

PITBOARD

August 2006



Solo School a Success

Article by Parker Brown, SBR Solo Novice Chief

We had outstanding weather, fast cars and friendly faces. By all measures, the 2006 SBR Novice Solo School was a terrific success. It's been a couple of years now since the region hosted a Solo school. This year we decided to make it a two-fer by combining the June 3 school with a test-and-tune event on the grippy asphalt at The Tire Rack.

Fifteen novices were enrolled in the Saturday event. Most had already attended a few autocrosses, but to some this was a totally new experience. The day began early with a two-hour classroom session taught by SBR members Kim Bollinger, John "Woody" Rogers and me.

Kim is an 11-time Solo national champion and our current Solo Chair. She brought along a wealth of experience gained over many years of high-level competition. Woody is also a veteran autocrosser and works as Tire Product Information Specialist for The Tire Rack. He oversees the Ride and Drive product evaluation program and spends a lot of time on the test track working with the newest rubber. I'm the SBR Solo Novice Chief. I've been chasing cones for about five years now.



Solo school attendees listen intently during the classroom session

After introductions, Kim began by reviewing the course objectives and followed with a definition and history of autocross competition. The history lesson touched briefly on Gymkhana events and Kim mentioned that competitors used to park their cars to pop balloons during their runs. I can't imagine!

It was my turn next and I gave everyone a rundown of a typical day at an SCCA Solo event—registration, tech, drivers meeting, etc. My section also included a primer on working the course and staying safe while tending to the pylons.

Then it was time for Woody to share some valuable information on driving technique. He stressed that what you do behind the wheel is more important than what you do under the hood. After driving that point home with several great examples, he gave tips on basic car prep before heading out on course.

Kim wrapped things up with a few minutes on mental preparation and the value of water and sunscreen, and then it was time for the real fun! The novice drivers brought their cars to the start line while the test-and-tune crowd took a break. Everyone had a chance to apply what they learned and establish an initial time to use as a benchmark.

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RE Notes

Jeff Luckritz

South Bend Region members continue to amaze me. Not only do we have a popular and well-run autocross series, SBR once again demonstrated its dedication to hosting road race events.



On July 29-30, South Bend Region and NEOHIO regions co-sanctioned a National race at Nelson Ledges Raceway in eastern Ohio. NEOHIO was nice enough to invite SBR to help with the National race when it was obvious we were willing and able to stage a National event but it was evident at Roundtable that we were going to be shut out of road racing in 2006.

Making the 5 hour trek to Nelson were 15 brave souls. Jim Desenberg, H.C. Colwell, Leon Krauss, Josh Luckritz, Alex Pancheri, and Don Pancheri all took their chances working Flagging and Communication. If you take a look at the Mustang in the worker station, you'll understand what I mean. Lining up cars in grid were Duane Belisle, Dennis Jennings, and Lynnette Markowicz. Rod Markowicz worked in the tech shed and Eugene Wiczorek was in a safe spot monitoring the sound level of the race cars. Paul McBride served as the co-chair of the race and was involved in many miscellaneous duties.



HC Colwell and Don Pancheri (Above)

Dennis Jennings (Below)



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August Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting

ATTENDEES: Kim Bollinger, William Loring-acting RE, Paul McBride, H.C. Colwell

Approved minutes from 6-6-06.

TREASURER'S REPORT- H.C. Colwell:
Positive income for the month

MEMBERSHIP: 186

SOLO-Kim Bollinger:

84 participants at The Tire Rack 7/22 event. Lakeshore High School is the next solo event on August 6 with 16 pre-registered. Two additional solo events after this remain for the 2006 year.

RACE: Paul McBride

The NEO/SBR National road race held at Nelson Ledges was supported by 13 SBR members. 138 cars registered. After expenses, our share of the profits should cover the losses incurred during the Drivers School held there in May.

PROGRAM CHAIR:

Paul McBride has contacted Rich Palicki of Circle Oil to come and speak with us at the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The SBR By-laws Amendment Article IV Officers and their Election, Section 4 (Addition) Officer Dues Reimbursement proposal was voted on and passed by a unanimous secret ballot vote at the July picnic meeting held at the Bowman's residence. 21 members were in attendance with two guests. The purchase of a new club computer will be delayed from a few months to as late as next spring to allow for new technology to bring the current prices of existing technology down. It was earlier agreed upon that a new PC needs to be and should be purchased.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

GENERAL MEETING: 20 in attendance

It was suggested by several members that the club name a future racing event and/or trophy in honor of our good friend, devoted club member, and Chief of Pits, Bert Olson, who passed away this past month. Also to keep in mind, member Dick Wisler, who is recovering from some health problems in a nursing home in Florida.

