

# PITBOARD

Issue 4—2009



## Elections fast approaching

As a member of SBR SCCA you probably already know that we elect the Regional Executive and the Board of Directors in November of each year to serve a one year term the following year. The Regional Executive and the Board of Directors are the decision makers for the Region and operate the Region on a day to day basis as needed. These are very important positions and have a strong impact on how the Region operates.

If any member would like to be put on the ballot for election to the Regional Executive position or as a member of the Board of Directors, please contact me so I can get you on the ballot and let other members know you are running for office.

The present Regional Executive, Jeff Luckritz, is willing to be Regional Executive again and will be on the ballot.

Jeff, however, has stated that he would not be disappointed if someone else were elected to the R.E. position.

Also, each of the present Board of Directors has agreed to run again for another 1 year term. The present Board of Directors are Kim Bollinger, Paul McBride, Bill Loring and Mark Manninen. The present members of the BoD have also stated that they would not be disappointed if other members were elected to the Board.

These 5 elected positions are open to any South Bend Region member, regardless of age or tenure in the club.

All you need is a strong desire to help guide SBR in conducting its many motor sports activities for the coming year.

Duane Belisle, Election Nominating Committee Chairman

## 48% discount available only to SCCA members — who can beat that??

SCCA members can get an additional 20% off of their online purchase of Pete Hylton's books on sports car racing history. The SCCA historian and archivist has written "Ghost Tracks" (2007), "The Gentlemen's Club" (2009), and "More Ghost Tracks" (Nov. 2009). All books are available at pre-release discounts at [www.motorsportsracinglegacies.com](http://www.motorsportsracinglegacies.com). With the additional savings, club members can buy all three books for only \$52, a 48% discount off of MSRP. The discount applies to any purchase of \$65 or more and is available only to the author's fellow SCCA members.

To get the discount, apply the following code in the appropriate box at checkout.

"SCCA20"

A portion of the proceeds goes to support SCCA programs and events.

For trailers from the books, follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pete-Hylton's-Motorsports-History-Books/124348912779?ref=fn>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/petehyltonbooks>).

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Newsom at [marsha@motorsportsracinglegacies.com](mailto:marsha@motorsportsracinglegacies.com).

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### RE Notes

Flyers for last two solo's of the year (#8 & #9)

New members—we welcome 26 new members to SBR region SCCA

Updated calendar of events

# SBR Spotlight

## RE Notes

Jeff Luckritz



Well, it's September and it's time to start thinking about getting the kids back to school, football games, and the SCCA Solo and Race championships.

For SBR, our race and Street Survival season is now officially over. But, we still have two more Solo's scheduled this fall.

### Grattan Recap From a Racers Perspective

The race season concluded at Grattan Raceway near Grand Rapids as 21 SBR members either worked, raced or crewed for the weekend. I know this is a shock, but the weather was a factor in the early morning on Saturday. Thunderstorms and heavy rain caused lengthy delays. As the weather cleared and the corner-workers stood on station, no race cars entered the track. Since I was paddocked in "No Man's Land" outside the track, I was unaware that the storms had knocked out the power. No power, means no Timing and Scoring. No Timing and Scoring, means no racing. Eventually, a tractor was found that could act as a generator and cars returned to the track. Good thing MacGyver was on-hand.

The rest of Saturday proved to be pretty uneventful. The track dried throughout the morning and everybody seemed to be minding their manners. The dinner was typical of Grattan. BBQ, veggies, breads and salads were enjoyed by all. During the meal, SBR members told stories, laughed and talked about racing plans in 2010. Good times.

Sunday was a dry, but humid and hot day. I seem to be struggling in SpecMiata lately and only qualified 9<sup>th</sup> or so out of 13(I'm too lazy to get up and look at the actual grid position). As we approached the flag stand for the start, the green came out and I got the best start I've had in some time. By turn 2, I found myself in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Knowing that the lead cars qualified 1-2 seconds faster than me, I knew I had to pedal fast to stay near the front.

As laps went by, I started losing positions one by one. That's fine because most of the guys passing me did it in a clean and sporting manner. Around lap 19 or so, the cars in third, fourth and fifth were battling hard and this allowed me to catch up and become a factor. Coming out of the turn at the very bottom of the track I managed to get along side the third place car. Unfortunately, he was unaware that I was there and he ran me off the track to the left. Going 75 mph or so on the grass, I managed to merge my way onto the track and was setting up to follow the track to the right when I got nailed in the right-rear. This sent me towards the earthen barrier at 80 mph and I thought I was done! I managed to gather it up, get back on the track and keep the perpetrator behind me.

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## SBR SCCA BOARD MINUTES 09-02-09

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

Approved minutes from 08-04-09 with one edition and two deletions.

TREASURER'S REPORT- H.C. Colwell: We had a positive net income for the month and the year to date. There are still a couple of Race expenses pending.

MEMBERSHIP: 223

SOLO- Mark Manninen: Purchased a used EU2000I Honda Generator for \$775 to be used for future remote-site events. One of our three laptops needs repairs and will do so if not more than \$200. This action is still pending a cost figure. We will hold off purchase of a main timer head for the remainder of this SOLO season as long as the equipment remains functioning. 18 members took part in the Divisional Championships in August. Next events at Tire Rack will be 9/27 and 10/11.

