

PITBOARD



SCCA
Sports Car Club of America
December 2011

SBR Wine Country Rally A Good Time Was Had By All

South Bend Region had its first Road Rally in several years. Eighteen teams showed up to participate in the Sunday afternoon tour rally. The rally theme and title was Michigan Wine Country Tour. The 75 mile route wandered through southwest Michigan wine country passing 7 of Michigan's wineries. The rally was low key with only minimal timing and speed requirements. The whole rally route was to be done with only a 30 mph average speed. This sounds ridiculously slow but was selected to make it easy for the teams to calculate their average speed. Thirty miles per hour is exactly 2 minutes per mile so all they needed to do was check their mileage and double that number and that was the time in minutes it should have taken to get that far.

Some teams were more competitive than others and tried to maintain the average speed and others just took the tour at whatever speed they liked. Also, included in the rally scoring was a list of questions whose answers were found along the rally

route. Some of the ten questions were quite easy and a few were somewhat difficult. One of the questions was; What is the marker on the Indiana/Michigan border? The marker was a large bolder with "Indiana" carved into the south side and "Michigan" carved into the north side. The route passed this bolder twice and not all the teams found it. There were two check points along the route for scoring purposes and to familiarize the teams with competitive rally procedures.

The rally ended at Beef O'Brady's restaurant in Granger, IN. and every team that had a regular SBR member received a \$25 gift certificate for the restaurant. The results were calculated and announced at the restaurant.

Rally Safety Steward
Duane Belisle

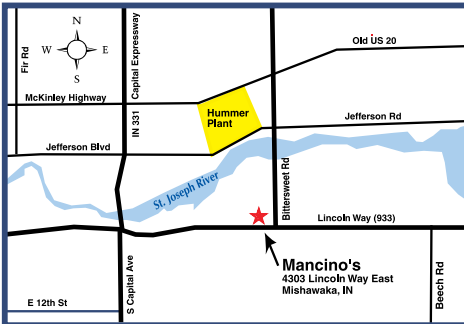
Rally Master
Dennis Jennings

SBR Wine Country Road Rally Results • October 2, 2011

Place	Car#	Driver	Navigator	Car	Score
1	14	Jeff Luckritz	Paul Hirn	Mustang	+49
2	18	Sean Wagoner	Andrea Kansulka	Ford Focus	+41
3	6	James Morris	Denise Morris Taylor Morris	Acura	+34
4	15	Stephen Stange	Lukas Stange	VW Jetta	+10
5	9	Susan Williams	George Williams	1997 Buick	+8
6	11	William Wah	Wah Family	Subaru Outback	-5
78		Shad Pfifer	Anonymous	Chrysler 300	-8
8	10	Brandon Williams	Emily Williams	Cadillac CTS	-17
9	17	Lynnette Markowicz	Rod Markowicz	Mini Cooper	-22
10	7	Scott Frisz	Anna Nordquist	VW Golf	-35
11	13	Don Fore	Andrea Fore	Honda Civic	-41
12	4	Paul Stock	Melinda Stock	Mazda Miata	-45
13	2	David Bowman	Bowman Family	Honda CRV	-52
14	5	T. J. Campbell	Anonymous	Porsche Boxter	-115
15	12	Max Mircrewsig	Emily Higginbotham	VW GTI	-137
16	3	Kim Bollinger	Steve Bollinger	VW Jetta	-138
17	19	Austin Gearhart	Chad Williams	Eclipse	-154
18	1	Patrick Ohmann	Gretchen Ohmann	Dodge Truck	-260

SBR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Where: Mancino's
Days: First Tuesday of month
Time: 6:00 pm board meeting
 7:00 pm general meeting
Who: All are welcome!



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Buy Tires-Help SBR

When purchasing items from The Tire Rack, first go to our web site at www.sbrscca.org, click on the Tire Rack link at the bottom of the page and then make your purchases. By doing so, the South Bend Region will earn a little extra dough!

SBR Calendar

December
 6th Club Meeting at Mancino's
 Free Food!

