

# PITBOARD

October 2007

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Sports Car Club of America



## SBR Solo #7—Look Further Ahead, September 9, 2007

A Stock' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	7	Brady Miller Bremen, IN	Gray 02 BMW M3 SBR	48.027 48.146	47.766+DNF 46.448	46.141 46.141
2	10	Rich Hammond Grand Haven, MI	Mean 07 Pontiac Solstice GXP None	50.066 48.406	47.416 47.548+1	47.416 47.100+DNF
						1.275
B Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	1	Bill Wah Buchanan, MI	Blue '04 Mazda RX8 SBR	52.217 50.465	50.551 49.355	47.970 47.970
2 m	93	Bob Bowman Niles, MI	Blue 3 Nissan 350z Thanks Carrie	51.119 52.635+DNF	50.281 49.457	55.763+2 49.457
3	88	Joseph O'Neill West Lafayette, IN	Grey 05 Mazda RX-8 SBR	60.833 53.030	52.095+1 53.287	53.693 53.030
						3.573
B Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	93	Glenda Bowman Niles, MI	Blue 3 Nissan 350z Randy Who	58.745+DNF 54.625	53.729 53.846	52.316 52.316
D Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1T	71	Steve Brower Rockford, MI	Black 08 Audi TT Still Not Dead Yet Racing	47.801+1 45.496	44.811 54.109+DNF	45.071 44.811
E Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	51	George Schmitt Elkhart, IN	Black 96 Mazda Miata Sand Designs Inc	44.080 43.310	42.981 42.631	42.879 42.631
F Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	48	George Williams Middlebury, IN	White 02 Chevy Camaro Z28 Team Scruffy	45.564 43.701	44.193+DNF 43.454+1	44.222 43.701
2 m	14	Dave Gushwa Mishawaka, IN	PatriotRed 93 Pontiac Formula Back Marker Racing	45.247+1 45.021+1	44.546+1 45.160+1	44.321 44.321
3	32	Darrell Schroeder Bridgman, MI	Red 99 Chevy Corvette SBR	58.970 58.531+DNF	57.682 57.996+DNF	57.595+DNF 57.682
						13.361
G Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	195	Mark Manninen [95] Granger, IN	Silver/Blk 03 Mini Cooper S Small Feat Racing	47.133 46.338	46.158 45.744	45.736 45.736
2 m	68	Parker Brown Portage, MI	White 99 Ford Contour SE Explainers	47.055+1 46.631+2	46.706+3 46.667	46.971 46.667
3 m	95	Donald Pancheri [195] South Bend, IN	Silver/Blk 03 Mini Cooper S South Bend			
						DNS
H Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	44	Doug Tuveson Mishawaka, IN	Silver 06 Ford Focus None	50.775+1 51.218+1	50.956+1 53.042+DNF	50.269+1 52.269
Street Touring' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1T	1	Nick Nardin Bremen, IN	Gold 97 Saturn SC2 SBR	53.586 53.322+DNF	52.245+2 51.846	52.004+2 51.846
Street Touring Xtreme' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1T	182	Bill Thomas [82] Caledonia, MI	Black 02 Subaru Impreza What's a semis?	46.931+1 45.621	45.400+1 44.409+1	44.799 44.799
2	82	Robert Palmbo [182] Holland, MI	Black 02 Subaru WRX SBR	47.240 44.952+2	45.543 45.157+1	45.492+1 45.543
						0.744
Street Touring Ultra' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	43	John Hutchinson Zeeland, MI	Blue 5 Subaru Legacy GT no	47.533 45.837+1	46.188+1 45.765+1	47.243+2 47.533
Street Modified' - Total Entries: 5 Trophies: 2			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	167	Andrew Neinhuis Holland, MI	Blue 84 VW GTI SBR	46.437 44.939	44.895 43.908	43.907 43.907
2T	28	Ryan Bromley Fennville, MI	Red 90 Ford Mustang GT SBR	45.858+DNF 45.290	46.032 44.764	45.128+1 44.764
3 m	3	Gary Burton [103] Columbia City, IN	Gray 90 Ford Mustang Sbr/Fwr	46.423 46.178	45.805 45.914	45.974 45.805
4 m	103	Adam Lewis [3] Elkhart, IN	Grey 90 Ford Mustang SBR	54.540 48.827+1	47.842 46.862	46.600+2 46.862
5	21	Heath Lashmit Elkhart, IN	Red 91 Honda Civic SBR	49.254 48.763	48.138 47.334	46.451+1 47.334
						0.472
Street Modified 2' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Region	Times	Total	
1Tm	3	Chris Weldy Frankfort, IN	Blue 96 Chevrolet Camaro SBR	46.362+1 44.482+1	43.748 43.337	43.006 43.006
2	9	Steve Swanson Muskegon, MI	Green 2000 Mazda Miata SBR	45.690 45.301	43.710 43.298	43.341 43.298
						0.292

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# SBR Spotlight

## RE Notes

Jeff Luckritz

Disclaimer: The following statements are those of the author, and in no way are the opinion of South Bend Region, SCCA.



