

PITBOARD

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WE BE FLAGG'N (and WATCH'N)

WARNING: *You have to read through a lot of fluff to get to the really good stuff. If you get to the very end and have not found it, repeat this process.*

Just coming off a masterfully-designed, organized and managed hugely successful SBR/WMR SCCA National/IT Regional weekend at Gingerman has made me realize that this article is long overdue (plus Jeff Pontius wanted to know when in the heck I was going to write one at all!). No excuses, especially since one might think that being an unemployed engineering technical writer, I'd have the time to write articles for *Pitboard*. But, please allow some back tracking to fill in the last few months and why I have been derelict in my duties. Even though there has been much activity expended in seeking new employment since late January, auto racing remained constantly on my mind, in my heart, and in my actions.

Early April, with the Granger weather trying to change from gray skies to rain, the lack of sunshine forced Marolyn and I to seek the sunny warm confines of Clearwater Beach, Florida. While there we attended the Indy Racing League race in St. Pete as guests of the Firestone Tire Company. We witnessed Ryan Briscoe of Penske Racing win the IRL race much to our Ganassi-support dismay. This negative was countered by a very positive, pleasant and humorous evening dinner spent with Paul and Marcia McBride who were also vacationing in the area. Marcia was pleasant and Paul was humorous, especially after the fourth Captain and Coke! Upon our return we met with many of you at the impressive private Mittler Car Collection for a few enjoyable hours going down auto racing memory lane. Tom Mittler was our gracious and accommodating host and we have Lloyd Loring to thank for setting up this unique opportunity to view some spectacular European racing vehicles from times and race tracks going back even to the early 1900's!

On Saturday April 26, Adam Lewis managed many of us in a very well received Street Survival School at the

Tire Rack. The parents of the teenage drivers were duly impressed and said so. We may have some future SCCA members as a direct by-product of this event! May 2-3 allowed for the first flagging opportunity of the 2009 racing season at the 100 car Regional/National at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Clermont, Indiana. Sadly, this may have been the very last SCCA race at ORP as the National Hot Rod Association wants to eliminate turn 13 between the grandstands and all those turns behind them to accommodate their NHRA fans. Ironically, this event was the 50th anniversary of SCCA at ORP. We celebrated this fact with a gigantic cake (actually 8 cakes placed together) and covered with icing resembling the entire ORP race course. It was really, really good, especially the 2nd helping! But, by the 3rd helping it was somehow only so-so.

Friday May 8 was a long afternoon drive to Gas City, Indiana for the season-opening Silver Crown series on their ¼ mile dirt oval. I joined my son, Nicholas, and a nearly sold-out crowd watching 750 horsepower open-wheeled, action-packed racing. When I got home at 2:30 a.m. and looked at my face in the mirror, I then understood why many of the race fans were wearing goggles and plastic face shields. Can you say red clay dirt?

May 23-24 was a busy weekend as I spent Saturday F&Cing with Jim Desenberg at corner 2 of the WMR Regional at Grattan followed by attending the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday. Again, with my son, Nicholas, we witnessed Helio Castroneves bounce back from some financial mishaps to win his third "Indy" for Penske Racing. Ganassi's Dixon and Franchitti came in fourth and fifth respectively, but just didn't have the breaks to put them up front at the end of this famous American Memorial Day weekend tradition. Not letting any grass grow under my feet, the very next weekend Marolyn and I were sitting in the grandstands at the Milwaukee Mile for the A.J. Foyt 225. This IRL race was won by Ganassi's Scott Dixon (where do you think those door prize cars come from? When Scott wins, you win!)

Whew! After a couple of weeks of honey-dos at home (Thank God there was some racing coming up. Now I

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Work or Fun?



Prepping a 1999 Mazda Miata for SCCA Spec Miata requires a variety of mechanical skills, patience, and money. Throughout the past four years the amount of prep work required to be a front-runner in SCCA's second-most popular class has steadily been increasing. More prep work means more time, parts, and of course, money.