Respectfully submitted — Leon Krauss, Secretary.

New Members

Sorry....no new members to report this month.

Already a member? - please help recruit new members.

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

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Monthly Meeting

When: First Tuesday of the month

Where : Mancino's

4303 Lincoln Way East

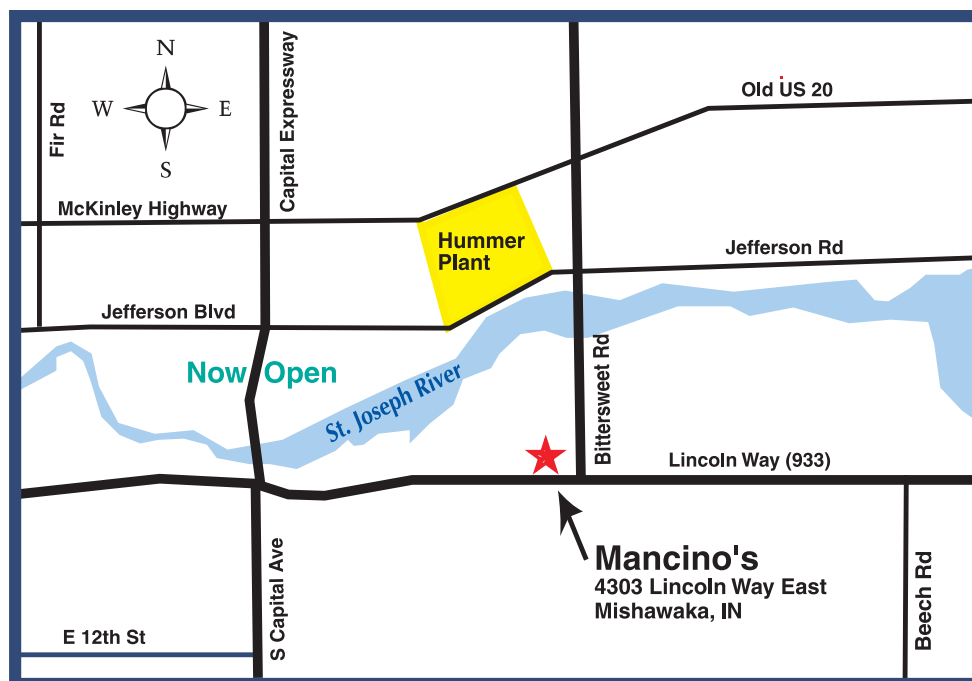
Mishawaka, IN

(see map)

Time: Board meeting @ 7:00 PM, General meeting @ 8:00 PM

Note: All times are South Bend, IN times

Who : Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a member of SCCA to attend.



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As for me, I ran in Spec Miata and found the track fun, if not a little bumpy on my way to a 5th place finish. Serving on my crew was my Dad, Elton Luckritz and a friend of mine, Paul Hirn. Overall I think that SBR played an important role over the course of the weekend and we sure enjoyed working with NEOHIO region.

SBR staged its 6th Solo of the year at Lakeshore High School right near my house in Stevensville, MI. I understand about 55 drivers showed up to play. The weather was perfect for a Michigan August as each driver got 5 runs on the course which was about 33-36 seconds in length. I didn't want to tick off the neighbors in my somewhat loud and obnoxious Spec Miata, so I took on the role of Marketing and Waivers. Fancy term for making sure spectators signed the waiver.

Kim Bollinger, Steve Bollinger, Mark Manninen and George Williams wore the straw hats and made sure everything ran smoothly. Bill Loring dealt with computer issues again and Alex Pancheri towed the club trailer to and from the event. You'll have to excuse me if I missed some other key figures in staging Solo #6, but I am writing this from memory so please don't be offended.

Sadly, SBR lost Bert Olson to cancer. Bert was an inspiration to us all and it would be safe to say that he was a key member of the South Bend Region. Bert was dedicated to recruiting new members and was pivotal in keeping SBR in road racing. Be sure to check the BLOG on the website for a nicely written article about Bert. I'll sure miss his enthusiasm.



