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The Bert Olson National

By Lloyd Loring

Mother Nature didn't make it easy to stage the inaugural Bert Olson National staged by the South Bend Region at GingerMan Raceway at South Haven, MI. Friday night saw high winds and heavy rain, plus a power outage at the track. By early Saturday the power was back and a light rain ended before qualifying began. While there was some standing water it dried during the morning as qualifying for the 91 cars proceeded as scheduled.

Because this was the final National of 2007, drivers arrived from 16 states in search of points or starts needed to become eligible for the 2007 Runoffs. Drivers from Texas, West Virginia, Connecticut, Alabama, Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas were some of the more distant entrants. Most, however, were from the Great Lakes Division or nearby Central Division regions.

The first race of the weekend was scheduled for Saturday afternoon, leaving plenty of time to run the other 5 races on Sunday despite a 2-hour "quiet time" created to avoid disturbing the neighbors during church services.

The 24 lap Race Group 1 included Spec Miata, T2 and T3, and SSB and SSC. 19 drivers took the green with Jason Henderson's T2 Nissan 350Z on the pole and the T3 Cadillac CTS-V of John Buttermore beside him. The Spec Miata's started on row 4 with David Bednarz and Jeff Luckritz. Starting at the back was Shawn Slattery whose SM qualifying times had been disallowed.

In short order the Buttermore "Detroit Muscle" Cadillac was at the front and pulling away, eventually lapping all but the top six cars. Joe Aquilante moved his T2 Pontiac Solstice into 2nd place for a General Motors 1-2, while Jason Henderson hung on to the last podium step in the Nissan. Behind the T2 cars Rob Huffmaster led the T3 cars in his Mazda RX-8, followed by the Honda S2000 of Chad Gilsinger and the Cobalt of local driver Kevin Fendozzi.

Shawn Slattery carved through the field from last to win

Spec Miata and 7th overall. Jeff Luckritz placed 2nd in SM while David Benarz was 3rd. Brian Peele led SSC all the way and Chase Lin was uncontested in SSB.

After the race a driver/worker party was held in the La Dolce Vita pavilion with plenty of "goodies" plus cash generously donated by the drivers, raffled to the workers. Literally everybody was a winner! We also remembered Bert Olson, a long time racer, gymkhana and rally contestant and quintessential worker for whom the race was named. The drivers were also advised that every class winner was eligible to pick up a bottle of GingerMan Championship wine to take home with them as a present from Dan Schnitta, track owner.

The weather report for Sunday was warm and dry. Unfortunately it didn't mention the local heavy fog, which shrouded

GingerMan making it impossible to start racing until the corner



Formula cars in the mist!!

workers could see their own stations and adjoining track. This was Mother Nature's last trick and the balance of the day was very pleasant.

The first Sunday race group of 22 cars included Formula A, B, C, E, and Formula Mazda plus Sports 2000 and C and D Sports Racing. Seth Ravndal was on the pole in his FA Swift, with Jason Byers alongside in his FA Ralt. John Larue was the fastest FC car on the 2nd row just edging Tom Schweitz in the only FB. The first of the Mazdas was on row 3 driven by Juan Marchand who had the advantage of being on his home track.

The 24-lap race went by in just 32 minutes on this 1.9 mile track and it was Seth Ravndal's FA Swift leading from flag to flag followed by James Byers in the FA

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SBR Spotlight

My First SBR National Race

Bob Bowman

Here we are getting up at 4 a.m. Saturday to go to our first race. (Boy what are we doing? Sure hope this is fun!) We are on the road by 5:20 a.m. and pull in to the racetrack at 6:15 a.m. (Sure looks dark around here!)

Hey, the gates open, that looks like Lloyd sitting there in his Miata. Let's go in and see what's going on. I think that's Paul at the bottom of the tower. It is Paul; he is looking for coffee pots. All he keeps saying is everyone said they were bringing coffee pots but I only have one coffee pot.