I am not a front-runner in spec miata, but I am in that "second group" of also-rans. Whether I'm racing at ORP, Nelson Ledges, GingerMan, Grattan, or Road America, I find myself not being able to contend with the front-runners. This can be contributed to car prep and driver skill (or lack thereof).

Typical race prep for me includes: aligning the car (camber, toe, and castor), scaling the car by getting a 50% cross-weight, blue-printing the front hubs, changing differential, transmission and crankcase fluids, changing spark plugs, and checking the brakes. Some of these items are done before every race, while others are attended to every other race. I'm not sure what the front-runners are doing, but I imagine it's quite a bit more. I really can't be sure though because there's a lot of "secret" stuff going on that nobody really talks about.

After acquiring a data acquisition system in 2009, I found that it's time to improve my driving skills. More specifically, my braking skills. I can hit apexes, drive the correct line and accelerate out of corners with the best of them. But, the data showed that I need to drive deeper into corners and brake later, a lot later. By overlaying my data with that of other drivers, it became crystal clear that my car could go deeper into corners and was losing as much as 0.30 seconds on each of Road America's slower corners (1,3,5,8 and 12). Do the math, that's 1.5 seconds a lap just in braking. Believe me, the data doesn't lie.

So, here it is in the middle of August and I am contemplating my attendance at the SCCA Runoffs at Road America held in the middle of September. After testing leakdown in my engine, it looks like I'll need some work done on the cylinder head(\$). Other items that need attending to are; new batteries for the in-car radios(\$), new racing gloves to replace gloves with a hole(\$), get fuel injectors matched and blue-printed(\$), make the car pretty again after a rough race at Grattan(\$, but more time).

I love the competition and the people involved in racing. Where else can a 44 year old teacher get an adrenaline rush like you get when racing side by side with two, three or four other race cars at over a hundred miles per hour? Yep, it's a lot of work getting ready to race, but it's worth it.

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SBR SCCA BOARD MINUTES 08-04-09

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

Approved minutes from 07-07-09.

TREASURER'S REPORT- H.C. Colwell: We had a large amount of income (clubhouse) and to a lesser degree expenses from the July Gingerman National Race. We also had income from two SOLO events and compensation from Lane Automotive. There are still a couple of Race expenses pending.

MEMBERSHIP: 201+

SOLO- Mark Manninen: 51 participants at the Tire Rack and 29 at Lake Shore High School in Stevensville. Lake Michigan College has requested dates from us to use their facilities in 2010! A motion was made and approved to purchase a used (only slightly) EU2000I Honda Generator for \$775. One of our three laptops needs repairs and will do so if not more than \$200. We will hold off purchase of a new display board for the remainder of this SOLO season. Next events at Tire Rack will be 9/27 and 10/11.

RACE- Paul McBride: 121 cars registered/raced the July National at Gingerman. 30 SBRSCCA members participated. This was a hugely successful event (clubhouse) and we will share the financials with Western Michigan Region who co-hosted the event. August 8-9 we will co-host another National and the financials with WMR at Grattan. Currently 89 cars are pre-registered and 14 SBR members plan to work the event.

STREET SURVIVAL- Sam (no longer single) Centallas: 25 student drivers (full car limit) are registered for the August 29 Tire Rack school. Workers are needed—contact Sam (streetsurvival@SBRSCCA.org). We have been asked to consider putting on another school yet this year due to the popularity of this event (we had to turn drivers away from the August 29 date!). INR will be contacted to see if they could assist. Date TBD.

