

PITBOARD

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Greetings; South Bend Region SCCA Club members

Article By Jeff Luckritz, RE
Dateline—Spokane, WA, June 27, 2008

Well, I've been on the road since June 30th doing marketing work for Toyota. More specifically, the new full-size Toyota Tundra. In a nutshell, we travel to different Home Depot's around the country and try to spark interest in the Tundra. Our display consists of five Tundra's equipped in various configurations, a Char-Broil "Red" grill, and on occasion Tony Stewart's Toyota Camry Nextel Cup Race car.

What do I Do?

My official title is "Subject Matter Expert," also known as "Product Expert." Basically, that means that I am supposed to know everything about this truck. Other members of the team have jobs described as Pro Driver, Grill Delivery, Registration and Crew Manager. Add them all up and there are 10 of us. We're marketing guys, not salesman. This usually puts people at ease when they find this out.

A typical day starts with us leaving the hotel at around 8:15 am, arrive at the Home Depot no later than 9:00 am, set up our displays, and be ready to go by 10:00 am. As customers arrive at Home Depot to shop, we invite them to check out the Tundra. Our primary goal is to encourage consumers to take the truck for a test drive. Whether or not they take a test drive, we hope they come away with a positive experience about the full size Tundra. A secondary objective is to get consumers to fill out a five question survey about their thoughts on the Toyota Tundra. If they take the time to help us out, we hook them up with a Toyota Trucks baseball hat.

At the end of the day we usually end up with at least 200 surveys about the Tundra and about 10 test drives and perhaps 2 Char Broil "Red" grills sold and delivered for Home Depot (It's a crossover marketing thing). After tearing down our displays, we usually

arrive back at the hotel by 6:30 pm or so. The next day we do the same thing at a different Home Depot (Ever see the movie "Ground Hog Day" with Bill Murray?).

The Good

I really enjoy talking with people about trucks, towing, hunting, fishing etc. Hey, I am a people-person that likes cars and trucks. Also, we're traveling to parts of the U.S. that I have never been to before. In Colorado, I visited Denver, Boulder and Golden. This is a very pretty part of the country with year-round weather that I could get used to very easily. After two weeks in the Denver metropolitan area, we spent a week in Salt Lake City. Not quite as appealing as Denver, but the surrounding mountains are gorgeous. The Spokane, WA area is also pretty, but in a different way than Denver. We had an opportunity to go kayaking after work one day in a mountain stream, and it was like something out of *Field and Stream*. We saw moose, trout jumping, all kinds of birds, and beautiful scenery around every bend. Most importantly, everybody on the crew gets along very well, which is vitally important since we are spending everyday together for 8 weeks.

The Not-So Good (besides being away from my family)

People ask us the same questions every day. Here they are in order of decreasing frequency:

Question: Are you giving away a Tundra?

Answer: No, but we are giving away a free hat in exchange for your opinion on the Tundra.

Question: What's the gas mileage?

Answer: We're averaging a combined 17.5 mpg while the EPA rates the 2WD model at 14 mpg city and 18 mpg highway which is pretty good considering it has 381 hp and 401 lb-feet of torque.

Question: How much can it tow?

Answer: Every model in the Tundra lineup can tow over 10,100 lbs which is the best in the half ton class.

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SBR Spotlight

SBR Offers FREE SCCA Membership!

You can join the SCCA for the first year at absolutely no cost to you. Really! And the SCCA will even pay your first year regional dues for you! It's so simple even I understand it. If you are a non-member, at every SCCA event you attend, you are enrolled as an "SCCA weekend member." You are given a form to fill out and you keep a copy. This form is the secret to a totally free membership for a full year. Here's how you use it.

Enter 2 local events and get two forms. These can be rallies or solos with any region at all. The number on each form is worth \$15 off on your first year membership. Assuming you are under 25 years of age that pays for ? of your first year membership. Now, using the latest SBR membership form, put down the name and membership number of any SCCA member. You can use mine if you wish. That is worth another \$15 off. You now have \$45 in credits for your \$45 membership fee. So your first year membership is absolutely free!

Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch! Of course if you are older than 24 your annual dues are higher. Even so, you can take a \$45 discount, meaning you saved 60%. Pretty impressive. And once you are a member you can get \$5 off for every new member who puts your name and membership number on their application. No limit.

Ask for a membership application today. Not only is your SCCA membership free, but your entry fees at future events will be reduced and you are eligible for regional championships as well. Cool!

We're on a mission from God...

Article By Bill Loring

We didn't see the prison made famous by Jake and Elwood Blues, but we did drive like we were on a mission.

On June 22nd, SBR was originally scheduled to have a "Challenge Event" with Fort Wayne Region. Unfortunately, that event fell through. So co-driver Mark Manninen and I were looking for a place to compete. We had several options: Rantoul, IL, Detroit, MI and Route 66 Raceway in Joliet, IL. Route 66 was the closest venue (less than 2 hours drive, it turned out), and also had a good reputation within the SCCA. We knew that Chicago Region put on good events, and Route 66 had a very large asphalt lot next to the drag strip.

(Continued on page 5) Leon Krauss, Secretary.

SBR MEETING MINUTES (7-1-08)

ATTENDEES: Kim Bollinger, William Loring (acting R.E.), Paul McBride, H.C. Colwell, Mark Manninen, Leon Krauss.

Approved minutes from 6/3/08.

TREASURER'S REPORT- H.C. Colwell: **INCOME:** Income slightly exceeded expenses for the past month. Year-to-date we remain in the red, but it is anticipated that should be overcome by event income over the next two months from SOLO, STREET SURVIVAL and RACE.

MEMBERSHIP: 184

SOLO-Mark Manninen: Grissom Event #3 had 50 contestants; #4 had 77 with 10 weekend members. Fun event on a large surfaced course and made money, too! Bill Loring, Mark Manninen, and George Schmitt ran the Chicago Region at Route 66 June 22. They also ran, along with Dave Gushwa Scott Nardin Chris Harvey, John Rogers, Richard Hammond and Crissy Weaver at the Peru National Tour. Next Tire Rack event is July 20.

RACE-Paul McBride: Chiefs have all been assigned. Workers, Workers, Workers are the key factors to make our National at Gingerman successful. Paul and H.C. Colwell were at Nelson Ledges recently where racing was delayed until Chief of F&C could round up enough "Workers" out of the paddock area to begin the weekend events! This is becoming more and more common. To date we have 20 cars all ready to pre-register. Trophies will be ordered in the next two weeks.

STREET SURVIVAL SCHOOL-Adam Lewis: 29 new students took part in the most recent Tire Rack School. It was suggested that 25 students should be the upper registration limit due to class room/on course time and instructor availability. The next event will be July 19 and conducted by our club from that point going forward. Workers/Instructors are needed!

OLD BUSINESS: Post on blog and in Pitboard, bring your automotive scrap metal products to SBR Tire Rack SOLO events to benefit Center for the Homeless. See the [blog posting](#).

NEW BUSINESS: Paul reported that Nelson Ledges has been sold and may even close down this fall in order to widen the track and replace all the buildings before reopening next Spring. They even repaved the bridge! There is a very nice article with colored pictures about the Bollinger racing family in the Community Profile section, July issue of Inside Granger magazine.