Anyway, as time gets closer to starting time everyone is showing up. We are all gathered around at the bottom of the tower and have our race official meeting (I know you all call us race workers but we are race officials! Because I am not going to work all week and then "work" all weekend also!).

Glenda gets sent upstairs to timing and scoring and I get sent to corner 5 with James from INR. James and I get out to our little hut for the day and he explains the important stuff to me. A few minutes later William from WMR shows up on our corner. All right. Now we have three, and William has lots of experience - so he gets the radio!

William goes into detail on what we need to know, hand signals and everything. He did teach me one hand signal I cannot tell you about on here, and no it is not "your number 1." The morning session went pretty good, we had a few spins on our corner and enough action to keep it interesting.

We go in for a great lunch that Jeff's wife set up for us. (I am sure Jeff's wife set it up because it was good!) Everybody has stories and is talking at once. The next thing we knew it was time to get back to our assignments.

James and I get back to our corner and no William. Oh no! We realize William took the radio with him! We have James, scanner and we hear control checking in with all the corners. Corner 1 here, corner 2 here, corner 3 here, corner 5... uh oh, corner 5 control to corner 5, Hey James what we going to do, hold our hands up like we don't know what to do? We don't know the hand signals for no radio!! They finally figure out we didn't have William, and he had the radio. Lloyd pages him - and still no William. Control to corner 5, I don't know how you are hearing me but we are sending out another radio.

All right, the radio shows up at the same time that William does with the first radio. Now we can start the afternoon sessions.

Car spins off track, William holds out yellow flag and calls into radio control, all of a sudden William is saying fire, fire, grab the fire bottle! I just freeze. (I run from fire not run to fire!) James

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SBR MEETING MINUTES (8-8-07)

ATTENDEES: Kim Bollinger, William Loring, Paul McBride, H.C. Colwell, Jeff Luckritz, Mark Manninen

Approved minutes from 7-10-07.

TREASURER'S REPORT- H.C. Colwell:
The club is less than \$100 from being in the black!

MEMBERSHIP: 170

SOLO: Kim Bollinger
Two events were held in July, one at Lake Shore High School with 37 entries and one at Tire Rack with 67 entries. For the year-to-date SOLO has made money and is in the black! Two more events are scheduled for September 9th and October 14.

RACE: Paul McBride
National Race Details. Lots of them! The required Chiefs have been appointed. F&C workers have been found (Thank you Duane Belisle!!!) Timing and Scoring, Registration, and Gate Keeper volunteers are being secured. An ambulance for Leon will be on site. Jeff has food and liquid refreshments under control. Trophies have been received. Hat Pins are being made. Now all we need are entries. About 120 of them! Be there (GingerMan) August 25 and 26 for:

SBR Presents the BERT OLSON NATIONAL.

PROGRAM CHAIR:
SBR member Patrick Ohmann showed us a video of racing in Freeport, Bahamas vintage 1984. Next month we will have a presentation about the new Prairie Hill race track near Rensselaer, IN.

OLD BUSINESS:
Solo trailer weighed in at 5860 pounds! Can you say, "Two Axles?"

NEW BUSINESS:
SBR SCCA board nominations to begin in September. Alex Pancheri to solicit prospective victims.

GENERAL MEETING: 26 in attendance

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Krauss, Secretary

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Monthly Meeting

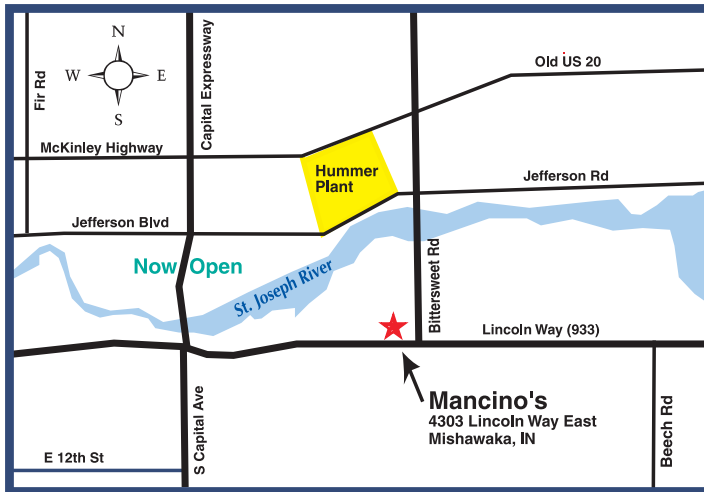
When: First Tuesday of the month

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

Who : You do not need to be a member of SCCA to attend. Members and guests are always warmly welcome at all SBR meetings