PROGRAM: Kelby Krauss of Target Chip Ganassi Racing gave an interesting and thorough overview of this racing organization and his day-to-day Media and Public Relations responsibilities. IRL, NASCAR and Grand AM teams were discussed as well as associated drivers, personalities, "drama," and the future of these racing venues. Kelby was

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Monthly Meeting

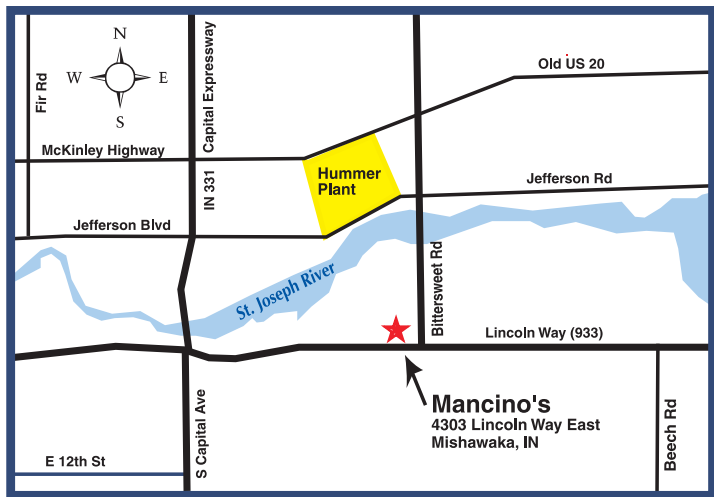
When: First Tuesday of the month

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
Street Survival 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.

New Members

Jared Shroyer

Not a member? See page 7 to find out how to join today!

SBR SOLO Event #6—Great Lakes Division Series Event—Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN, June 6, 2009

