

PITBOARD

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Cavalcade of Wheels a Success!!

Article Bill Loring

Pictures by Jeff Luckritz, Bill Farr, Mark Manninen and Lloyd Loring

The Cavalcade of Wheels is over, and SBR has made a fine showing. Each of our cars took home a trophy, and our booth took home a prize as well: 3rd place for the best Club display. This means a trophy, and a \$300 check! We'll have to put it towards the clubhouse, so we'll have a place for all of these trophies!



Part of SBR's award winning display



Curt Thew's Allard draws a crowd



Bert Olson and Eugene Wiczorek work the SBR display



Dave Bowman oversees another successful Cavalcade of Wheels

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Jeff Luckritz

The Cavalcade of Wheels is history and spring weather is right around the corner. Dave Bowman organized the award winning SBR, SCCA display once again this year. Even with my banged up SSB race car being converted to Spec Miata trim, we still managed to take 3rd place in the “club display” category.



The highlight of the weekend was once again talking to people about SCCA and the South Bend Region in particular. With a pretty cool autocross video being projected on the “big screen,” it was pretty easy to get people passing by to stop and take notice. Once we got them to stop, we had five cool cars to use as a visual aid.

The Bollinger’s bright yellow Sprite demonstrated what a purpose-built solo car might look like whereas Mark Manninen’s Mini Cooper S in STX form showed what a cool street car with a few modifications might look like. Just plain cool was Randy Easton’s original Mini painted in a brilliant corvette blue with British Union Jack painted on the roof. It provided quite a comparison. Curtis Thews provided an Allard that drew lots of attention from the mature crowd. Jim Krzyzewski’s brightly colored Spec Racer Ford grabbed the attention of the racer crowd. Thanks to all the SBR members that worked the booth and provided cars for the display.

On a more general note, American car companies are in trouble. Pick up a Detroit News on any given day and chances are you will find bad news regarding Ford and GM (DaimlerChrysler not so much) on the front page. Not only are manufacturing jobs being lost all over the Midwest, but GM announced that they will be transferring engineering jobs overseas to save costs. Talk about being short-sighted.

Besides the Corvette and Mustang, neither GM nor Ford build a car that I would want to purchase with my own money (maybe a Pontiac Solstice).

Yes, the Cadillac CTS-V would be an exciting car to have but, I don’t think I have any students in my high school chemistry

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New Members

Please welcome the following members to SBR

Jason Gast—Hebron, Indiana
Marolyn J. Kraus—Granger, Indiana

Not a member and want to become one? It’s easy! All the information you need is on page 6 of this edition of Pit Board

April Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting

ATTENDEES: Jeff Luckritz, Paul Stock, William Loring, H.C. Colwell

Approved minutes from 3-7-06.

TREASURER’S REPORT- H.C. Colwell:

Year to date, we have lost money, but situation is better than at this time last year and our income is up.

MEMBERSHIP-Now 186

H.C. reported he finally got the updated info from Topeka and is now getting the info directly after he was approved by the RE. They were going to Paul, now they should go to Jeff and H.C.

SOLO-Bill Loring:

We have the new timing software now. Mark M.& Bill went down to the CenDiv Solo Spring Training in Indy to get info on the new software and had limited success. Several other SBR members also attended. Bill and Mark are going to self-train next weekend and should be OK with the new program.

First 2 events ready and on-line for registration. No annual tech will be offered this year. The annual tech program is mothballed for now. Kim was working on new solo helmet stickers. Trailer should be ready. Paul S. has the new registration table Kent C. requested.

RACE: H.C. Colwell reported that Paul McBride will contact people who are interested working at the school with NE Ohio when he returns from vacation. Bill will get the hotel info up on the website soon.

PROGRAM CHAIR: J. Luckritz open to ideas/input for programs or a volunteer for Program Chair.

CAVALCADE OF WHEELS: Dave Bowman reviewed the success of the show. We had 35 people signed up. All six cars won trophies along with 3rd place and \$300 for our club display. Our location seemed to work well this year with the display on the 2nd floor. Special thanks to members like Bill Belcher and George Westfall who stopped by and worked even though they had not been scheduled. H.C. got the list of prospective members to add to the mailing list. Set up and tear down went very well this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Loring waived any reimbursement for the Solo spring training gas costs. No other fees were involved.

