

SCCA Showroom Stock Racing: Genesis

John Underhill



From 1960 to 1969, my racing experiences had been Osceola Dragway and gymkanas. In 1970, I earned my SCCA national license in a Formula V. In 1971, I raced a brand new 1971 highly modified, Ford Pinto in the 2.5 Challenge Series.

In 1972, the SCCA introduced a new racing class. They called it, Showroom Stock, and they meant it! The cars were literally "showroom stock." You couldn't even remove a radio knob. They did allow you to go up or down one tire size. In the interest of safety, you had to "bolt" in a roll bar, fire extinguisher, and racing harness. That's it!

Marv Borr, owner of Marv Borr Toyota in South Bend, had an interest in the new Showroom Stock class. Marv offered to provide a car, all parts and maintenance, if I would drive the car. After thinking it over for about 4 seconds, I agreed to the deal. Danny and Dallas Dunn, who both worked in Marv's service department, kept the car tuned to factory specs. Marv provided a new 1972 Toyota Corona. It was a four door sedan painted light blue with a dark blue vinyl roof. Grandma would have loved it.

Some of the other cars homologated for the class were, Datsun 510, Ford Pinto,

Opel Manta, Alfa Romeo coupe, Chevy Vega, and Fiat 124. We definitely had a challenge because our competitors had faster, lower, and better handling cars. We never saw, or heard of, another Toyota Corona in the class.

Our car came with 13" wheels and 175/13 tires. To save weight, get a slightly lower center of gravity, and effectively create a lower gear ratio, I decided we should install 165/13 tires. That was the only modification we made to the car.

The first race for Showroom Stock, in our part of the country, was held at Blackhawk Farms on May 7, 1972. Since we had only five cars in our class, the officials decided to put us in with the G & H production, and C & D sedan cars. There were a total of 24 cars in the race. Practice and qualifying on Saturday went well. The weather was warm and the track was dry. We qualified on the pole for showroom stock and 10th overall. Most of the showroom stock cars had lap times fast enough to place us in the middle of the pack. This was the case on every track we raced. After qualifying, I drove the car out to dinner that night and to the motel for a good night's rest.

It was an interesting challenge to approaching 90 degree turns at over 100

mph on narrow street tires, with marginal brakes, soft springs and shocks, and a car with a high center of gravity. However, it was nice to be able to listen to the radio while racing.

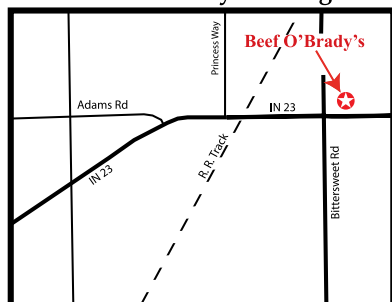
Sunday was race day and it was raining. The year before I had raced in the rain at Blackhawk in my Formula V and finished second. That experience proved to be very valuable. When we were called to the grid, it was still raining. Qualifying 10th overall placed me approximately in the middle of the pack. I remember thinking that if we were racing in our own class, I would be on the front row. As it turns out, I am in a traffic jam and it is raining hard. We did our pace lap, the pace car pulled off, we got the green flag, and off we went. Craig Luce, my strongest competitor and a member of the SBR, was driving his Opel Manta and was on my rear bumper as we approached turn 1. If I could keep Craig behind me for the entire race, I could win the showroom stock class. After about two laps, I felt I could get around the Alfa Romeo that was in front of me and I did. Then I caught another G production car and passed it. The goal was to keep at least

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SBR MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

SBR Monthly Meeting



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SBR Calendar

January 2014

18 SBR Awards Banquet
at the Blue Heron, South Bend

February

4 Club Meeting at Beef "O" Brady's
15 Winter Trip to Henry Ford Museum

March

4 Club Meeting

April

1 Club Meeting
27 Solo @ Tire Rack(Tentative)

May

6 Club Meeting
10-11 SBR/DET/WOR Regional Race
at GingerMan Raceway

18 Solo @ Tire Rack(Tentative)
31 Solo @ Grissom(Tentative)

June

1 Solo @ Grissom(Tentative)
3 Club Meeting

July

8 Club Meeting
12-13 SBR/DET Majors Race
at GingerMan Raceway
25-26 MotorState Challenge

August

5 Club Meeting
10 Solo-Hoosier Challenge(Tentative)

September

2 Club Meeting
28 Solo @ Tire Rack(Tentative)

October

7 Karting at MRP
19 Solo @ Tire Rack(Tentative)

November

4 Club Meeting(Elections)

December

2 Club Meeting(Free Food)

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.