January
 21st 9 AM Solo Planning Meeting
 The Tire Rack

21st 5:30 PM South Bend Region
 Annual Banquet
 Riverside Terrace, Mishawaka

February
 7th Club Meeting at Mancino's

March
 6th Club Meeting at Mancino's

FREE DUES

We started it! Hold one of the following positions; National Race Worker, Pit-Board Editor, Race Chair, Street Survival Chair, RE, Solo Chair, Treasurer or Webmaster. Half off dues for: Activity Points Keeper, Division Race Worker, Secretary and various Solo Chief positions.

SAVE THESE DATES...

JULY 7-8, 2012

SBR/DET Double National Race at GingerMan

JULY 14-15, 2012

MotorState Challenge at GingerMan and LMC

Getting SBR Activity Points

Activity	Points	Activity	Points
Race Chair	400	Car Show Display	75
Assistant Race Chair	200	Solo Co-Chair	75
PitBoard Editor	200	Race Worker/day	50
Website Manager	200	SBR Race Driver	50
Race Chief of Specialty	200	PitBoard Article/page	40
Associate PitBoard Editor	100	Rally/Solo Worker	40
Rally Series Chair	100	SBR Meeting Attendance	20
Solo Chair	100	Car Show Booth/day	20
Solo Series Specialty Chief	100	Rally Navigator	20
Event Chair	100	Race Crew/day	20
Program Director	100	Rally/Solo Driver	20
Club Officer	100	Race/Solo Meeting	20
Event Co-Chair	75	RoundTable/Worker Seminar	20
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2011 Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships

From a National Champ's Perspective

-William Loring

Every fall since 1973, the SCCA has held a Solo National Championship event. This year's event drew 1,106 drivers from across the US to the Lincoln Air Park in Lincoln Nebraska, all trying to prove that they are the quickest driver in one of 70 classes. South Bend Region had 13 members attend Nationals this year: Myself, Linda Ruschak, Steve Ruschak, Scott Nardin, Steve, Kim and Ross Bollinger, John Koster, John Rogers, Chris Harvey, Rich Hammond, Henry Phillips and George Schmitt. Not bad for a region of only about 200 members. I've attended Nationals seven times now since 1999, and this was my fifth time driving my 2000 Toyota Celica GT in the G-Stock class.

I competed against 13 other drivers in my class, including last year's National Champion, Kevin Royce, driving a Dodge Neon SRT-4. In 2010, I finished a somewhat distant 1.4 seconds back in third place. I vowed to bring a better mental attitude to the 2011 event. As we all know, racing is primarily a mental game.

I knew I had several cars and drivers that I needed to watch out for: Kevin and his co-driver, several other SRT-4s, and a Hyundai

Genesis Coupe, among others. All of these cars are more powerful than the Celica, but my car is lighter and more nimble. It makes for a very interesting and competitive class.

The week of the event was very hot, with the temperature taking its toll on drivers, cars and tires. G-Stock started out on the West course on Thursday. This course was very technical, with many slaloms and gates, and few places to put power down. This was well suited to my car, and also to my driving style. On my first run, I drove aggressively and pulled into the lead in the class, and no one else (including myself) was able to improve on that time. I ended the day with a lead of .844 seconds. This is actually a pretty decent margin at Nationals.

Friday's East course was a different matter. It looked big and sweeping, and seemed like it would favor the high horsepower cars. I hoped that my lead would be enough. My first run was decent, but had several mistakes, and one pylon at the end of the run. But it turned out that without the pylon's 2-second penalty, it was actually the second-fastest run of the class.

I then set out on my last two runs to fix the mistakes, and not hit cones. With announcers Raleigh Boreen and Heyward Wagner rooting for me over the PA, and lots of great encouragement and advice from friends in the paddock, I ended up improving by nearly a full second. I took the victory by 1.359 seconds over Kevin Royce, who finished second.

SBR took home other trophies that week: Linda Ruschak is the ESPL National Champion, Scott Nardin took 3rd in FM, Steve Bollinger took 4th in GP, John Koster came in 5th in SMF, and John Rogers came in 13th in STR, out of 64 cars!

After years of work, it was a huge thrill to win my first National Championship. What was even cooler, were the compliments and congratulations of my peers, and learning that people were paying attention not only at the event, but also were listening in online, and posting on Facebook. That was really something.