GENERAL MEETING: 21 in attendance

Respectfully submitted,

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Monthly Meeting

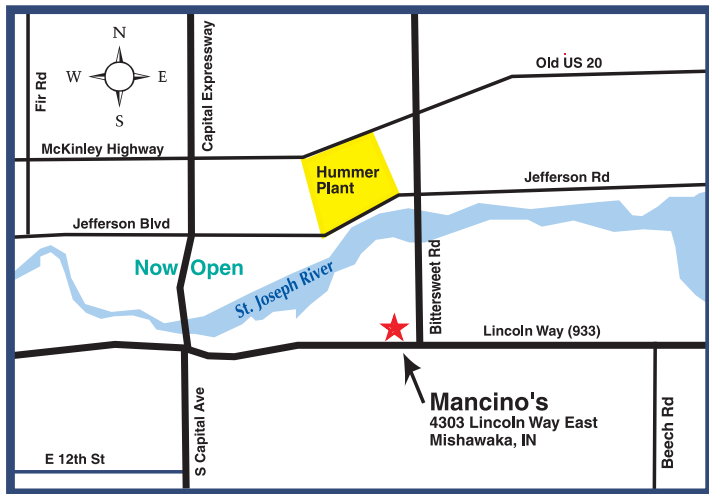
When: First Tuesday of the month

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 **6:00 PM**, General meeting at **7:00 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.

NOTICE—TIME CHANGE FOR MONTHLY MEETING

Starting on July 1st, the SBR monthly meets will start one hour early. The board meeting will now start at 6:00PM and the regular meeting will start at 7:00PM

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When we arrived, we found that George Schmitt had also made the drive to Joliet. It also turned out that this event was a homecoming of sorts for my Celica. I bought the car from Chicago Region member Paul Chrt, who was at the event in his immaculate STS2 CRX. Sorry, I didn't get a photo. Anyway, Paul came over and gave the car an affectionate pat on the fender, and numerous other members stopped by after recognizing the car. That was kinda fun.

The Route 66 drag strip is across the road from Chicagoland Speedway. It's a full NHRA track, and so it has a large parking area for the motorhomes and support vehicles of the competitors. This parking area is huge. According to Google Maps it's over 1,500 feet long, and at least 500 feet wide. Much larger than Grissom, and with a shape that is better for course layout. Good quality asphalt. No light poles. Indoor toilets. Nearly perfect. They had set up a very long course, which utilized the surface well. After a couple of walks, I was thinking that this would give me good practice for running in third gear. I was right.

One of the things that Mark and I immediately were enjoying, was that we were attending an event that we had NO HAND in organizing. That was a nice change from the usual scenario for us at SBR events. We got multiple course walks, we had time to prep the car, all in all, it was a relaxed morning. The weather was warm, but with a gentle breeze. A perfect day for autocross.

Chicago does a few things differently than SBR. They have season "reserved" car numbers. This means that you can reserve a number in their system at the beginning of the season, and be guaranteed to have that number for the whole year. Sound good, but because this was June, most of the numbers below 1000 were already taken. We picked 391 and 931 for our car numbers. Crazy.

They were experimenting with a new grid system at this event. It worked okay, but was different than we're accustomed to. No set grid assignments, so you just park wherever you want. Except that two-driver cars were at the front. They also split each heat

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Question: How much does it cost?

Answer: Prices start around \$28,000 for a 2WD double cab and \$31,000 for the 2WD Crewmax. Nope, our trucks are not 4WD, that adds about \$3000 to the sticker. Yes, it appears to cost more than the competitors, but the Tundra comes with a lot of standard features that are optional on other trucks, be sure to compare apples to apples.

Question: Is a diesel available?

Answer: A show truck was on display at SEMA, but we have not been given any information about a diesel option in the future.

Final Thoughts and Observations

The 2008 Tundra is a more than worthy contender in the ½ ton pick up truck market and consumers should check it out if they're in the market for a full size truck. The economy has changed

into two halves. There were four heats for the 165(!) cars that were entered. You run in two heats, and work in one. The fourth heat you are off. You run three runs in each heat, and you run in either the first or second "half" of the heat. Unless you're a two-driver car, then your runs are spread out through the entire heat. Confusing? Yes, a bit. But it seemed to work. The downside was that the heats were large, so they were very long. We had LOTS of time for driver changes. Like 20 minutes.

Halfway through the day, the event officials did an informal poll of the drivers... five runs or six? The vote came back for six. This made for an extremely long day. We ran in the first and third heats, and worked in the second. If we had worked the fourth, it would have been incredibly late when we left. As it was, I think it was 7:30 local time when we were getting dinner outside of Joliet. But we didn't mind, we were having fun. And we weren't going to have to help clean up the event site.