RACE- Paul McBride: Indy Region is requesting our assistance at a potential regional at Gingerman next year, in lieu of them losing their race facilities at ORP. After some discussion, it was felt that our members are most likely committed to their maximum and it would not be wise to accept agreeing to support one more race weekend for next year. 17 SBR members supported WMR at their National at Grattan, 23 total including drivers and crew members from SBR. Both SBR and WMR Nationals made money and we are splitting the proceeds.

STREET SURVIVAL-Sam Centallas: 22 student drivers took part at the August 29 Tire Rack school while 25 had paid and registered. We had turn down 7 additional driver requests due to event size limitations. INR did not respond to our contact about running a future school with them.

OLD BUSINESS-Kim Bollinger: Round Table November 14 here at the Holiday Inn downtown South Bend. Invitations will be sent out mid September. The agenda has been set.

NEW BUSINESS: Duane Belisle has accepted chairing a Nominating Committee for 2010 board of director's elections. A motion was made and unanimously approved to

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SCCA National Office		www.scca.com	1-800-770-2055
The SCCA Merchandise Collection		www.sccacollection.com	1-888-267-2187

## Monthly Meeting

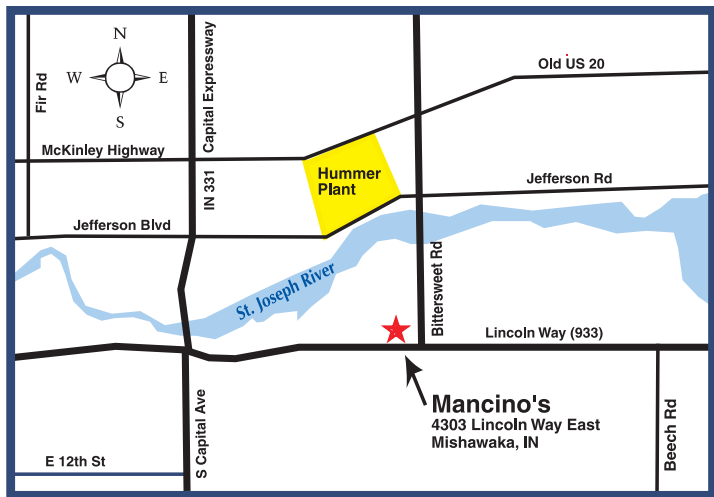
**When:** First Tuesday of the month

**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

Christopher, Bauschka, Sierra Charters, Matt De La Cruz, Jeffrey Dirkin, Kate Fisher, Hayden Higgins, Johnny Hogan, Betsy Hoover, Jaime Howland, McKenzie Jobin, Casey Kaiser, Jake Kenny, Aaron Levin, Ian Lewis, Sandraq Mahlie, Sean Morgeson, Megan Norcia John O'Brien, Alysia Palm, Francesca Sadler, Adam Schroeder, Ian Spear, Michael Spillman, Nikki Spillman, Kate Walker, Oneil Wood

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

Presenting the 8th SBR Points Solo

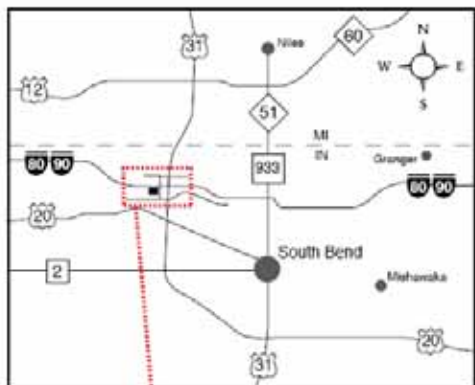
# Look Even *Further* Ahead!

Sunday September 27, 2009

At the Tire Rack Test Track, 7101 Vorden Parkway, South Bend, IN



**SCCA** *Everyone is welcome!*  
Sports Car Club of America



Registration 8:30-9:30 AM EDT  
You MUST check in by 9:30 to run. NO EXCEPTIONS.  
First car off approx 10:30 AM.

Preregister:

**\$26 SCCA members, \$36 Guests**

Online preregistration at [Motorsportreg.com](http://Motorsportreg.com).

Preregister via mail at: SBR-SCCA, 11537 Austin Street,  
Osceola, IN 46561-9109.

On site registration:

**\$31 SCCA members, \$41 Guests**

Note: Guest contestant entry fee includes becoming a "Weekend SCCA Member" at the event. You can convert weekend memberships to a full membership and save up to \$30 on your first year membership.

Compete for the 2009 SBR Solo II Regional Class Championships, Novice Championship and Tire Rack Championship.

You'll need a safe car, seat belts, an approved helmet (Snell 1995 or newer). A few loaner helmets will be available.

If you are a minor (under 18) and wish to run, call [Angie Johnson](mailto:AngieJohnson@sbrscca.org) in advance (574) 238-9225 for details on the Minor Waiver needed. If you do not call, we may have to deny entry.