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

Note: All times are South Bend, IN times



Free SCCA dues for 1 year!

If you qualify for any of the positions listed below, you will receive full SCCA dues for a regular member(local + national).

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

Or, hold any of the positions listed below and receive 50% of full dues for a regular member.

Activity Points Keeper
Car Show Coordinator
Divisional Race Worker License Holder
Club Secretary
Solo Chief Safety Steward
Solo Timing and Scoring Chief
Solo Course Design Chief
Solo Equipment Chief
Solo Trophy Chief

Please see SBR By-Laws for details. Contact Jeff Luckritz if you have questions.

New Members

No new members this month.....

See page 6 to find out how to join

SBR Solo #5—Lakeshore High School July 22, 2007

B Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	65	Roy McGinley	Blue 99 Mercedes SLK 230	INR	49.769	48.136	46.811	46.998	45.729
		Livingston, TX			47.358	47.96	45.729		-
C Stock' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	49	Tim Gaisford	Silver 74 Porsche 914	SBR	40.612	40.56	40.994	40.132	39.655
		Warsaw, IN			39.963	39.655	40.497		-
2 m	3	Paul Stock	Red 00 Mazda Miata	SBR	43.103+DNF	42.877	42.629	43.397	41.728
		Mishawaka, IN			41.8	41.728	41.906		2.073
E Stock' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	51	George Schmitt	Black 96 Mazda Miata	SBR	37.956+1	37.948	37.845+1	38.007+3	37.948
		Elkhart, IN	Sand Designs Inc		38.931	38.172+1	38.489		-
2 m	91	Bruce Secor	Red 92 Mazda Miata	SBR	44.588	44.864	44.407	44.706	44.119
		Niles, MI			44.55	44.119	44.471		6.171
F Stock' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	48	George Williams	White 02 Chevy Camaro Z28	SBR	39.064+1	38.988	39.022+1	39.375+1	38.988
		Middlebury, IN	Team Scruffy		38.800+1	39.707+1	39.720+1		-
2 m	14	Dave Gushwa	PatriotRed 93 Pontiac Formula	SBR	40.802	39.841	40.019+1	40.189	39.189
		Mishawaka, IN	Back Marker Racing		39.873	39.189	39.403+1		0.201
G Stock' - Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	63	William Loring	Blue 00 Toyota Celica GT	SBR	40.831	39.998	39.631	39.868	39.124
		Osceola, IN	The Tire Rack		45.670+1	39.623	39.124		-
2Tm	95	Mark Manninen	Silver/Blk 03 Mini Cooper S	SBR	42.005	40.478	40.206	40.526	40.013
		Granger, IN	Small Feat Racing		40.179	40.013	40.037+1		0.889
3 m	68	Parker Brown	White 99 Ford Contour SE	SBR	44.940+DNF	41.853	41.43	41.21	40.725
		Portage, MI	Explainers.com		40.918	40.631+1	40.725		0.712
4 m	36	Bob Bowman	Red 87 Nissan 300zx	SBR	48.183	46.933	47.909	48.22	45.729
		Niles, MI	Skippy		46.859	46.779	45.729		5.004
G Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	36	Glenda Bowman	Red 87 Nissan 300zx	SBR	49.931	49.046	48.807	48.04	48.04
		Niles, MI	Skippy		48.56	49.735	49.789		-
H Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	44	Doug Tuveson	Silver 06 Ford Focus	SBR	45.137+1	44.24	44.12	44.052+1	43.89
		Mishawaka, IN	None		44.537+1	45.065+1	43.89		-
C Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	64	Duane Beisle	Red 86 Mazda Rx-7	SBR	45.832	44.654	45.138	44.833	44.654
		Elkhart, IN			44.824	44.243+1	54.533+2		-
2	85	William Howe	Silver 85 Mazda RX7		48.982	51.649+DNF	48.133	47.728	47.728
		Mishawaka, IN							3.074
C Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	21	Angie Johnson	Black 94 Mazda Miata	SBR	44.91	44.385	43.479+1	43.628+1	43.367
		Goshen, IN	Grrrry Racing		43.023+1	44.414	43.367		-
E Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	54	Bob Walker	Blue 05 Ford Mustang	SBR	43.024	42.009	41.874	41.626	41.165
		Benton Harbor, MI	Moose Motor Sports		41.165	41.469	40.883+1		-
2 m	42	Josh Westfall	Red 95 Chevy Camaro	SBR	42.100+2	42.273	41.454+1	42.002+1	41.682
					42.131	41.682	42.088+1		0.517
3 m	24	George Westfall	Red 95 Chevy Camaro	SBR	49.843	49.302	49.045+1	49.694	49.255
		Benton Harbor, MI			49.255				7.573
F Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	20	Robert White	Red 77 Austin Mini	SBR	46.544	47.463	46.32	45.245	45.245
		Niles, MI			46.052	46.277	46.167		-
2 m	23	Patrick Ohmann	White 91 Ford Festiva	SBR	48.791	48.666	48.362	46.956	46.902
		St. Joseph, MI	D.B. Cooper		47.398	47.088	46.902		1.657
F Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	123	Gretchen Ohmann	White 91 Ford Festiva	SBR	50.368+DNF	46.449+DNF	46.880+1	47.551	45.807
	[23]	St. Joseph, MI			45.883	45.807	46.110+1		-
2 m	23	Megan Ohmann	White 91 Ford Festiva	SBR	49.117	46.867	46.127	53.464	46.127
	[123]	Stevensville, MI			47.33	47.06	46.328		0.32
D Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	99	Stan Jones	Blue 90 Mazda Miata	SBR	39.005+DNF	39.479	38.646	38.16	38.16
		Constantine, MI			39.063	38.733	38.571		-
A Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	44	Daniel Martin	White Electric Car		48.8	49.171	47.749	49.079	46.95
		Stevensville, MI			48.708	46.95	47.471		-
C Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	88	Dave Dawson	White 06 Evolution	SBR	42.893	40.499	41.836	40.655	40.499
		South Bend, IN			40.604+DNF	28.623+DNF	30.436+DNF		-
Formula 125' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	29	Randy Easton	Black/Whit 03 KGB Shifter Kart	SBR	36.143	34.555	34.823	33.568	33.15
		Niles, MI	Elmers Locksmith		33.695	33.8	33.15		-
2 m	122	Jeff VanDenBerg	Yello 00 Renspeed 125	SBR	40.662	74.085+DNF	38.863	37.652	37.338
		Niles, MI			38.324	37.338	57.677+DNF		4.188
Formula Junior A' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	21	Caillin Kennedy	Red 03 Beirl 100cc		72.966	65.943	52.478	46.633	46.633
		Osceola, IN	Thanks Randy and Carrie!		47.673	56.576+1	48.007		-
Formula Junior B' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	21	Carrie Easton	red 03 Birel 100cc	SBR	51.513	57.365+1	56.841	52.431	50.398
		Niles, MI	Elmers Locksmith		54.322	53.223	50.398		-

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Bert Olson National: A rookie outsider's perspective

By Dave Gushwa

This past weekend Aug 25-26 I had the privilege to work F & C at the South Bend Region's first National level road race at the GingerMan Raceway. SBR in the past had always been a partner in previous races, so this is the first time SBR has hosted an event Solo. Speaking of Solo, there were a lot of my fellow Solo competitors in attendance to help out. I have raced Solo II for some 7 years now, off and on, as time and money would allow. The last SCCA road race event I attended was back in the late 70's at Indianapolis Raceway Park, yes it is more than a Drag strip and an oval. I have never worked or helped organize a legal and sanctioned racing event. (Plead the 5th here.) I have always concentrated on driving, first at the Drag strips, then in WKA Enduro Karts, and now in Autocross. I was lured to work this event by the offering of a free race weekend. All it cost me was gas and time. In return I would get the one of the best seats in the house, (actually out on the course) and free meals.