Is SCCA Club Racing heading in the wrong direction?

Reason #1-National level participation is pathetic. In 2007, there were 71 National races held all over the country. Here are the results

Average # Entries/race	Class
20	SM
18	SRF
8	FV
6	FA,FF,EP
5	GT1,FC,DSR,FM,FP
4	AS,FE,SSB,T2,F5
3	T1,CSR,SSC,GT2,GTL,HP,S2,T3
0-2	GT3,GP,BP,DP,FB,ST

Conclusion #1-Racers like classes that are affordable. People can buy a competitive, front-running SpecMiata(SM) and Spec Racer Ford(SRF) for less than \$20k. Not only that, the cars will continue to hold their value over the years. A brief survey of the classifieds in *SportsCar* will show that SRF's sell for \$17k all day long.

Conclusion #2-Racers at least want to think they can win any given race. Spec Classes provide that hope. Put me on a racetrack with 20 other SpecMiata's and there are only two basic reasons I'll get beat. One is driver skill and the other is car preparation. In general, a guy doesn't have to spend a ton of money to run up front. Yes, a car that has \$20k invested should do better than a car that has \$10k invested, but it's not a hard and fast rule. Try that in GT or the Production classes where people have sunk \$75k into a car.

Reason #2-The Runoffs have lost some appeal. Just take a look at the following data I have taken from the top 5 classes in terms of participation at National races.

Class	Total Participants	GLDIV	CENDIV
SM	39	1	2
SRF	41	4	9
FV	47	2	5
FA	16	0	5
EP	38	2	4

Conclusion #3-Topeka is boring. Based on the data above, racers in the Midwest are not willing to travel to the championship races in Kansas. I give credit to the track owners for making changes in the track configuration. They listened to the racers, and actually are try-

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## SBR MEETING MINUTES (10-02-07)

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

Approved minutes from 9-4-07.

TREASURER'S REPORT- H.C. Colwell:

INCOME: We not only remain in the black, but we received a refund from Ambulance Services at our Gingerman National Race putting us in the black for the race! It was agreed to open a 90 day CD for some of the club funds.

MEMBERSHIP: 164 (estimated)

SOLO-Kim Bollinger: 46 entries at the 9/10 Tire Rack event allowing positive cash flow. Last event for 2007 will be 10/14 at Tire Rack. 2008 schedule is being negotiated with Tire Rack, Northwood High School and Lake Michigan College. A lengthy discussion was held on potential Street Survival School(s) for future SBR SCCA membership drawing events.

RACE-Paul McBride: No steward reports on our national race are yet available. Only areas for suggested improvements were in the pre-race setup. Nationals will be reduced from 7 to 6 next year for the Great Lakes Division. SBR will continue to look at all viable options for road racing in 2008. Round Table is 11/3 in Ft. Wayne. Paul McBride will be in attendance.

PROGRAM CHAIR: Kim Bollinger will speak next month on karting in SOLO.

OLD BUSINESS: Cavalcade of Wheels exposure has not helped us in recruiting new members for the amount of club support we give it, even though we have a good time participating in this annual spring event. The board felt if the same effort were applied to a Street Survival School, it would be more beneficial in recruiting new members to the club while at the same time providing valuable skills to teen drivers in the community.

NEW BUSINESS: Current board members (see ATTENDEES at top, except for H.C. who is appointed as the club Treasurer) are all running for re-election which will take place at next months meeting. Dave Dawson has agreed to run for board member-at-large. Nominations remain open until the voting takes place. The January SBR SCCA Banquet is tentatively set for January 19, 2008, again at the Studebaker Museum.