Many thanks to Toyota, Hoosier, Tire Rack, and of course South Bend Region SCCA and our members, who were cheering us on both at the event, and here at home!

James O. "Jim" Bell



Published in the South Bend Tribune on October 9, 2011

March 4, 1931 - Oct. 6, 2011

NILES - James O. Bell, 80, passed away Thursday. He was born in Berwyn, IL. He was a U.S. Air Corps veteran and retired from National Standard Company in 1992. Survivors include son, Jeff Bell of Stevensville, MI; daughter, Beverly Walenga of Linthicum, MD; sister, Judith Langston of Huntsville, Ontario, Canada; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his wife, Eleanor V. (Paranto) Bell, and both parents. No services will be held. Cremation has taken place.

Arrangements by Hoven Funeral Home.

Jim Bell first joined the South Bend Region in November of 1956 and was a member for about 55 years. He was very active for many years, running and staging the local gymkhanas, rallies, races, and

social events as well.

He was an early editor of PitBoard and helped to form and guide the club in many ways. Jim was an excellent mechanic and could build just about anything in his garage in Niles. He was an early Formula V driver and worked with many other members to improve their cars and race efforts.

Jim was always ready to give a hand when needed and was also involved in powerboat racing in the area as well as sports cars. He and his wife Ellie were a vital part of the club in the 50's, 60's and 70s.. Eventually health issues limited his participation but he never lost interest in the club and its people.

Jim will be missed and we mourn his passing, but we are grateful for the opportunity to have known him.

Lloyd Loring

SBR Solo #7 Results: October 9, 2011

Super Stock'		Total
1T	Jerry Strope	41.724
2	Al Szafarczyk	47.556
A Stock'		
1T	Patrick Heller	46.391
B Stock'		
1Tm	Colin Faucett	41.364
2T	Stuart Satterthwaite	42.619
3	Mark Boersma	43.541
4 m	Tom Donovan	45.047
C Stock'		
1Tm	George Schmitt	43.754
2Tm	Paul Stock	45.786
3	Joe Boersma	45.962
4	Dan Lindley	49.39
C Stock Ladies'		
1T	Stephanie Weaver	48.707
E Stock'		
1T	Ken Vander Vlist	48.868
2	Daniel Jurek	53.468
F Stock'		
1Tm	Peter Jacobs	42.344
2T	Dennis Koster	46.816
3	Bradford Green	47.522
4	Terry Miller	48.136
G Stock'		
1Tm	William Loring	42.957
2Tm	Mark Manninen	43.298
3	James Rose	43.963
4	Gary Nielsen	46.856
H Stock'		
1T	Gabe Argenta	49.124
H Stock Ladies'		
1T	Kala Hofferbert	52.14
2 m	Taylor Morris	54.988
A Street Prepared'		
1T	Kevin Kirchoff	40.62
B Street Prepared'		
1Tm	Rich Hammond	39.862
C Street Prepared'		
1Tm	Duane Belisle	45.548
2 m	Ben VanAntwerp	46.03
D Street Prepared'		
1Tm	Jeff Luckritz	43.349
E Street Prepared'		
1Tm	David Gushwa	41.244
2 m	Keith Margraf	43.264
3 m	Chris Trowbridge	46.698
F Street Prepared'		
1T	Chuck Wheeler	43.32
2Tm	Jason Gast	43.397
3 m	Christopher Cunningham	48.007
4	James Morris	51.732
X Prepared'		
1T	Brian Bergeron	47.828
D Prepared'		
1Tm	Stan Jones	40.728
2	Steven Ruschak	42.16