The event was a success in Three dimensions. First race cars actually showed up. Second this event may have helped to grow the sport. Third it was a great tribute to Bert Olson.

Race Cars, yes there were race cars, and as someone so articulately stated "We will have weather today" unfortunately the weather was in the form of rain for Saturday's morning practice

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Ralt and John Larue in the FC Citation for a class win. Juan Marchand moved up to 4th overall to lead the Mazdas to victory with Mark Brayles earning 2nd in FM. Tony Sleath was first in S2000 followed by Mark Hardyman also in a Carbir. Doug Schumacher took the CSR class win, while Barney Powers in his Bobsy took the DSR trophy. Tom Mihelich barely edged Corey Dalenberg to take the Formula Enterprises crown.

As quickly as possible Race Group 3 which included GT 1 and 3, American Sedan, and one each T1 and BP cars, was off on its pace lap. Phil Lasco in his big Mustang was on the pole with Bryan Long beside him in a Camaro. GT1 cars took up the first two rows followed by the GT3 cars of Mike Cyphert in a Celica and Paul Young in a Ford Probe. Andy McDermid was the first AS Mustang.



Ryan McManus spinning in turn 1

It took just 3 laps for Phil Lasco to drop out with car problems leaving Bryan Long in charge for the rest of the race. He was followed by 3 GT1 cars with Rick Dittman in 2nd and Ryan McManus 3rd in class. A lap behind the overall winner Rob Warkocki took the GT3 win over Paul Young and Mike Cyphert. Jason von Kluge inherited the AS win when Andy McDermid had to retire with an oil leak with just 4 laps to go. Kevin McVicker and David Ours were 2nd and 3rd in AS. Kris Von Sydow took BP while John Buttermore was the T1 winner.

The fog only delayed the start of the "quiet time" by about 30

qualifying sessions. Unlike NASCAR we race in the rain. Saturday afternoon and Sunday were perfect, except morning fog on Sunday delayed us for an hour. It was mentioned at dinner Saturday night that there was a fear that only handful of cars were going to show up. Thankfully a lot of late entries came in to boost the field to some 90 cars. Including 4 GT1 ground pounders, which I am told is rare for so many to show at the same event. Wow those cars are cool and fast, wish there were more out there. A good field of Spec racers showed, many formula cars were there, the GT3 class had 3 cars finish nose to tail for the top 3 spots. Overall a great mix of cars, and some great close battles for position.

Growing the Sport; Thanks to Duane Belisle's effort at the last Solo event at the Tire Rack, many Solo II people showed out to try their hand at course work. Thanks for twisting my arm Duane. At the race, I was able to work corner 2 and corner 11 with Jim Desenberg, a great teacher for F&C. Within the first two practice sessions, he had me flagging and communicating like a pro, well I did OK anyway. The other rookies also did OK, I overheard comments between the real F & C group that the newbies were doing a good job. I think a few more corner workers were born this weekend. Anyone who didn't show up really missed a great time. Try it you'll like it.

Bert Olson tribute; I did not personally know Bert, but the stories told at the campfire Saturday night gave me some perspective.

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minutes so we were back on schedule for Race Group 4 after lunch. A dozen cars lined up for Group 4 including D, E, F and H Production and GTL. Sam Halkias was on pole in his EP Triumph TR6 with Michael Sturm beside him in a Honda Prelude. Mark Carpenter came from Burlington, CT to lead the FP cars from 3rd on the grid, while Ray Huffmaster's Mazda RX-8 was the first DP car. Sam and Michael finished in the same order they started, while Mark won FP over Michael Moser and Roy Carrera. Ray Huffmaster faded to 8th overall but still won DP. Joe Kristensen took GTL and Robert Bax was the HP winner.