Duane Belisle keeps a close eye on the action while working in Grid



During the NeOhio/SBR road race, this Mustang went off course and begin to flip after going across an access road, hitting the tire wall and eventually coming to rest on and partially in the corner workers station



15 hardworking members of SBR take a break during the recent NeOhio/SBR road race held at Nelson Ledges

Solo #5 Results

Super Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Michael Blessinger	Silver 93 Mazda RX7	40.029+DNF	38.208	37.716	37.987	37.643	37.643
B Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Bill Wah	Blue '04 Mazda RX8	39.192	38.176	37.699	38.089	37.418	37.418
C Stock' - Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2			Times					Total
1T	Miles Barden	Silver 06 Pontiac Solstice	36.984+1	35.587+1	35.961	35.194	34.534	34.534
2T	Steve Swanson	Green 00 Mazda Miata	37.263	36.080	35.306	34.950	34.886	34.886
3	Brian Husted	Green 00 Mazda Miata	39.574+DNF	38.187	37.309	38.887+2	37.233	37.233
4	Jerry Secor	Blue 00 Mazda Miata	38.013	37.706	37.935	37.987+1	37.703+1	37.706
D Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Ryan Von Steinon	Black 95 BMW 325i	35.559	35.200	35.067	34.677		34.677
2	Brandon Patenaude	Black 95 BMW 325i	36.291	35.780+1	35.342+1	35.752	35.431	35.431
3	James Rose	Orange 05 Dodge Srt-4	37.111+1	35.950+1	37.707+1	35.959+1	36.276	36.276
E Stock' - Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2			Times					Total
1T	Brandon Blaga	Bluish 95 Mazda Miata	33.774	33.127+DNF	33.121	32.855+1	32.958	32.958
2Tm	Stan Jones	Red 95 Mazda Miata	36.348+DNF	35.720+1	34.996	35.546	35.018	34.996
3 m	Kent Crussemeyer	Red 88 Pontiac Fiero	35.700	35.806+DNF	35.399+1	46.193+DNF	35.681	35.681
4	Bruce Secor	Red 92 Mazda Miata	40.716+DNF	40.020	39.074	39.004+1	40.225	39.074
F Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	George Williams	White 02 Chevy Camaro Z28	33.478+1	33.301	32.901	32.757	32.403+1	32.757
2	Adam Locsi	Green 03 Ford Mustang GT	33.707	33.692	34.385+3	33.714+DNF	33.081+1	33.692
3	Darryl Dupre	Green 96 Ford Mustang Gt	33.903+1	34.311	33.800+2	34.156+1	35.136+1	34.311
F Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Caitlin Dupre	Green 96 Ford Mustang Gt	38.849+1	38.014	36.608	37.329	36.765+1	36.608
G Stock' - Total Entries: 5 Trophies: 2			Times					Total
1Tm	William Loring	Blue 00 Toyota Celica GT	34.706	33.582	34.003	33.419+1	33.206	33.206
2Tm	Parker Brown	White 99 Ford Contour SE	34.627	35.001	35.420	34.941	35.042	34.627
3	Paul Rossetto	Silver 03 VW GTi	37.654	36.446	36.017	35.838	34.957	34.957
4	Tim Dubois	Green 97 Audi A4	39.431+2	37.360+DNF	38.036	37.033+DNF	37.177+1	38.036
5	Scotty Johnson	red 90 Nissan 240 Sx	42.387	42.170	41.964	40.618	40.240	40.240
G Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Nancy Cobb	Red '91 Nissan 240SX	44.204+DNF	42.275+DNF	42.644+DNF	44.062+2	42.347	42.347
H Stock' - Total Entries: 6 Trophies: 2			Times					Total
1Tm	Patrick Ohmann	White 91 Ford Festiva	38.162	37.245	37.554	36.793	36.783	36.783
2Tm	Bob Bowman	Blue 05 Pontiac Sunfire	40.037	38.118	38.743	38.229	37.270	37.270
3 m	Aaron Westfall	White 91 Chevy Cavalier	40.025	39.166	38.394	38.097+1	39.010	38.394
4	Gary Groat	Red 82 AMC Spirit	40.336	39.605	39.061	38.460	38.551	38.460
5 m	George Westfall	White 91 Chevy Cavalier	41.697+DNF	41.794	40.031	38.623+DNF	40.346+DNF	40.031
6	Casey McLaughlin	White 91 Ford Festiva	40.219+DNF	39.754+DNF	38.359+DNF	38.514+DNF	38.558+DNF	DNF
H Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Megan Ohmann	White 91 Ford Festiva	41.173	40.619	39.559	38.498	37.778	37.778
2 m	Glenda Bowman	Blue 05 Pontiac Sunfire	40.628	41.210+2	39.017+2	39.773	39.931+DNF	39.773
Street Touring' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Adam Lewis	Maroon 1995 Saturn SC2	37.606+DNF	36.691	36.812+1	39.521+DNF		36.691
2	Nathan Bulmon	Black 04 Ford SVT Focus	38.342	37.976	37.257	39.253+DNF	36.761	36.761
Street Touring Xtreme' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Mark Manninen	Silver/Blk 03 Mini Cooper S	35.080	35.445	34.758	34.821	34.921	34.758
Street Touring Ultra' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	John Hutchinson	Blue 05 Subaru Legacy GT	37.089	34.409	33.852	34.075	33.543	33.543
B Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	David Bowman	Red 76 Chevy Corvette	39.324	35.403	35.208+2	34.888	35.612	34.888

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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- _____	\$ _____
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.

B Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Kimberly Hooper	Red 76 Chevy Corvette	43.136	40.893	39.705	42.134	39.915	39.705
C Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Brad Meyer	White 91 Toyota MR2	35.819+2	33.863+1	33.291+1	32.738	33.205+1	32.738
C Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Angela Johnson	Black 94 Mazda Miata	43.275+DNF	37.118	43.343	36.720	36.389+DNF	36.720
E Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Gary Burton	'90 Ford Mustang	33.494	34.415+1	33.353+1	33.082+2	33.297	33.297
2 m	Josh Westfall	red 94 Chevy Camaro	34.929+1	34.998+1	34.363+1	34.368	36.091+1	34.368
F Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Robert White	Red 77 Austin Mini	43.631	42.427	42.572	41.472	39.805	39.805
Street Modified' - Total Entries: 5 Trophies: 2			Times					Total
1T	Steve Jackson	Red 02 Chevy Camaro Z28	33.338+2	32.450+2	31.893	32.172	32.253	31.893
2T	Mike Zimmerman	Teal 92 Eagle Talon TSi	33.880	32.991+DNF	32.967+DNF	32.247	32.383	32.247
3 m	Jason Gast	Copper 99 Mercury Cougar	34.835	34.004	33.263	33.214	33.244	33.214
4	Scott Jackson	Red 02 Chevy Camaro Z28	33.369	33.318+1	33.318+1	32.543+1	33.678	33.369
5	Bruce Clevenger	Blue 93 Mazda mx3	34.835	35.221	35.235+1	35.359	34.721	34.721
Street Modified 2' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Charles Wheeler	Blue 92 Mazda Miata	34.076	34.416+1	33.699+1	33.775+1	33.576	33.576
G Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Steve Bollinger	Yellow 66 Austin Healey Sprite	30.436	30.517	30.374	30.504		30.374
G Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Kim Bollinger	Yellow 66 Sprite	34.665+1	32.768	32.137	31.832	31.262	31.262
A Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Daniel Martin	White Electric Car	44.474	42.685	47.812	42.550	42.641	42.550
E Modified' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Alex Pancheri	red 93 Mazda Miata	35.798	35.226+1	35.975	35.407	36.216+1	35.407
2 m	Donald Pancheri	red 93 Mazda Miata	36.873	35.253+1	35.679	35.954+1	35.512	35.512
F Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Scott Nardin	White 86 Solo Vee Werks	29.888+1	29.599	29.904+1	29.348	29.196	29.196
Formula 125' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1Tm	Randy Easton	Black/Whit 03 KGB Kart	31.192+DNF	31.733	29.597	29.413+DNF	29.949	29.597
2	Jeff VanDenBerg	Kart	33.711+DNF	36.405+DNF	31.226+DNF	32.564+DNF	33.455	33.455
Formula Junior B (8-11 yrs)' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Times					Total
1T	Carrie Easton	Blue 03 Iner Kart Briggs	73.474+DNF	64.220	59.573	54.642	53.962	53.962

SBR Calendar of Events

Sept 5 SBR Membership Meeting

Sept 10 SBR Solo #7 (Tire Rack)

Sept 22 PitBoard submission deadline

Oct 3 SBR Membership Meeting

Oct 15 SBR Solo #8 (Tire Rack)

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Several other SBR members joined Kim, Woody and I as we took turns riding with the novices and giving out advice. Be smooth...look ahead...firmer on the brakes...closer to the pylons. We were impressed with the talent on display from this year's class! They learned quickly and showed noticeable improvement by the end of the afternoon. Many of them returned for the Sunday Solo and a chance to drive in a competitive setting. We're hoping to see all our new friends at future SBR events!

Thanks to Kim and Woody for their organizational effort and hard work throughout the whole weekend. Thanks also to the dynamic team of SBR regulars for setup, teardown and everything in between (you know who you are!). And an extra special thank you to Lloyd Loring for sharing his time, humor and glorious monophonic sound all weekend long. Congratulations on a great job, everyone!



Two participants express their enjoyment of the South Bend Region Solo School