GENERAL MEETING: 19 in attendance

Respectfully submitted, Leon Krauss, Secretary

## SBR Contact Information

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## Monthly Meeting

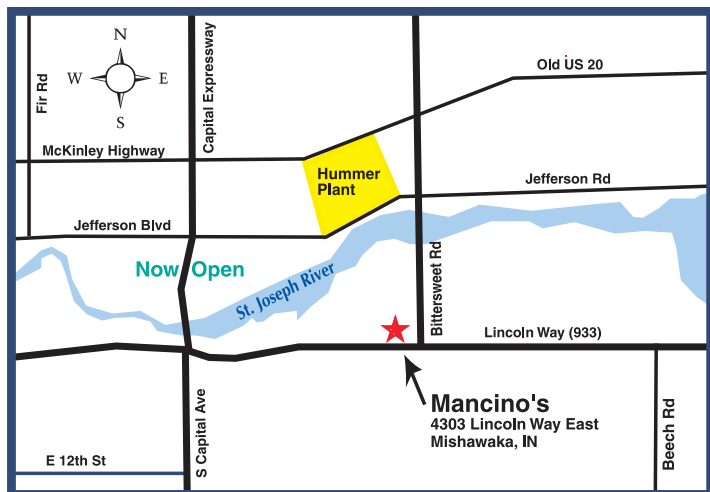
**When:** First Tuesday of the month

**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 hold 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

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.

## Kids, Karting and Solo

At the November meeting Kim Bollinger and her son, Ross, will give a presentation about getting kids involved in Solo through karting. Bring the whole family to find out more information about this exciting aspect of SCCA.

## New Members

No new members this month.....

See page 6 to find out how to join

# 2007 F1 Fuji Television Japan Grand Prix

Article and Photographs by Jeff Pontius

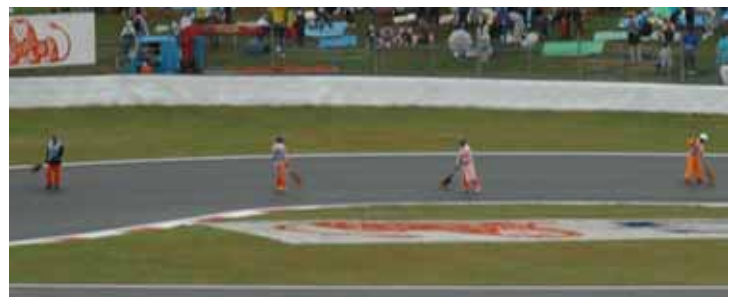
After almost 2 full years of living in Japan, I finally attended a live race. Motor sports are very popular in Japan, and nearly every weekend I can find some sort of racing to watch on TV, but attending in person is a completely different experience. I will try to share some of my experience with you.

History—the first F1 race held in Japan was in 1976 at Fuji Speedway. From 1987 to 2006, the Japan Grand Prix has been held at Suzuka Circuit. For 2007 and 2008, the races will be held at the Toyota owned Fuji Speedway. After 2008, the races are scheduled to alternate each year between Fuji and Suzuka.

In general, I had a great time, but the weather was miserable. Friday’s practice day was blazing hot and I got sun burnt, and then Saturday and Sunday we were plagued with rain and fog. Despite the first 17 laps being completed behind the safety car, the rain conditions made for an eventful race. Our seats were right in front of the hairpin and chicane, and it was a terrific location to see some good passing and a lot of mistakes.



Entering Fuji Speedway—a view from outside, showing some of the vending areas, tents, grandstands and especially Mt. Fuji (Fuji-san) in the background. Kind of cool.



Track clean-up, Japan F1 style. I wonder if any of them write an article called “We Be Sweepin’ ”?

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ing to make the track better for competition. But, the race is still located in bland, nondescript part of the country. Sure Mid Ohio is in the middle of nowhere too, but at least it was located in a picturesque location.

Conclusion #4-Racing is getting too expensive for the average “Joe.” Here’s what an average guy might spend in a weekend in Showroom Stock or SpecMiata. Your prices may vary.

Entry Fees	\$275
Gas	\$200
Hotel	\$200
Tires	\$200
Misc. Parts	\$200
<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>\$200</u>
Total	\$1275

Talking with guys that run Corvettes in T1, those numbers would probably triple. Yikes. Note that none of this includes actually buying the racecar.

Conclusion #5-The Runoffs cost too much money to attend.

Entry Fee	\$300
Gas	\$400
Hotel	\$700
Tires	\$800
Misc. Parts	\$200
<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>\$400</u>
Total	\$2800

Why do we need to spend 4 days for qualifying? With only 20 minutes of track time per day, there’s a whole lot of sitting around. See Conclusion #3 above. If the Runoffs were in a more desirable location, at least there would be something to do when you’re not racing.

How to fix it.