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Monthly Meeting

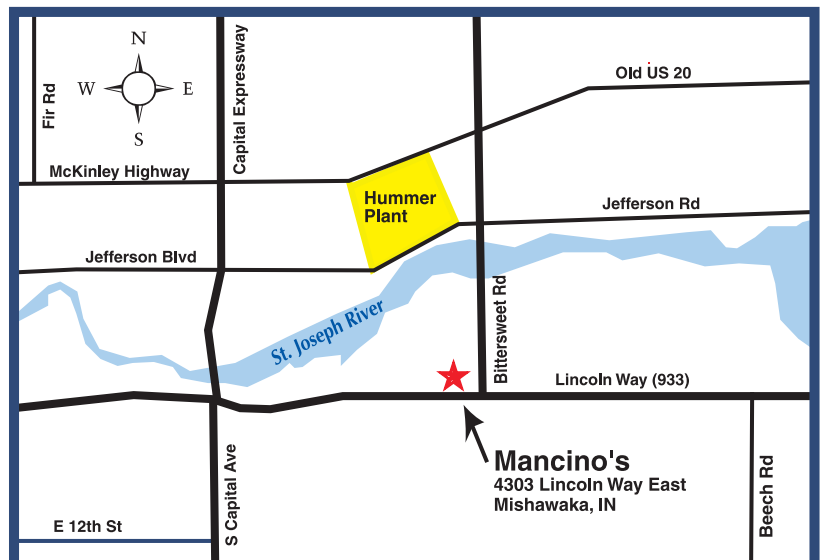
URGENT NOTICE — We have “outgrown” our space at Maxi’s Barn. Until further notice, meetings will be at Mancino's in Mishawaka. Please see below for map and additional information

When: First Tuesday of the month

Where : Mancino’s
4303 Lincoln Way East
Mishawaka, IN
(see map)

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



CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free to South Bend Region SCCA members. Non-members may advertise for \$5.00 per add month. Ads submitted by members will be run for 2 issues, unless the editor is notified. Non-member adds will run based on payments received. To place an ad, please contact the Pit Board editor at pitboard@sbrscca.org

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.

D Prepared/G Prepared AH Sprite – Fully prepared and ready to win again! 14 National Championships, including 2005 in D Prepared. Crank-triggered ignition, Accu-Sump, custom adjustable suspension (front and rear), cockpit adjustable brake bias, adjustable Corbeau seat, large front brakes, BW T-5 (5.0 Mustang) transmission w/ custom gearing, electric fan and water pump, Quaife and cam and pawl LSDs, double bearing rear hubs, custom header/exhaust, 1-1/4 and 1-1/2 carbs, custom axles, and many other features and spares including second complete race engine. \$13,500 for entire package (except steering wheel). See picture in Nov. '05 [SportsCar](#), p83 or at sbrscca.org. Alternate configurations &/or trailer also available. Call Steve or Kim at 574-271-0088.

1973 Subaru Racecar – Built to E-Prepared specifications. Has a dual Webber carbs with cold air intakes, custom headers, Accu-sump, adjustable ride height, Konis, lexan windows, two sets of mounted slicks on aluminum wheels. Lots of spares. Lightened to 1500# and sports new WRX paint and rally graphics. Looks great and is a blast to drive. Only \$2,000, Please call Dave, Detroit area, 810/772-9750



For Sale: Due to the untimely passing of my good friend, Bob Goulet, his Lola 333cs, single seat Can-Am car is being offered for sale as a roller. The car has minimal spares but the Hewland DG-300 gearbox is included. This car was built as a single-seat Can-Am car, not built up from a Formula 5000 tub. It may have been a Carl Haas team car, although I'm not sure this was ever verified. As I can attest, these cars are a major kick-in-the-arse to drive. You've got your 500-600 HP Chevy small block, in an 1800 lb. package.

The car is located in Milwaukee, WI and the seller is becoming highly motivated.

Contact Ray Reimer @ 630-248-9355, anytime.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Reimbursement- Jeff L. says he has checked and reimbursement language for expenses for meetings on club business is in the by-laws already.

Chairperson/Race Worker Dues Reimbursement- Jeff L. presented an amendment to the By-Laws for discussion. The suggested list is what we generally have done in the past and presented the following:

The following positions shall be awarded an honorarium equal to the full dues for a regular member (local + national):

- National Race Worker License Holders
- PitBoard Editor
- Race Chair
- Regional Executive
- Solo Chair
- Treasurer
- Webmaster

The following positions shall be awarded an honorarium equal to 50% of full dues for a regular member:

- Activity Points Keeper
- Car Show Coordinator
- Divisional Racer Worker License Holders
- Secretary
- Solo Chiefs... which ones?

The list was reviewed and discussed by the board and all generally agreed the split look good and the concept was valid, but was tabled for now. Jeff would like further input from Kim Bollinger on the Solo Chiefs and general input from the membership.

Jeff L. discussed possible club cookout in July instead of the July meeting? We could start looking into it.

Car show possibilities in May was briefly discussed. It is the same week as the Concord Mall Solo and we are already short on volunteers for that event. Most likely not a good week for a show also.