'Super Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	1	David Jurek	Orange08 Chevrolet Corvette		72.126	77.633	63.211	59.141	59.141
'C Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	1	Tom Walgumth	Black 99 Mazda Miata	Indy	53.634	52.241	44.966	44.465+1	44.966
2 m	3	Paul Stock	Red 00 Mazda Miata	SBR	49.338+DNF	48.910	48.060	46.392	46.392
3 m	2	Rex Hgham III	Red 2004 Miata	SBR	50.952	49.619	50.158+1	47.315+2	49.619
'D Stock' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	71	Steve Brouwer	Black 2008 Audi TT Coupe	WMR	48.253	46.347	44.474	43.422	43.422
2	400	Keith Candiotti	Avus 02 Audi TT	CHI	47.055+1	59.570+1	45.688	70.010+DNF	45.688
'E Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	52	George Schmitt	Black 1996 Mazda Miata	SBR	47.766+1	47.168	45.936+2	44.023+1	46.023
'F Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	14	David Gushwa	Patriot Red 93 Pontiac Formula	SBR	47.754+DNF	48.471+1	48.261	45.213	45.213
2 m	48	George Williams	White 2002 Chevrolet Camaro Z28	SBR	48.114+1	46.832+DNF	48.537+3	45.358+1	47.358
3	5	Joseph Herzog	Black 94 Chevrolet Caprice		69.864	66.355	62.639	58.068	58.068
'G Stock' - Total Entries: 5 Trophies: 2				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	163	William Loring	Blue 2000 Toyota Celica GT	SBR	47.768+1	45.419	45.280+1	43.607+1	45.419
2Tm	63	Mark Manninen	Blue 2000 Toyota Celica GT	SBR	48.700+1	48.886	47.920	45.740	45.740
3 m	86	Sam Centellas	Aztec Red 2002 Nissan SE-R SpecV	SBR	51.124	48.571	48.336+1	48.403+1	48.571
4	35	Jon Peiffer	Black 95 Ford Probe		52.759	52.136	49.616	49.078+2	49.616
5	59	Erik Manninen	Silver 2007 Mazda 6		66.434+3	54.417	55.941	51.769	51.769
'G Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	63	Caillin Kennedy	Blue 2000 Toyota Celica GT	SBR	60.329+3	56.219+2	58.273+1	52.575	52.575
'H Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	24	Jared Shroyer	Black 06 Toyota Corolla LE	SBR	67.279	63.928	60.000	57.282	57.282
'Street Touring' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	13	Jon Miller	Thunder Gray 03 Mitsubishi Lancer OZ Rally	SBR	60.470	55.185	53.956	50.554+1	52.554
2	1	Nic Tagliaferri	93 Toyota Corolla		106.040+DSQ	75.354+DSQ	76.572+DSQ		DSQ
'Street Touring Sport' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	88	Steven Ruschak	Red 90 Mazda Miata	INR	48.676	47.900	45.713	47.185+1	45.713
'Street Touring Sport Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	10	Linda Ruschak	Red 90 Mazda Miata	INR	55.924	51.314	51.503	50.138	50.138
'Street Touring Xtra' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	527	Lee Muhleman	Silver 2004 Subaru WRX	SBR, INR	55.926+1	54.512+1	47.528	45.768+DNF	47.528
'Street Touring Ultra' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	93	Bob Bowman	Orange 10 Chevrolet Camaro	INR	54.151	52.468	56.742+1	49.758	49.758
'A Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	19	Michael Rink	Silver 07 Lotus Exige	SBR	53.039	48.668	45.879	47.951+1	45.879
'B Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	10	Rich Hammond	Mean 2007 Pontiac Solstice GXP	SBR	50.822+DNF	49.689	48.135	45.413	45.413
'C Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	21	Angie Johnson	Black 1994 Mazda Miata MX-5	SBR	48.047+1	45.640+1	44.983	44.575	44.575
2Tm	64	Duane Belisle	Red 1986 Mazda RX-7	SBR	48.506+1	48.410+3	47.017+1	45.416	45.416
3 m	121	Scotty Johnson	Black 1994 Mazda Miata	SBR	47.640	46.948	47.784+1	47.659	46.948
4 m	85	William Howe	Silver 1985 Mazda RX-7	SBR	52.742	50.493	50.293+1	59.427+DNF	50.493
'E Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	124	Keith Margraf	Blue 1982 Pontiac Firebird SE	INR	52.479+DNF	45.648	43.828	43.470	43.470
'F Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	23	Patrick Ohmann	White 1991 Ford Festiva	SBR	51.692	51.353	50.441	52.016+1	50.441
2 m	20	Robert White	Red 77 Austin Mini	SBR	54.133	54.067	52.678+DNF	52.981	52.981
'F Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	123	Gretchen Ohmann	White 91 Ford Festiva	SBR	82.719+DNF	54.280+1	51.546+1	51.350+1	53.350
'Street Modified' - Total Entries: 8 Trophies: 3				Region	Times				Total
1T	11	Dave Matula	Grey 93 Nissan 240 SX	Salina	46.478+1	44.614+1	42.500+1	42.623	42.623
2Tm	13	Chris Weldy	Blue 1996 Chevrolet Camaro	SBR	46.749	43.810	44.043+1	43.224	43.224
3T	6	Mike Aumick	Blue 2008 Subaru WRX STI		45.718+1	43.714	43.558	43.320	43.320
4 m	68	Alex Samardzich	red 1994 Honda Civic	SBR, INR	47.542	44.865	44.107+1	43.962+1	44.865
5	5	John Hutchinson	Blue 05 Subaru Legacy GT	4	45.148	44.503+1	43.780+1	43.492+1	45.148
6 m	86	Jason Gast	copper/silver 1999 Mercury Cougar	SBR	48.407+1	45.278	45.395	43.474+1	45.278
7 m	54	Nick Domster	Black 93 Nissan 240SX	SBR	49.561	48.318	47.288	47.330	47.288
8	18	Michael Johnson	Blue Hyundai Tiburon		53.979	51.905	50.077	49.424	49.424
'X Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	75	Bill Belcher	Red 04 Ultima GTR	SBR	60.945	49.707	63.118+1	56.668+DNF	49.707
'D Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	99	Stan Jones	Blue 1990 Mazda Miata	SBR	45.329	44.424	44.735	41.772	41.772
'G Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	194	Steve Bollinger	Yellow 1966 Austin Healey Sprite	SBR	43.662	43.453+2	42.354	41.616	41.616
'G Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	94	Kim Bollinger	Yellow 1966 Austin Healey Sprite	SBR	52.885	49.729	46.496		46.496
'A Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	29	Jeff Everett	Blue 04 Formula SAE	Indy	42.623	41.384	41.079	41.266	41.079
'F Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	90	Scott Nardin	White 86 Solo Vee Werks	SBR	39.653	38.522	38.539	38.945	38.522
'F125 Shifter Kart' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1T	51	Henry Phillips	Red 00 Trackmagic Demon	INR	41.458	38.975	38.381	37.372	37.372
2 m	29	Randy Easton	black/white 2001 go kart kgb	SBR	41.268	39.490	38.477	38.773	38.477
3 m	122	Jeff VanDenBerg	Yellow F125	SBR	30.453+DNF	44.000	42.161	41.065	41.065
'Junior Kart A' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total
1Tm	21	Carrie Easton	Red 2003 Birel 100cc	SBR	72.073+DNF	51.269	46.089	44.796	44.796