D Prepared Ladies'		
1Tm	Lura Jones	46.863
E Prepared'		
1T	Bryan Rawlins	40.599
2	Robert Christmas	41.437
G Prepared'		
1Tm	Steve Bollinger	41.539
G Prepared Ladies'		
1Tm	Kim Bollinger	43.663
E Modified'		
1T	Jim McKamey	39.187
2 m	Steve Tamandli	39.301
F Modified'		
1T	Michael Schlundt	42.799
Street Touring'		
1Tm	Ryan Mawhorr	46.743
2T	Max Maternowski	46.754
3 m	Nicholas Mawhorr	47.049
4	Chad Chenowith	49.374
5	Scott Frisz	51.878
6	Cody Kraus	55.017
Street Touring R'		
1T	Bart Monnin	42.18
2T	Kip Mitchell	44.043
3	Andrew Pepler	46.036
4	Dan Pepler	46.887
Street Touring R Ladies'		
1Tm	Linda Ruschak	46.365
Street Touring X'		
1T	Miles Barden	43.768
2T	Shannon Bantz	44.139
3	Sida Guo	44.974
4	James Chisholm	48.641
5	Robb Wells	49.327
Street Touring U'		
1Tm	John Jurek	48.437
Street Modified'		
1Tm	Mike Aumick	41.277
2T	Tyler Pedersen	41.914
3 m	Gary Burton	42.489
4 m	Scott McAfoos	45.179
Street Modified Ladie'		
1T	Jody Foster	50.962
Street Modified F'		
1Tm	John Koster	40.858
2	Austin Hanks	41.987
3	Austin Gearhart	47.99
Super Street Modified'		
1T	Tony Koufos	41.706
2T	Ricardo Gonzales	41.909
3 m	Eric Anderson	42.973
4 m	TJ Campbell	46.662
F125 Shifter Kart'		
1T	Henry Phillips	37.399
Junior Kart B'		
1T	Jensen Pepler	47.801

SBR SCCA BOARD MINUTES

10-04-11

ATTENDEES: Jeff Luckritz (Regional Executive), Jim Krzyzewski (At Large), Kim Bollinger (At Large), Mark Manninen (Solo & Assistant RE), Dave Bowman (At Large), H.C. Colwell (Treasurer), Leon Krauss (Secretary).

Approved minutes from 9-06-11.

TREASURER'S REPORT- H.C. Colwell: Expenses slightly exceeded income, while anticipating the remaining payment from the last Street Survival school.

MEMBERSHIP: **206 (with several brand new members!)**

SOLO- Mark Manninen: Event #6 had 63 drivers, 22 members, one Jr. Kart and 6 runs

This SOLO was sponsored by Jimmy Johns Sandwich Shop who will also sponsor the last event of the year. SOLO is considerably ahead of budget for the year with one event to go at the Tire Rack, October 9. Nick Mawhorr was introduced as the 2012 SOLO Event Chairperson while Mark Manninen will stay on as Assistant for one year.

RACE- Jim Krzyzewski: The Board approved by unanimous decision paying for registration and two hotel rooms for the following 4 members to attend Round Table in Indianapolis in November:

Jeff Luckritz, Jim Krzyzewski, Paul McBride, and Jim Desenberg.

STREET SURVIVAL-Sam Centellas: The 2012 schedule is being reviewed while waiting payment for our last school event. It was proposed that the August date be moved up a week or two so as not to interfere with students pre-season sport activities.

PROGRAM CHAIR: Dave Winter of South Bend Clutch made a detailed visual presentation on how the modern day clutch functions and he displayed various types of clutch material that may be used depending on the type of racing one would be performing.

OLD BUSINESS: 18 cars and around 50 participants enjoyed the Rally set up by Duane Belisle and Dennis Jennings. With an entry car registration of \$10 and a \$25 dining certificate for each registered car at Beef-O-Brady's in Granger, the general consensus seemed to be that this was a fun event and additional events may be planned for the future. Our new club radios are now being stored in plastic protective cases with additional cases soon to be purchased to store/protect the headphones.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board agreed to reimburse Lloyd Loring for updates he has made to club software. The November club meeting will include Board Officer nominations/elections for 2012. New hat designs were discussed. With the advent of several successive SOLO/RACE financial years, proposed wish lists, for the purchase of new or replacement club race equipment, were accepted. Any additional requests should be directed to Jeff Luckritz, RE.

GENERAL MEETING: 27 in attendance plus 4 guests. Mark Manninen nominated Dave Gushwa for Board member at large and he accepted. Jim Krzyzewski, Jeff Luckritz, Kim Bollinger and Dave Bowman have all agreed to run for Board officers in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Krauss, Secretary



photo-W.Loring

SBR Member, Dave Winter talks with the membership about the inner-workings of clutches.