Concord Mall solo preparation was discussed. We think we are OK with the Concord Mall. We need to make sure we have the barricades ready and banners.

GENERAL MEETING:

H.C. reported on the club’s cash and investments. We are officially updated on our membership and we now stand at 186 members

The club will mail membership lists to all SBR members soon so we can contact each other. The list will not be published to the general public.

Jeff presented Bill Loring a National SCCA award plaque for 3rd place for the SBR website.

The next 2 solo events are now available for on-line registration in MyAutoEvents.com

We have the new Axware timing software and it will be ready for

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the first events.

A general announcement for volunteer workers for race to contact Duane Belisle, Burt, or Paul McBride for the upcoming Ginger-man regional race and future events.

The Cavalcade of Wheels report was given by Dave Bowman, it was a great success and a lot of fun for everyone involved.

The proposed amendment for dues reimbursement was presented by Jeff L. for membership discussion. E-mail or phone Jeff with you ideas and input.

The next meeting is Tuesday May 2, 2006 and will again be held at Mancino’s restaurant on Lincolnway East near Bittersweet Road.

Bill Loring presented a talk on Introduction to Solo and basic preparation for solo. Handouts were given and will be available. Several members gave good input and experiences on solo basics.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Manninen, Temporary Secretary.

ELECTRIFIED RACERS

Please take note of a mandatory change for the Master Switch (Section 17.27 page GCR-92) effective with the 2006 GCR. ALL terminals are to be insulated. This has been debated for several years and is now mandatory. This is to insure that the mater switch will still work should its terminals come in contact with an electrical conductor (roll cage, sheet metal, etc.) as can easily happen in "incident" when the master switch is needed. This ALSO applies to those that place the master switch in the ground conductor. Please take note of other changes in the GCR pages of Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 and not just those specific to your Class. NOW go have fun this season.

ROD MARKOWICZ-SBR Scrutineer Lic#35R199252

A message from your editor:

Please use the following for publication deadlines.
 May Deadline—May 12th
 June Deadline—June 16th

Please send any information, suggestions, etc. to :
pitboard@sbrscca.org

Thank you, Jeff Pontius



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 some of your National dues for the area(s) you indicate. Thank you.

Club Racing Pro Racing Road Rally Solo

Annual Dues	National + SBR	Regional	= Cost	Total
01 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$75.00	\$ _____
03 <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Member	20.00	5.00	25.00	\$ _____
10 <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	95.00	20.00	115.00	\$ _____
<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- _____	\$ _____
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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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Here are the rest of the trophy winners:

Randy Easton— 1st Production Race Car



Steve & Kim Bollinger - 2nd Production Race Car



Jim Krzyzewski - 1st place



Curt Thews - 2nd place



Jeff Luckritz - 4th Production Race Car



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classes who would put that on their list of “cool cars.” I am not an SUV guy. I am a minivan guy and to be honest, Honda and Toyota build the best minivans now.

As gas approaches \$3.00 per gallon in mid April, you have got to think that the American public is going to start purchasing cars again over SUV’s and pickup trucks.

That’s where Ford and GM are in trouble. Recently, I served as an instructor at GingerMan where drivers get an opportunity to drive their street vehicles on the track at speed. Approximately 80 cars were on hand and only three of them were American cars; one Corvette and two Cavalier’s. No Mustang’s or GTO’s. The paddock was dominated by Acura, Honda, Nissan, Porsche and Subaru. These were people with some disposable income, because all of these cars were newer and in great condition. Instead

of conducting marketing research in an office, perhaps Ford and GM should come out to a race track or an autocross and witness for themselves what the coveted 18-35 demographic prefers when it comes to exciting transportation.

Even though DaimlerChrysler was not represented at the track, they were the only “American” company to make money last year. But they made most of their money on the back of the popular 300 and other cars with a Hemi. That can’t last if fuel prices continue to rise. DC goofed when they replaced the Neon with the Caliber. It may be a lesson in essential packaging, but talk about a yawner. You’ll never see a Caliber at the race track.

Luckritz’s key ingredients to a successful car; good handling, good power, good build quality, good looks at a good price. Foreign manufacture’s can do it, it’s time Ford, GM and DC follow suit.

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Mark Manninen - 3rd Production Race Car



Thank you to all of you who helped make this years display at the Cavalcade of Wheels a success!!

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SBR Calendar of Events

<i>May 2</i>	<i>SBR Membership meeting</i>
<i>May 7</i>	<i>Solo #2 (Concord Mall)</i>
<i>May 13&14</i>	<i>Driver's School Nelson Ledges</i>
<i>June 3</i>	<i>Solo Test & Tune (Tire Rack)</i>
<i>June 4</i>	<i>Solo #3 (Tire Rack)</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>SBR Membership Meeting</i>