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4. If not, click on update.

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!

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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60th Annual SBR Awards Banquet

Saturday Evening, January 18, 2014
At the Blue Heron at Blackthorn

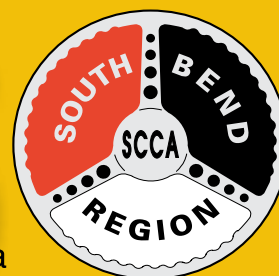


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Social Hour
5:30—6:30 PM (cash bar)
Dinner 6:30 PM

Dinner will be a traditional holiday meal with ham, turkey, beans, potatoes, salad, at least one veggie entree, and assorted home made pies.

WOW! You will meet Scott Goodyear, world-famous Indy, Champ Car, & Porsche LeMans racer, who will be our guest speaker. SBR officers for 2014 will be introduced. SBR Annual Awards and Tire Rack Solo Trophies will conclude the evening.

\$10 discount for every day each member worked our 2013 Street Survival, Majors Race, or Lane events, up to \$20 total.

You must R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, January 7, 2014 to assure your reservation.

Please reserve ____ tickets for me and my party for the SBR Annual Awards Banquet, January 19, 2013.

Number of vegetarian entrées requested ____.

I (we) worked ____ total days at Street Survival, Majors Race, Lane events (circle events) this year. Each day can deduct \$10 (up to \$20 per member) from total normal cost at \$25.00 per person, \$40 per couple.

Total cost \$ _____. ☐ Check enclosed. ☐ Credit cards can also be accepted at the event. ☐ Free!

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 _____

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SBR Winter Trip to Henry Ford Museum

As part of the region's continuing efforts to reward its members, the South Bend Region SCCA is offering a winter day trip to the Henry Ford Museum and Ford Rouge Assembly Plant in Dearborn, MI on Saturday February 15th, 2014. Best of all, South Bend Region SCCA is covering all charter bus expenses!

This is a "SBR Member's Only" event. Each member may bring one immediate family member as a guest. Other non-member guests may be added if we have enough room on the bus. The bus trip is limited to the first 56 people preregistered. We are getting a group discount ticket rate for the museum so you must preregister and prepay on MotorsportReg.com for the museum tickets and optional 1-hour museum guided tour (limited to the first 50 people). The assembly plant tour is also optional and you can purchase tickets for the plant tour at the museum after you arrive. Lunch is available at the museum. Members will cover their own lunch and dinner costs on this trip. *Go to www.sbrscca.org for more information and a link to the registration website.*

Itinerary

7:00 am	Depart S&S Mishawaka and travel via tour bus to Dearborn, MI
10:15 am	Arrive at Henry Ford Museum
10:30 am	Two special guided tour groups. Pick a group tour, but it is not mandatory. Group limit of 25 persons each.
12:00 pm	Lunch at one of the three dining experiences at the museum. Diner's choice.
1:00 pm	Self-guided tour of Ford Museum or tour of River Rouge plant option.
5:30 pm	Bus travel and dinner at Corner Brewery, Ypsilanti, MI.
7:30 pm	Depart for Mishawaka
10:45 pm	Arrive in Mishawaka

Ticket Prices

Ford Museum(advanced purchase required)

Adults(age 13-61)	\$15.25 per person
Seniors(age 62+)	\$13.50 per person
Youth(age 5-12)	\$11.25 per person
Optional Guided Tour*	\$6.00 per person

*Guided Tour group selections are first come first serve limited to the first 50 people registering. Please choose a first choice and second choice of a tour you would like to see. Only 2 tours will be scheduled by SBR based upon participation. If one of your selected tours is not scheduled due to lack of participation, you will be notified and given the option to join a scheduled tour.