1. Create more affordable classes. Pick the cheapest, most reliable car and create one Spec Showroom Stock Class. Choose something like the Honda Fit and make it eligible for Five years. I could guarantee at least 10 cars per race. Sure it’s slow, but it’s cheap and everybody has a chance to win theoretically.
2. Reduce the number of classes by combining smaller classes. GT4 and GT5 did this quite successfully and made GTL. Do the same with HP and GP, FM and FE etc. Fewer classes means fewer groups which means more track time.
3. Dump expensive classes like BP, DP, and ST. SCCA club racing does not exist so that we can find room for ex-World Challenge cars. If the new Viper and ZO6 need a place to race, put them in one of the GT categories.
4. Shorten the Runoffs. Either qualify in two days, or have half the groups run Sunday through Wednesday and the other half of the groups run Thursday through Sunday. Less time at the Runoffs means lower expenses for the racers. Additionally, drivers and workers could spend more time at home or on the job.

Finally, these are just my opinions based on my involvement in racing for the past 13 years. Agree or not, something needs to be

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B Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	2	Matt Flournoy South Bend, IN	SBR	45.320	67.349	44.825+1	45.543	44.611	44.611
C Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1T	72	Adam Daly Zeeland, MI		49.700+1	48.012+1	45.989	46.699	45.702+1	45.989
D Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1T	42	Joe Conrad West Lafayette, IN		55.514	53.307+1	53.780+1	54.948+2	57.635+DNF	55.307
E Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1T	35	Bruce Kniller Elkhart, IN		53.893	50.357+2	51.433+1	50.373+DNF	49.528	49.528
F Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	23	Patrick Ohmann St. Joseph, MI	SBR	55.335	54.318	54.056	53.120+1	51.856	51.856
2 m	20	Robert White Niles, MI	SBR	53.899	52.969+1	53.345	53.076	52.210	52.210
F Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	123	Gretchen Ohmann St. Joseph, MI	SBR	55.482+2	52.666+2	51.366+1	49.785	50.643	49.785
D Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	99	Stan Jones Constantine, MI	SBR	45.687	43.565	42.931	42.621	42.655	42.621
G Prepared' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	194	Steve Bollinger [94] Granger, IN	SBR	43.444	42.453	45.636	42.816		42.453
2 m	94	Ross Bollinger [194] Granger, IN	SBR	46.226+1	43.643	44.486+1	42.380+1		43.643
G Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	94	Kim Bollinger Granger, IN	SBR	44.084	44.263	43.257+1	43.122+2	42.201	42.201
E Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	198	Steve Tamandli South Bend, IN	SBR	40.874	40.195				40.195
F Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	90	Scott Nardin Grandville, MI	Sbr	40.267+1	38.999+1	39.647	39.064	38.551	38.551
Formula 125' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	29	Randy Easton [129] Niles, MI	SBR	39.239	37.647	37.067	37.363	39.324+DNF	37.067
2 m	428	Jeff VanDenBerg Niles, MI	SBR	42.657	42.304	40.967	40.889	42.906+1	40.889
3 m	129	William Loring [29] Osceola, IN	SBR	44.935+2	43.182	43.451+2	41.366+1	41.495+1	43.182
Formula Junior A (12-15 yrs)' - Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2			Region	Times					Total
1T	32	Arin McLaughlin Stevensville, MI	SBR	53.258	53.193	49.822	49.574	49.277	49.277
2Tm	21	Cailin Kennedy Osceola, IN	SBR	61.575	53.438+1	60.219	55.625	54.677+1	55.438
3	20	Connor Brown Portage, MI		61.690	76.352	64.317+DNF	67.986+1	67.869	61.690
4 m	43	Jacob White Niles, MI	SBR	81.453	102.114+DNF				81.453
Formula Junior B (8-11 yrs)' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1			Region	Times					Total
1Tm	21	Carrie Easton Niles, MI	SBR	59.886	59.954	59.352	61.882+2	59.561	59.352

Top Times Of Day	Time	Class	#	Driver
Raw time	37.067	F125	29	Randy Easton
Stock	42.631	ES	51	George Schmitt
Street Touring	44.799	STX	182	Bill Thomas
Street Modified	43.006	SM2	3	Chris Weldy
Street Prepared	44.611	BSP	2	Matt Flournoy
Prepared	42.201	GPL	94	Kim Bollinger
Modified	37.067	F125	29	Randy Easton
Jr. Kart	49.277	FJA	32	Arin McLaughlin

## Contest: NAME MY RACE CAR

I will be building a new Formula Fist race car over the winter. It is an old FV that is being converted to FST Specs. Since I am having such a hard time coming up with a name, I have decided to let the members of SBR come up with one for me. There will be a great prize for the winner.