Further information from:

Mark Manninen (574) 271-0810 E-mail: [solo@sbrscca.org](mailto:solo@sbrscca.org)

or visit our SBR Web Site at < <http://www.sbrscca.org> >

Online preregistration at [Motorsportreg.com](http://Motorsportreg.com).

**TIRE RACK**  
.com

# A Big Finish is Expected

Points Event #9 in the 2009 SBR Solo Series

Sunday October 11, 2009

At the Tire Rack Test Track. 7101 Vorden Parkway, South Bend, IN

**Guests are always welcome**

Registration 8:30-9:30 AM EDT

You MUST check in by 9:30 to run. NO EXCEPTIONS.

First car off approx 10:30 AM.

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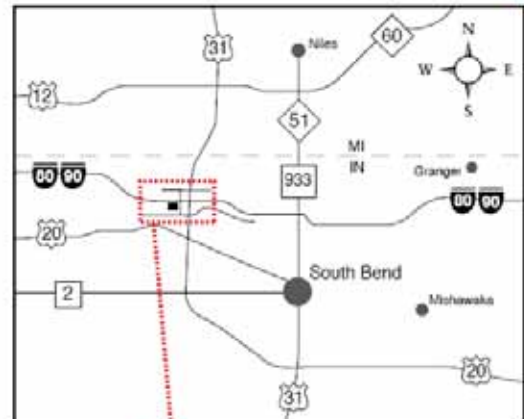
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The heat was really starting to build up inside my race car and I couldn't wait to for the race to be over. The driver that hit me finally got by me a few laps later as I entered a turn with too much speed. Whatever, get me out of this car. I held on to seventh place as I pulled into the pit lane. One of the stewards wanted to talk to me about contact during the race but all I wanted to do was get out of the car. I climbed out, took off my helmet and found some water, lots of water. My wife was across the track and noticed my quick exit. Being married to me for over 20 years, she knows when something is wrong. Four bottles of water later, I gathered up my senses, settled down and watched the next race.

The driver that almost sent me into the wall at 80 mph, tried to explain his side of the story. I know there are two sides to every story, but when I screw up, I admit it. It was apparent that I wasn't going to get an apology from this driver. I've seen two very questionable moves on his part in 2009 and he's now officially on my "drivers to avoid on track" list. Dangerous, unpredictable and not always in control of his race car are not traits of somebody I want to race with or near.

In conclusion, the folks at WMR did a good job at Grattan. This was the first year SBR and WMR have shared two national races and overall it seems to be a good partnership. We've been in contact with the leaders from WMR since the Grattan race and discussions have been taking place about 2010. We'll keep you posted.

### Street Survival

Adam Lewis handed over the reins to Sam Centallas for the final Street Survival of the season at the Tire Rack. The program proves to be popular for teens as they come to South Bend from not only Indiana, but also Michigan and Illinois. Duane Belisle and I handled registration, Kim Bollinger was the classroom instructor, and George Williams was in charge of the track portion of the event. In-car instructors were Duane Belisle, George Schmitt, Mark Manninen, and Steve Bollinger while Leon Krauss served as chief starter and "PR guy" for each teen driver. Everything including the weather went smoothly as all the kids seemed to enjoy themselves as they learned a myriad of advanced driving skills they just wouldn't learn while driving in the everyday world. You can see pictures of our last Street Survival event on [www.sbrscca.org](http://www.sbrscca.org).

### Upcoming Events

Before the snows blankets the South Bend Region we still have lots to do. We've got two more Solo's coming up at the Tire Rack and on November 14<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting the Great Lakes Division Round Table. Kim Bollinger(574-271-0088) is in charge of this and could use a little help with registration and a few other duties. Give her a jingle if you'd like to help out. At our October meeting, we'll take nominations for Regional Executive and all our board positions. If you're interested in running, contact Duane Belisle(574-875-9868) either by phone, or see him at a membership meeting on the first Tuesday of the each month. Elections take place at our November meeting. Hope to see you a Solo, Round Table or a club meeting soon.



George Williams giving instruction and helping the teen students to be safer drivers at Street Survival



Weight transfer being experienced during threshold braking



SUV's with four wheel drive handle differently than other vehicles



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

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

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*

- 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)  
Note—Nominations for annual elections will  
take place at this meeting
- October 11 SOLO Points Event #9—The Tire Rack,  
South Bend, IN
- November 3 SBR Membership Meeting  
Samuel Mancino's Italian Eatery,  
Mishawaka, IN (NEW TIME—7:00PM)  
Note—Annual elections will take place at this  
meeting
- November 14 SBR hosts the Great Lakes Division  
Roundtable meeting  
Time and location—TBA
- December 1 SBR Membership Meeting  
Samuel Mancino's Italian Eatery,  
Mishawaka, IN (NEW TIME—7:00PM)

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provide Mancino's Amy Bratzler's daughter, Paige Palicki, with a \$65 scholarship towards a Street Survival School in 2010 for allowing the use of her facilities for our club meetings at no cost to our club!

GENERAL MEETING:

24 in attendance!

Respectfully submitted,  
Leon Krauss,  
Secretary