Group 5 included F5, FF and FV. On pole was the very quick F5 Novakar of Brian Novak with the FF of Lewis Cooper III beside him. Brian led every lap averaging over 77 MPH. Other top F5 cars were Michael Vacek and James Weida. Coming from 6th on the grid, Russell Ruedisueli finished second to take FF over Lewis Cooper III. Joseph Bertolucci won FV.

The final race of the day was all Spec Racer Ford. On the pole was Jeffrey Barrow from Clover, South Carolina, while the Ohio drivers Sandy Satullo and Nick Evans plus Michigan driver Scott Treat completed the first two rows. In a hard fought battle Nick Evans won by over 10 seconds while Sandy Satullo held out for 2nd just 0.3 seconds ahead of Jeffrey Barrow.



Start of Spec Racer Ford race

There was very little car-to-car contact this weekend and very few DNFs making it an enjoyable race for all concerned. The season is over. Let the Runoffs begin!



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 Chair: David 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 _____
 E-Mail: _____

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

IF SPOUSE ONLY APPLICATION: Present Spouse Member Number _____

IF INDIVIDUAL + SPOUSE OR FAMILY APPLICATION:

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

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

Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____
 Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____
 Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Member	\$60.00		\$15.00	\$75.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Member	20.00		5.00	25.00	\$ _____
<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 years old or less.

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

Visa/MasterCard Credit Card 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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grabs fire bottle and runs and runs way over there almost to the car and we all realize the driver is just trying to start the car and the flame is coming out of the exhaust.

William gives me the yellow flag and says “remember, off course hold, on course wave.” (I think William thought it was time for me to do something besides watch!) Hey, that’s pretty easy, I can do this. Two more groups qualify, and there I am still waiting for my chance to do something. YES! Finally a car spins off course! I hold out the yellow flag just like the pros!

We get through qualifying - all 6 groups. Now we get to have a race. William tells me the few things that are different during a race, and we are ready. Here they come. Oh my - this is interesting now they are actually trying to pass each other. Wow, the race was great. Just a few minor incidents, no hurt feelings.

Let’s go eat! Again we have some great food. They gave us a numbered ticket as we came in the door. There are prizes for us and the drivers donated cash to give to us - hey, this is great! Lloyd calls out the first number, it belongs to Paul (I won’t tell you which Paul, but he talks a lot!) Anyway, all the officials got at least two great prizes. Well, looks like the day is about over so we head for the car. Oh there’s Dave Bowman (yes, I know his last name for some reason) he is lighting a campfire. That looks like fun but we have to drive home so on our way we went.

BEEP, BEEP, BEEP, oh what 5 a.m.? Oh yeah race. Gotta go to the race track. Back at the track right on time 7:15 a.m. race official meeting and assigned with the same people but on corner 7.

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Obviously he was dedicated to the Sport, and fun to be around. His legacy will grow with each Bert Olson Memorial Race that is put on. I heard some comments about it being an annual thing. It may be too much to make it annual, but I’m sure there will be more to come. There is a great amount of effort that was put into this race and I would like to thank everyone that put it on. Being new, I can only name a few people so to spare any grief of not being recognized, I will only say that you know who you are, and keep up the good work. If you really need to know names, look at the event flyer, and add spouses and friends to the list. If everyone showed up with a race car there would never be a (legal) race anywhere. It is obvious that it is the support people that make racing legal, fun, and safer for all. Finally here’s to you Bert, you put on a Hell of a Race. THANKS!

Get to corner 7 and we get set up. Hey, wait. We didn’t have this stuff yesterday. William explains everything to me again but now we have to use the black flag and number board when control tells us too.