Ford River Rouge Factory Tour(on-site purchase)

Adults age 13-61)	\$13.50 per person
Seniors(age 62+)	\$12.50 per person
Youth(Up to 12)	\$10.00 per person

Other Information

The Henry Ford Museum

Henry Ford Museum is an impressive place. 12 acres under a single roof-filled with tens of thousands of artifacts, every one of them with a tale to tell about America's passion for innovation. There's R. Buckminster Fullers head-turning Dymaxion House, the Rosa Parks Bus, the Kennedy Limousine, the 600-ton Allegheny locomotive, even the 1952 Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

Guided Tour Options

-Henry's Model T -Our Changing World -Automobile in America Life -Presidential Tour -Heroes of the Sky

River Rouge Plant Tour

The Ford Rouge Factory Tour is a five-part adventure where visitors see how cutting-edge environmental practices and industrial innovation mesh to create one of the world's most enlightened and forward-looking factories. This visionary manufacturing facility is a one-of-a-kind, incorporating a fully interactive experience.

Big Things for SBR in 2014

Jeff Luckritz, RE

I hope everybody's ready for some excitement in the upcoming months of 2014. Most of SBR's schedule can be found on the calendar on page 2 of this issue, but I thought I would take some time to highlight what to expect.

SBR Annual Banquet January 18th

Former IndyCar driver, Scott Goodyear has agreed to be our guest speaker. SBR had the opportunity to instruct his daughter at our August Street Survival and Sam Centellas used this contact to reach out to Scott. Remember, if you worked Street Survival, the MotorState Challenge or our Majors race you can attend the banquet at a reduced rate. Contact H.C. Colwell to make your reservation: h.c.colwell@sbcglobal.net.

SBR Winter Trip to Henry Ford Museum

February 15th

This is SBR's second annual Winter trip and it should be even better than last year. I've been to the Henry Ford Museum three or four times and it never fails to impress. The place is huge. I would highly recommend going on one of the optional tours because there so much history behind the artifacts, it takes an expert to explain it all. Just being able to sit in the actual bus seat that Rosa Parks sat in is worth the price of admission. More information and a registration link can be found at www.sbrscca.org.

SBR Solo #1

April 27th(Tentative)

SBR's highly acclaimed Solo series begins at the Tire Rack. SCCA national has made some changes to the stock classes which makes SBR's Street Tire 180 class obsolete. Solo Chair Nick Mawhor and highly touted Solo chiefs will meet in January to iron out the details for the season. If you have any questions about SBR Solos, or would like to become more involved, contact Nick at solo@sbrscca.org.

Regional Race at GingerMan May 10-11

In an attempt to fill the void of regional road races, SBR is teaming up with Detroit and Western Ohio regions to host a double

regional race at GingerMan in South Haven. It wasn't that long ago that SBR only ran regional races so this should be familiar territory for us. Unfortunately May 11th is Mother's Day and this has thrown some unknowns into the equation and the details are still being worked on during the winter months. We will need volunteers of all kinds. No experience necessary. More details to follow.

Street Survival Dates TBD

SBR and the Tire Rack have been on the forefront of this advanced teen driving school. Sam Centellas has been at the helm of this program for several years now and the program was at full capacity in 2013. Sam is always looking for volunteers and driving coaches. Look for more information in the coming months.

SBR/DET Majors Race at GingerMan July 12-13th

SBR continues to be a significant player in the road racing scene in the Midwest in 2014. Even though we don't have a "pro" track like Road America or Mid Ohio, we still manage to put on a premier road racing event. Last year we saw over 180 cars on the track and we set a record for the number of spectators in one day. Jim Krzyzewski and his race support staff are still in the planning stages for this year's event. Volunteers of all kinds are needed. On-the-job training provided. If you would like to get involved contact Jim at race@sbrscca.org.

Track Nights at GingerMan Raceway Dates TBD

A special event for SBR members only. Get your car on track for a very cheap rate on a couple of Sunday evenings. Last year we were able to provide some instructions for track day novices.

Karting at Michiana Raceway Park October 7th

Any SBR member can participate in this exciting event. Two person teams are determined by weight and we race some pretty fast karts at MRP. Last year we ran until dusk. It's a cheap night out.

