxi's Food and Spirits Barn, John Rastetter, Studebaker National Museum, and Hoosier Racing Tire.

SCCA SBR REGIONAL ACTIVITY AWARDS to William Farr, Rod Markowicz, Jim Desenberg, Joe Pakovits Jr., Bert Olson, Duane Belisle, Bill Howe, Lynnette Markowicz, Eugene Wieczorek, Mark Manninen, Kent Crussemeyer, Don Pancheri, Steve Tamandli, George Williams, Steve Bollinger, Kim Bollinger, Lloyd Loring, William Loring (Like father like son!), and yes, you too Parker Brown (if I left anyone out, it is because I was getting writer's cramps!).

(Editor's note—see page 5 for an explanation of the history of the SBR Traveling Trophies, and page 7 for a re-cap of other awards presented during the evening).

There were also numerous membership pins awarded for five years or longer, but there was one of particular note. In our midst that evening we had a gentleman who was wearing a sharp looking jacket with bright red letters stitched onto the front left breast which stated, "SCCA SBR 55 YEAR MEMBER." That jacket and distinction belonged to none other than one of our club founders and life time member, Curtis Thews. We were happy to acknowl-



edge his presence and his contributions to the success of the South Bend Region SCCA club!

There have been many names repeated over and over in this article who received numerous awards and there is a very good reason for that. Those who participate in our club activities get recognized for their efforts. It is that simple. It should be noted that most of those people are drivers, as well. It does take the efforts of all our members to continue to make our club successful, both on the track and during our off-track activities and meetings. Thanks to all of you who can actively participate. The doormat is always out for all our members to support their club with whatever time, skills, and talents they choose to share. The more hands involved, the lighter the load for everyone else. Not even moving out of the country has prevented our editor from participating in the club as he brings you this and future PITBOARD editions from Japan! So one more award of 'Thanks for hanging in there' goes to our PITBOARD editor, Jeff Pontius!

Until next time, Keep on Flagg'n

Immediate Rule Change -TB 06-02b

Spec Miata

Effective immediately, correct section 17.1.9.C.4.a.4. by changing the front anti-roll bar size to 27mm non-adjustable for the K-SPEC-M5-SUSP9 kit (99-05 cars).

Spec Racer Ford

The Board of Directors approved the following rule change by email on January 21, 2006: Effective immediately, add a new paragraph to section 17.1.5.C.5.k. to read as follows:

A 22.5" diameter wheel arch may be cut in each side of the tail section.

Viewing the tail section from the side, draw a vertical line at the drive axle centerline. Locate the top of the wheel arch at a point measured from the bottom edge of the tail section 9.25" vertically along the centerline. The 22.5" diameter circle intersects the bottom edge of the tail section 11.1" either side of the centerline. The tail section may be reinforced in the forward and aft portions of the wheel arch. Dimension tolerance is +/- 0.75".

NOTE: The minimum weight of the tail will not change.

A template of the cut-out can be downloaded from SCCA Enterprises website, www.sccaenterprises.com.



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.

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

2006 SBR Annual Banquet— Awards and Recognitions

SBR Annual Awards

B. J. Swanson Award - Best Race Driver Joe Woodward

Red Bud Trophy - Highest SBR Solo/Rally Points William Loring

Cookie Walker Award - Most Enthusiastic Member Steve Tamandli

Thomas Trophy - Highest Female SBR Solo/Rally Points Kim Bollinger

Jeanne Ruble Award - Outstanding Solo Worker Don Pancheri

Jack Boone Trophy - Outstanding Race Worker Eugene Wieczorek

Harold Miller Award - Best New Race Driver Not Awarded

Busted Piston Award - On-Going Trailer Woes Jeff Luckritz

Hero Driver

Jeff Luckritz - Advancing from 37th to 12th at Runoffs - SSB Crista Weaver - Solo National Champion - F-Stock Ladies Angie Rogers - Solo National Champion - G-Stock Ladies Steve Bollinger - Solo National Champion - D-Prepared Todd Green - Solo National Champion - E-Prepared

Regional Awards of Merit

Paul Stock (RE and Board Member) Kim Bollinger (Solo Series Chairman, Board Member) H. C. Colwell (Treasurer, Database Manager) Jeff Luckritz (PitBoard Editor, Board Member) William Loring (SBR Website, Solo T&S) Dave Bowman (Cavalcade of Wheels)

Certificates of Appreciation

Concord Mall Lakeshore High School Grissom Aeroplex (Solo Site) The Tire Rack (Solo site, Solo Series Support) John Rastetter (Awards Banquet Speaker) Studebaker National Museum (Awards Banquet Site) Hoosier Racing Tire (Banquet door prizes) Maxi's Food and Spirit Barn (Meeting Site)

Activity Points Awards

11 Leon Krauss

12 Kent Crussemeyer

13 David Bowman

14 Rod Markowicz

16 George Williams

15 Don Pancheri

17 Bert Olson

18 William Farr

19 Paul McBride

Steve Tamandli

- 1 Kimberly Bollinger
- Jeff Pontius 2
- William Loring 3
- Lloyd Loring 4
- 5 Duane Belisle
- Jeff Luckritz 6 Hulbert Colwell 7
- Mark Manninen 8
- 9 Lynnette Markowicz
- 10 Paul Stock

Solo II Trophy Winners

Novice Index Championship

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- Will Hawley 2
- 3 Willy Demis

Solo Class Champions

AS	Matt Flournoy
CS	George Schmitt
DS	Lynn Elms
ES	Kent Crussemeyer
FS	George Williams
GS	William Loring
HS	Dave Gushwa
HSL	Gretchen Ohmann
STS	Nick Domster
STX	Mark Manninen
SM	Tom Smith
SM2	Tony Koufos
BSP	David Bowman
CSP	Duane Belisle
ESP	Josh Westfall
	Thomas Donovan
FSP	Christopher Jensen
	David Watson
AP	Bill Belcher
СР	Mike Zickuhr
DP	Steve Bollinger
DM	Will Hawley
EM	Steve Tamandli
EML	Kim Bollinger
FM	Scott Nardin

FJR4 Ross Bollinger

Tire Rack Index Championship

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- 3 Steve Bollinger
- 4 Steve Tamandli 5 Parker Brown
- Ross Bollinger 6
- 7 George Schmitt
- 8 George Williams
- 9 Robert Palmbos
- 10 Bill Thomas

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DaimlerChrysler folks price it similar to the Mustang; watch out.

Ford Reflex

As soon as I saw this car I liked it and thought of the song by the 80's group Duran Duran. Get rid of the show car gull wing doors, stuff in 250 hp V6 and lets go.



Volvo C30

One sweet Audi A3/ MINI fighter. All the proportions seemed right, along with the functional hatchback design. Looks like a good Showroom Stock C car.



Mitsubishi CT

Another vehicle similar in size and styling to the Volvo C30 above. After checking out the auto show website I found out that this car is designed as a hybrid. No class for that in SCCA...yet.



Ford Shelby GT500

If I weren't married and/or sending a kid to college, I would have a 2005 Mustang GT in my garage. If my kids were out of school and my rich uncle left me money, I would buy this Shelby GT500. Supercharged power and Mustang styling combined with the

Shelby name make one cool car. Wanna race?