The course ended up being about 54 seconds long for me, with two third gear sections (over 55mph in the Celica), and two other places where I was on the rev limiter, but not in third. This was a long, fast, fun course. Heavy on transitions, and car placement was critical, due to the speeds. I ended up winning GS, with Mark a few seconds back in 2nd. Mark was struggling with the higher speeds, I think, and with the shifts to third gear and back to 2nd. He posted his best times when he didn't shift, but could concentrate on driving. George struggled with cones, his best runs were dirty. CS was a VERY competitive class as well, with some very well-driven cars. I ended up getting 25th on the index, out of 165 cars. I was pleased with that result.

Mark and I had a great time at this event, and plan to go back before Nationals. We found it was a good tune-up for the Peru National Tour event, which I hope to write about soon. Route 66 is a great site, with great people. If you have a chance to travel this year, consider making the trip. I know you'll have fun.

(duh) and we get a majority of our interest from contractors, people that tow trailers, and outdoorsman that hunt and fish. Kind of reminiscent of the pre-1990's when trucks were purchased for exactly those same reasons almost 20 years ago. Trucks were never intended for commuting 50 miles to work everyday, that's why we have cars....Duh!

I'll be back in town on August 20th so I will be missing the August membership meeting. Bill Loring will also be out of town, so Mark Manninen will be in charge. In my absence, my wife will be making all the food arrangements for our race on August 23rd-24th. I'll be at GingerMan on Friday testing my 1999 SpecMiata for our race the following weekend. In between my race sessions, I'll be sure all the volunteers are well fed and there's plenty of drinks for everybody.

See you in 3 weeks or so.

Solo Event #5 Results—"Look very far ahead" July 20, 2008—The Tire Rack, South Bend, IN

'Super Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	11	Troy Yoder	Black 1997 Corvette		54.169
		Goshen, IN			-
'A Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	10	Rich Hammond	Mean 2007 Pontiac Solstice GXP	SBR	51.651
		Grand Haven, MI			-
'B Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	5	Bill Wah	Blue '04 Mazda RX8	SBR	53.156
		Buchanan, MI			-
'C Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	1	Rex Higham III	Red 2004 Miata	SBR	52.850
		Elkhart, IN			-
'D Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	71	Steve Brouwer	Black 2008 Audi TT Coupe	WMR	48.562
		Rockford, MI	Still Not Dead Yet Racing		-
'F Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	48	George Williams	White 2002 Chevrolet Camaro Z28	SBR	49.489
		Middlebury, IN			-
'G Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	63	Mark Manninen	Blue 2000 Toyota Celica GT	SBR	49.328
		Granger, IN			-
2 m	163	William Loring	Blue 2000 Toyota Celica GT	SBR	49.395
		Osceola, IN			0.067
3 m	86	Sam Centellas	Aztec Red 2002 Nissan SE-R SpecV	SBR	50.429
		South Bend, IN			10.34
'H Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	4	Kelsey McLaughlin	Blue Plymouth Duster	SBR	66.213
		Stevensville, MI	Dad		-
'B Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	2	Matt Flournoy	Black 2005 Subaru WRX STI	SBR	48.363
		South Bend, IN			-
'C Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	21	Angie Johnson	Black 1994 Mazda Miata MX-5	SBR	52.152
		Goshen, IN			-
2	9	Matt Root	Silver 79 Mazda RX7		55.634
		South Bend, IN			3.482
'D Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	18	Bill Thomas	Grey 2007 Subaru Impreza		49.431
		Caledonia, MI			-
'E Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	1	Tom Walgamuth	White 84 Mercedes 280E		52.385
		Lafayette, IN			-
'F Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	23	Patrick Ohmann	White 1991 Ford Festiva	sbr	54.615
		Saint Joseph, MI			-
'F Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	123	Gretchen Ohmann	white 1991 Ford Festiva	SBR	55.862
		St. Joseph, MI	Rodeo Motorsports		-
'D Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	99	Stan Jones	Blue 1990 Mazda Miata	south bend	47.972
		Constantine, MI			-
'A Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	29	Jeff Everett	Blue 04 Formula SAE Formula		45.837
		Carmel, IN			-
'C Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	88	Dave Dawson	white 2001 Evolution Mk1	377402	46.160
		South Bend, IN			-
'Formula 125' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	42	Josh Westfall	2008 Shifter Ka Shifter kart	SBR	91.487
		Benton Harbor, MI			-
2 m	142	George Westfall	Silver 2008 Shifter Ka Kart	SBR	DNS
		Berrien Springs, MI			-
'Formula Junior B' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	43	Jason Spittler	Red/Yellow 2008 Kart	SBR	81.633
		Watervliet, MI			-
'Street Touring' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	11	Jake Drumm	zinc yellow 2000 Ford Escort ZX2		53.823
		Grand Rapids, MI			-
'Street Touring Xtreme' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	8	Matthew Liell	Black 2004 Dodge SRT-4		54.286
		Scotts, MI			-
'Street Modified' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Total
1Tm	13	Chris Weldy	Blue 1996 Chevrolet Camaro	South Bend	47.772
		Frankfort, IN			-
2 m	33	Gary Burton	Gray 1990 Ford Mustang	SBR	49.055
		Columbia City, IN			12.83
3 m	10	Mark Burkhead	Green 1993 Ford Mustang		58.455
		Middlebury, IN			9.400