Top Times Of Day	Time	Class	#	Driver	Top Times Of Day	Time	Class	#	Driver
Raw time	37.372	F125	51	Henry Phillips	Street Modified	42.623	SM	11	Dave Matula
Stock	43.422	DS	71	Steve Brouwer	Prepared	41.616	GP	194	Steve Bollinger
Stock Ladies	52.575	GSL	63	Caillin Kennedy	Prepared Ladies	46.496	GPL	94	Kim Bollinger
Touring	45.713	STS	88	Steven Ruschak	Modified	38.522	FM	90	Scott Nardin
Touring Ladies	50.138	STSL	10	Linda Ruschak	Kart	37.372	F125	51	Henry Phillips
Street Prepared	43.470	ESP	124	Keith Margraf	Junior Kart	44.796	FJA	21	Carrie Easton
Street Prepared Ladies	53.350	FSPL	123	Gretchen Ohmann					

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have tendonitis in my right elbow. Those beers get very heavy after a few cases!), Marolyn and I joined Dawn and Jeff Luckritz at St. Joe, Michigan for the Lane Automotive Motor State Challenge beach barbecue. We got up close and personal with the drivers and their 50 muscle cars from the 60s, 70s and 80s. It was a sight to behold to see these cars parade single file rumbling past Silver Beach (and the pulled pork was especially delicious!). The very next day found these cars and many of our club members at Gingerman where they spent the day putting these cars to the test. Unfortunately, three failed the test big time with major engine malfunctions (what is all that white smoke and sticky stuff from the rear end of the cars?). “Control, Control this is Corner 6 waving yellow. Go ahead Corner 6 waving yellow. Do you have any extra cough, cough dry-absorb?” Also a couple other cars found out they were **not** designed for off-road activity! We even had a bright yellow 1951 Chevrolet prepared as a NASCAR from yesteryear make numerous rounds on the Gingerman race course. But this group still had not had enough and returned Sunday morning to the east lot of Lake Michigan College where our club members met up with them one more time to run auto crossing forward and backwards (no, not in reverse, just in the opposite direction). These drivers had so much fun that we literally wore them out (either that or they were running low on fuel and treads) and they asked us if we could shorten the afternoon runs. They did thoroughly enjoy themselves and greatly appreciated SBR SCCA organizing and running these events for them. They have already stated they hope we would repeat the process for them next year! And we are being very well compensated by them for our efforts in spite of negotiations by Jeff Luckritz!

(End of fluff.)

Are you still with me? Here comes the good “stuff!”

The next weekend, June 27, was a special treat for yours truly. Saturday evening found me under the lights at Richmond, Virginia International Speedway. IRL driver introductions take place on the track at the start/finish line and I was placed at the exit to their reviewing stand so every driver passed right by me after their introductions (Yes, Danica Patrick is as pretty as she appears on TV and Helio is always smiling!) You know that beautiful long-haired pony tail blonde that interviews all the IRL drivers comes up and stands right next to me so I begin to give her my life racing history when all of a sudden she abandons me to interview Dario Franchitti as he steps off the reviewing stand. And there was not one word about me in the racing news the next day. Go figure! Women! As Norm on Cheers says, “Women, you can’t live with them and you can’t live without---uhhh, pass the beer nuts.” When she was done interviewing Dario, I “assisted” in escorting him back to his #10 neon green TomTom race car on pit lane. I then moved over to Scott Dixon’s #9 red Target car as Scott put on his helmet before entering the cockpit (Trivia bonus point: Scott Dixon is the only IRL driver to put on his helmet *before* he gets into his race car!). I am still standing at his left front wheel when, “Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines” is heard over the PA system (Lloyd, their PA announcers can’t hold a candle to you!). What a rush as the cars scream out of pit lane for their pace laps! I retire to Dixon’s pit box and immediately felt out of place. I look around me at all the pit crew members in their bright red Ganassi Target racing uniforms and