Rules:

- 1) No copy righted names
- 2) The car was called a LOBO in it's past life so that's out.
- 3) It has to be able to be put on an homologation form and not get sent back with a nasty note from National HQ.
- 4) Entries may be submitted by E-Mail, Post, or in person.

5) Entries must be submitted by 12/31/07

6) You must hold a valid drivers license in the state you live in.

7) You must be an SBR member

8) The winner will be announced at the annual banquet.

Now the fun part—the winner will get to drive one of my FST's at an SBR Solo in 2008! SOLO Rules regarding driver eligibility will apply.

Send your entries (1 per person) to:

Dave Dawson  
20067 Smallwood Street  
South Bend IN 46637  
Or  
dd46637@comcast.net





# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY INTEREST(S) IN SCCA:**

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	\$ _____
			<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

\*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.

# 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](mailto:pitboard@sbrscca.org)

## For Sale

6 OEM 15"x 6" Wheels/Tires off of my '99 SSB Miata that were last run in 2005. The wheels are straight and in pretty good shape for race wheels, but are by no means show quality. Four of the wheels have Hoosier AS05's mounted on them and the other two have Hoosier AS04's mounted. The tires probably have about 1/3 of their tread left, but should have lots of auto-cross runs left on them. \$325

Also have 7 other Hoosiers unmounted in the garage that I would like to sell if you're interested. All together there are enough wheels and tires to race for the season.

Call me at 269-429-3676 or e-mail [jluckritz@sjschools.org](mailto:jluckritz@sjschools.org)

## For Sale

Set of stock 16"x6.5" stock MINI Cooper S wheels, silver "V spoke". Two are mounted with Kumho V710 215/40ZR16 R comp tires (new in 2007) with about 55 runs and two have Hoosier AS03 R comp tires with about 90 runs (they have been flipped). No cords showing. With cleaning, the wheels are good enough for the street. I have the center cap covers also. If you are running a MINI Cooper in Stock, you need these. \$450.00 for all OBO

Call Mark in evenings 574.271.0810

## SBR Calendar of Events

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|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>October 14</b> | <b>Solo Points Event #8<br/>Final Solo event for 2007<br/>(Tire Rack—South Bend, IN)</b>                                                                         |
| <b>November 3</b> | <b>Great Lakes Round Table<br/>For information on registration, hotels<br/>see—<a href="http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/">http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/</a></b> |
| <b>November 6</b> | <b>SBR Membership Meeting<br/>Elections for 2008<br/>Absentee ballot located on page 8</b>                                                                       |
| <b>December 4</b> | <b>SBR Membership Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>January</b>    | <b>SBR SCCA Banquet<br/>Tentative date is January 19, 2008<br/>Location—The Studebaker Museum</b>                                                                |

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Besides the racing action, there was of course the usual "die hard" fans in attendance. The group below were drawing a nice crowd because of their unusual hats.



A picture from my seat during the middle of the race. It was raining so hard it was difficult to get a decent picture.



"Supper rookie" (that is what they call him in Japan), Lewis Hamilton making laps during practice on Friday. By the time you read this, he may already be the first rookie F1 Champ...



I hope to attend some other races in Japan (Formula Nippon, Japan GT car series, etc) during my stay. If I do, I will report on them in PitBoard. I will also be attending the 40th Tokyo Motor Show at the end of October or early November, I will try to report on that in the November or December issue.



## SBR ABSENTEE BALLOT

Please use this ballot if you cannot attend the November 6 membership meeting to vote for the R.E. and Board for 2008. Place in an envelope with your name(s) and address on the outside and send it before November 1, 2007 to: H.C. Colwell, SBR-SCCA, 61642 Kingston Court, South Bend, IN 46614-6445. Absentee ballots will be counted for the first tally of the R.E. ballot and then for the first Board tally, but will be discarded for any runoff tabulations. You must be an Active (regular), Spouse, Junior, Family, First Gear, or Dual member of SBR at the time of election to be eligible to vote.

### Regional Executive (vote for one)

- Jeff Luckritz\*
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Board of Directors (vote for four)

- Kim Bollinger\*
- David Dawson
- William Loring\*
- Mark Manninen\*
- Paul McBride\*
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\* *Incumbent*

*A separate ballot is required for each member voting. Copies of this ballot may be used.*