I grab the yellow flag and said “I know how to use this one!” Anyone notice we cannot see corners 5 or 10? Race control to corners - tell me when you can see the pace car. What pace car?? We waited and we waited and finally the fog lifts enough to get started. We had a couple of good races. Not a lot happens on corner 7 but it was fun.

Hey, it’s quiet time. Quiet time? I don,t think so! They told us the race officials could take their personal cars around the track during quiet time at 50mph. We did exactly what they told us (I passed Dave Gushwa at 49MPH, that’s my story and I am sticking to it!).

We had another great lunch and more great racing in the afternoon. We had a great time and made some new friends.



Some of the 34 SBR members who helped make the race a success

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'Street Touring' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Times			Total	
1f m	7	Brady Miller	Black 91 VW Jetta GLI	SBR	42.901	42.421	46.866+DNF	42.518	42.421
		Bremen, IN							-
2 m	312	Nathan Bulmon	Black 04 Ford SVT Focus	SBR	45.138	43.936	57.152+DNF	44.355	43.683
		Peoria, IL	Nope		44.596	43.683	43.735		1.262
3 m	33	Daniel Flores	Red 92 Honda Civic	SBR	44.246	44.055	43.757	43.931	43.757
		Bremen, IN	Bremen Theater						0.074
'Street Modified' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Times			Total	
1T	28	Ryan Bromley	Red 90 Ford Mustang GT		41.116	40.273	40.058	40.168+DNF	39.737
		Fennville, MI			39.969	39.762	39.737		-
2 m	103	Bruce Clevenger	Blue 93 Mazda MX3	SBR	41.405	41.245	41.502	41.182	40.472
	[3]	Berrien Springs, MI			40.714	40.472	41.611		0.735
3 m	3	Gary Burton	Gray 90 Ford Mustang	Sbr/Fwr	40.600+1	41.273+1	41.253	41.619	40.576
	[103]	Columbia City, IN			40.708	41.639	40.576		0.104
'Street Modified 2' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times			Total	
1f m	3	Chris Weldy	Blue 96 Chevrolet Camaro	SBR	39.617	38.789+1	39.061	38.854	38.423
		Frankfort, IN			38.839	38.541	38.423		-

Top Times Of Day	Time	Class	#	Driver
Raw time	33.15	F125	29	Randy Easton
Stock	37.948	ES	51	George Schmitt
Street Prepared	41.165	ESP	54	Bob Walker
Prepared	38.16	DP	99	Stan Jones
Modified	33.15	F125	29	Randy Easton
Jr. Kart	46.633	FJA	21	Cailin Kennedy
Street Touring	42.421	STS	7	Brady Miller
Street Modified	38.423	SM2	3	Chris Weldy

Street Survival, get involved

By Parker Brown

On Sunday, I was a volunteer instructor at The Tire Rack's third Street Survival Teen Driving event of 2007. What a rewarding experience! It was first class all the way, and I'm quite sure I enjoyed it just as much as the students did.

My job was to ride along and provide guidance as each student negotiated a skills course in their own vehicle. The emphasis was on car control and confidence behind the wheel, not speed. These new drivers made some fantastic improvements throughout the day.

There are just a couple more sessions scheduled for this year. Please get involved and support this great cause. I know I'm going back for more, and I hope to see you there!

The Tire Rack is hosting one more event this year on October 6th. Contact Sue Blasko at The Tire Rack if you'd like to help out. In addition, Fort Wayne Region will be hosting their own event on Sunday, September 16th. If you can volunteer to assist at this event, please contact Tom Miller by e-mail, or by phone at 260-433-1142.

Flyers and contact information for these events can be found on the SBR Website (www.sbrscca.org).



SBR Calendar of Events

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| September 4 | SBR Membership Meeting |
| September 9 | Solo Points Event #7
(Tire Rack—South Bend, IN) |
| October 2 | SBR Membership Meeting |
| October 14 | Solo Points Event #8
Final Solo event for 2007
(Tire Rack—South Bend, IN) |
| November 6 | SBR Membership Meeting |

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