here I am in my cotton Ganassi tee shirt and Bermuda shorts. What the heck am I doing here? I excuse myself and return to the grandstands to join my wife. Now, the race itself was fairly un-spectacular. Helio crashed into the backstretch wall and Danica finished in the top 10 as she usually does. Upon winning the race, Scott Dixon apologizes to the fans for the lack of and inability to pass. Dario came in second and he echoed Dixon’s concerns about not being able to provide more exciting side-by-side racing for the fans. As Marolyn and I are directed inside Victory Circle (it’s not really round at all!) we get to see Dixon try on about 30 different sponsor hats handed to him by our son, Kelby (for being a “hat man” he is paid pretty darn well!) The crowd opens up a path as Ashley Judd (Mrs. Franchitti!) leaves Victory Circle so I look up on the jumbo tron and lo and behold there we are on **National TV** (You can all touch me at the next club meeting where I will be graciously signing autographs!)! So Ganassi Racing finishes 1, 2 and I didn’t have to throw a single flag, but it was just as well as my tendonitis was really acting up!

Saturday July the 4th and no racing, but my heart was as I sat on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. where we watched Aretha Franklin, Barry Manilow, Jimmy Smits, the Sesame Street Gang and the Jersey Boys perform on the Capitol lawn. Then we hear the 1812 Overture, Stars and Stripes Forever followed by 30 minutes of the most magnificent fireworks over top of the Washington Monument that you would ever hope to experience. Breathtaking!! Your tax dollars at work. Thank You very much! We had to force ourselves to return “Back Home Again in Indiana”, but not before a stop over at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. That place is another whole story! WOW!!!!

The WMR/SBR Regional IT/ National race was facing us the very next weekend at Gingerman and I knew Paul McBride didn’t have any finger nails left, so back to race mode once again. That Friday afternoon we met at the track with 93 cars pre-registered. We set up for the pre-event feast of corn-on-the-cob, hot dogs, burgers, brats, plus Jim Krzyzewski and Bernard Spazanski’s Polish sausages cooked with their secret special sauce (Budweiser)! Early evening and after a few beers had been properly addressed we were at 103 cars! Registration closed (Thank you Kendra!!!!!!) that evening with 113 cars! Things were really looking good. Paul had taken care of EVERYTHING—the stewards had their designated parking spaces and personal Joy Johns—we had electricity—there was no fog Saturday morning—**123 cars** had shown up to race—30 SBR SCCA members were present helping out—and we had Workers for ALL the flagging stations! Let’s go racing! And racing we did! Until next time (anybody need an unemployed engineering technical writer?)

Keep on Flagg’n

P.S. Coming soon to a race track near you; The USAC Hoosier 100 ¼ midgets at Lakeville; IRL races at Kentucky Motor Speedway and Chicagoland; WMR/SBR National at Grattan; and another Street Survival School at Tire Rack. Stay tuned for further details.

Looking for SBR Street Survival Volunteers for August 29th

We all benefit when teens drive better... so help us get a few more teens out there better skills behind the wheel! The South Bend Region is hosting another Teen Street Survival School on August 29th, 2009 and we need volunteers.

Who are we looking for?

We need volunteers and coaches able to show up at 7:30 AM and stay until 3:00 PM. Volunteers could be setting up registration, putting out food, shagging cones, or just helping to be sure everyone has what they need. To be a coach we need someone with a little more driving experience, but you don't need to be a National Run Offs Champion! We need someone who understands car control in dry and wet conditions and is able to be patient with a young student.