58th Annual SBR Awards Banquet

Saturday Evening January 21, 2011

At the Riverside Terrace

426 Lincolnway East

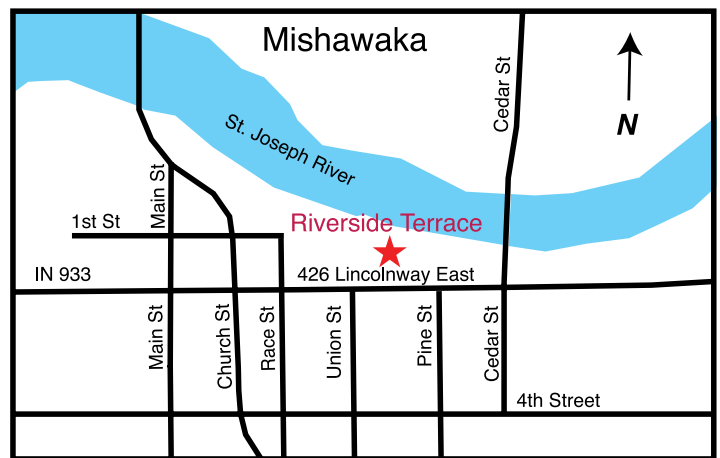
Mishawaka, IN

Parking in front or use (west) ramp at left for additional lower level spaces. NOT the high-rise!

Social Hour (cash bar)

5:30—6:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM (EST)



Dinner will be a Polish buffet featuring salad, chicken, sausage and Kluski noodle entrees, several sides and assorted home made pies.

Our guest speaker has yet to be announced but will be of interest to racing enthusiasts. SBR officers for 2012 will be introduced. SBR Annual Awards and Tire Rack Solo Trophies will conclude the evening. It will be fun trying to identify members without their cars or numbers.

You must R.S.V.P. by Friday, January 14, 2012 to assure your reservation. But don't delay! There is a room limit of just 75 total attendees.

Please reserve ____ tickets for me and my party for the SBR Annual Awards Banquet, January 21, 2012. Enclosed is my check for \$_____ at \$18.00 per person, \$32 per couple. **Make checks payable to SBR-SCCA.** Please send to: H.C. Colwell, 61642 Kingston Court, South Bend, IN 46614-6445. Questions? Call H.C. at (574) 291-6756 (evenings) or email at <h.c.colwell@sbcglobal.net>.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____



Membership Application

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest motorsports enthusiast automotive organization, please complete the form below in full and return with payment, to the SCCA Membership Department, PO Box 299, Topeka, KS 66619-0299, or to the South Bend Region, SCCA Membership Chair: David Bowman 3807 Fern Hill Dr, Mishawaka IN 46544-6267.
Make checks payable to SCCA.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Address _____ Telephone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail: _____

Spouse Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

PRIMARY INTEREST(S) IN SCCA:

Please indicate the area of SCCA in which you plan to participate, or which interests you most.
(Please check only one box.)

- Club Racing Time Trails/PDX Rally Rally Cross Solo Vintage Pro Racing

Membership Dues	National + Regional	=Cost	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Member	\$65.00	\$15.00	\$80.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	80.00	20.00	100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear Member (Must be 24 years or under)	30.00	15.00	45.00
Discount for prior Weekend Membership #1 _____		Deduct	-\$ 15.00
Discount for prior Weekend Membership #2 _____		Deduct	-\$ 15.00
Referred by SCCA Member: _____ # _____		Deduct	-\$ 15.00
	(First and Last Name)	(Member Number Required)	
Grand Total			\$ _____

- Enclosed is my check or money order. **Make payable to SCCA. DO NOT SEND CASH**
- Visa/MasterCard (only) Credit Card No _____ Expiration Date _____

By accepting membership in the SCCA and its **South Bend Region #35**, I agree to conduct myself according to the highest standards of behavior and sportmanship in a manner that shall not be prejudicial to the reputation of the Club or fellow members.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____
 Signature and date both required

Dues Include payment for subscription to SportsCar magazine (\$24 value.) Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions.
Applications submitted by fax must be accompanied by a Visa or MasterCard account number for payment.

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H.C. Colwell and Paul McBride take a break from an intense racing weekend while crewing for Jeff Luckritz, at Mid Ohio