Top Times Of Day	Time	Class	#	Driver
Raw time	45.84	AM	29	Jeff Everett
Stock	48.56	DS	71	Steve Brouwer
Street Prepared	48.36	BSP	2	Matt Flournoy
Prepared	47.97	DP	99	Stan Jones
Modified	45.84	AM	29	Jeff Everett
Jr. Kart	81.63	FJB	43	Jason Spittler
Street Touring	53.82	STS	11	Jake Drumm
Street Modified	47.77	SM	13	Chris Weldy



Membership Application

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 SCCA Membership Department, PO Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400, or to the South Bend Region, SCCA Membership Chair: David Bowman 3807 Fern Hill Dr, Mishawaka IN 46544-6267

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 _____ / _____ / _____

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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 RallyCross Performance Driving

The **Weekend Membership Program** offers a \$15 discount toward your first year's dues. Provide the number(s) on your weekend membership form(s). Maximum of two [\$30] no more than 60 days old may be used.

Weekend Membership Number _____ Second Weekend Membership Number _____

The **SCCA Membership Referral Program** is an incentive for current SCCA members to refer new members. Provide the name and membership number of the SCCA member who introduced you to the SCCA, to receive a \$15 discount toward your first year's dues. Your SCCA friend will get a credit on their next membership renewal.

Referred by SCCA Member: _____ # _____
(First and Last Name) (Member Number Required)

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"/> Military (Less \$35 rebate with proof of active duty)	60.00	15.00	75.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear Member (Must be less than 25 years of age)	30.00	15.00	45.00	\$ _____
Discount for prior Weekend Memberships (\$15.00 each, max of 2 see above)			Deduct	-\$ _____
Discount for Membership Referral (\$15.00 see above)			Deduct	-\$ _____
			Grand Total	\$ _____

- Enclosed is my check or money order. **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 of both organizations.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

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



SBR Calendar of Events

- August 16** **Street Survival—Teen Driving School
(The Tire Rack, South Bend, IN)**
- August 23/24** **SBR Bert Olsen National and
Restricted Regional
Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI**
- September 2** **SBR Membership Meeting
Samuel Mancino’s Italian Eatery,
Mishawaka, IN
NEW TIME—7:00PM**
- August 14** **Solo Points Event #7 -
“Look even farther ahead”
(The Tire Rack, South Bend, IN)**
- October 7** **SBR Membership Meeting
Samuel Mancino’s Italian Eatery,
Mishawaka, IN
NEW TIME—7:00PM**

Want more info?—www.sbrscca.org

Mark your calendars & spread the word

2008 Great Lakes Division Roundtable

November 1, 2008

Dayton, Ohio

Hosted By: Western Ohio Region

Agenda, travel & motel info to follow

Send questions, comments, suggestions & agenda topics to:

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