What do you get out of it?

You get the satisfaction of knowing that you helped get safer drivers on the street... but don't worry we have some tangible items as well. You will get some free Tire Rack swag... and can't forget about free lunch and a good time with fellow volunteers.

How do you get involved? The first step is to contact me, Sam Centellas your fellow SBR Member and Street Survival Chair for this event. You can reach me via email at streetssurvival@sbrscca.org or call me at 616.610.0042. I need all volunteers to RSVP with me so I know who to expect and set up some work assignments!

Thank you for your support!

STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM'S ONGOING EXHIBITS

- Harley Davidson: Building a Legend consists of 29 motorcycles dating as far back as 1912 and consists of motorcycles ranging from early Peashooters, Servi-Cars, and classic Hogs.
- Lincoln: The Man You Didn't Know consists of the carriage that Abraham Lincoln rode in the night he was assassinated as well as Mary Todd Lincoln's shawl, the White House china used by the Lincolns, and other truly wonderful items. One must come in to fully indulge in the great history surrounding the nation's 16th President.

Studebaker "Hot August Nights" Cruise-In to be held August 29th

- Who: For Car Enthusiasts around the Michiana area!
- What: A "Cruise-in" benefitting the Studebaker National Museum
- When: Saturday, August 29th, 2009 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Where: Studebaker National Museum, 201 S. Chapin St., South Bend, IN

The Studebaker National Museum is happy to announce the 1st Annual "Hot August Nights" Cruise-in. For \$12, participants in the "Cruise-in" can show off their car and get free admission to the Studebaker National Museum.

All makes and models are welcome and dash plaques will be given to the first 50 cars! Admission to view the cars is free so bring your family and friends. Admission to the Museum for attendees to the "Cruise-in" is a special rate of \$5 and youths under 16 are free so be sure to see the great Harley Davidson: Building a Legend Exhibit! Food will be available for purchase from Walk-A-Dog and Bonnie Doon and music will be provided from WJOE. Don't miss this great event to socialize with other car enthusiasts in the South Bend area!

Photo's from the WMR/SBR Road Race at Grattan



Lynnette Markowicz splitting the cars before the start of a race



Jim Krzyzewski making fast laps in his SRF



Jeff Luckritz racing wheel to wheel with past national champion Harry Manning



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. Make checks to SCCA.

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 Active 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 _____ / _____ / _____

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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	\$65.00	\$15.00	\$80.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Member	23.00	5.00	28.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	101.00	20.00	121.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Military (Less \$35 rebate with proof of active duty)	65.00	15.00	80.00	\$ _____
<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	-\$ _____
Discount for Military Service (\$35 with proof of active duty)			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

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SBR Calendar of Events

August 29	Street Survival —The Tire Rack, South Bend, IN
September 1	SBR Membership Meeting Samuel Mancino's Italian Eatery, Mishawaka, IN (NEW TIME—7:00PM)
September 5 & 6	Tire Rack Pro Solo Finale—Lincoln, NE
September 9—11	SOLO Nationals—Tire Rack Solo National Championships, Lincoln, NE
September 27	SOLO Points Event #8—The Tire Rack, South Bend, IN
October 6	SBR Membership Meeting Samuel Mancino's Italian Eatery, Mishawaka, IN (NEW TIME—7:00PM)
October 11	SOLO Points Event #9—The Tire Rack, South Bend, IN
December 1	SBR Membership Meeting Samuel Mancino's Italian Eatery, Mishawaka, IN (NEW TIME—7:00PM)

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well received by the club members with many pertinent questions.

OLD BUSINESS: Round Table November 14 here in Michiana. Details forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominating Committee for 2010 board of director's elections should be created in the next two months. A marketing strategy for 2010 should be considered before the 2010 racing season begins. A motion was made and unanimously approved to include the Street Survival Chair for full membership dues reimbursement effective immediately.

GENERAL MEETING: 28 in attendance plus four guests!

Respectfully submitted. Leon Krauss - Secretary