SBR Board 2014

Your officers are the same as 2013:

Regional Exec.	Jeff Luckritz
Board	Kim Bollinger
Board	Dave Gushwa
Board	Dennis Jennings
Board	Jim Krzyzewski
Treasurer	H.C. Colwell
Secretary	Leon Krauss

I've been Regional Executive(RE) since 2006 and have really enjoyed watching the club grow during my tenure. But, if any member thinks that things are getting kind of stale, or that the club should be heading in a new direction, I encourage you to think about running for RE in November. You won't hurt my feelings...honest!

Volunteers Needed

Just like any organization, 10% of the people are doing 90% of the work. If you're one of the 10% volunteering, thank you. If you have found yourself spectating as opposed to volunteering, I would encourage you to raise your hand and volunteer. New people bring fresh ideas and energy. All of our events need volunteers, but the following events need LOTS of help:

Road Racing Events

We could use people in the following specialties: flagging, tech, timing and scoring, grid, pit lane, course, and sound. There are plenty of "experts" around that can train you at the event. We feed you all weekend and you'll get an opportunity to get really close to the race cars.

Street Survival

If you have experience autocrossing or road racing then you are qualified to be an in car instructor. We could also use help with registration and on-course duties. Training provided.

MotorState Challenge

SBR helps Lane automotive with their Pro-Touring time trial and autocross. We need flagging and autocross help for each day. As usual, we will train you on the job!

SBR Banquet Speaker: Scott Goodyear

Race Car Driver/Commentator/IndyCar Analyst



Former IndyCar standout Scott Goodyear has been the expert analyst on ESPN's coverage of the IndyCar Series since 2002.

Goodyear, who last raced professionally in 2003, brings more than two decades of racing experience to the broadcast booth. He raced for four years in the IndyCar

Series, winning three races and recording one top-five and two other top-10 finishes in the season point standings.

Prior to the formation of the IndyCar Series in 1996, Goodyear raced in the CART Indy Car Series, winning his first race in 1992 at Michigan International Speedway. That same year he was involved in the closest-ever Indianapolis 500 finish when he chased Al Unser Jr. to the line and finished second by just 0.043 seconds. He also finished second in 1997 to Arie Luyendyk.

Goodyear's last of his 12 consecutive starts in the Indy 500 was in 2001 when suffered a broken back in a crash on the eighth lap. After recovering from the injury, he decided to retire from Indy Cars and join the ESPN team for 2002. He drove in some sports car races in 2003 when his TV schedule allowed and took a Grand American Rolex Sports Car victory

at Watkins Glen International.

The Toronto native has been racing since age nine, winning national and North American karting championships between 1969 and 1976. He started racing cars in 1980 in the Formula Ford circuit and won three Canadian championships. He advanced to the North America Formula Atlantic Championship and won the 1986 title, following a season in which he won five of nine races. That same year he was named Driver of the Year by the Canadian Race Drivers Association. He first drove Indy Cars in 1987.

Goodyear was inducted into the Canadian Motor Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

The previous article was taken from ESPN MediaZone. espnmediazone.com/us/bios/goodyear_scott/

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one car between me and Craig. I continued this pace throughout the race and continued passing anything in front of me. Finally, the checkered flag flew. As I pulled off the track, my crew came running over to the car and they were incredibly excited as they were informing me I had finished in first place. I said to them, "I thought we won because I kept Craig behind me the entire race." Then one of the crew members said, "You don't understand. You are first overall." I was over one minute ahead of the first production class car, which was a Triumph Spitfire. Craig Luce finished second in his Opel Manta. For the record, I left the radio off.

After the race, some of the production class drivers were not pleased with the officials for allowing showroom stock cars in "their" race. They argued that our cars were too tall and blocked their vision. Some of us were also faster than them. Remember, we qualified 10th out of 24 total cars on a dry track. We felt this upset them more than the height of our cars.

We raced four more races that season and

always raced in "their" race. Our average finishing position was third in class. We always qualified in the middle of the pack and we were always first in the four-door vinyl roof sedan class.

Did anyone cheat that first year of Showroom Stock? Yes! Did we think about cheating? Yes. Did we cheat? No. Most cheating involved sway bars, springs, shocks, and internal engine parts.

At the Road America race, the top five cars were impounded. We finished fifth and Craig Luce was fourth. The tech officials noticed that Craig's spare tire was mounted in the wrong side of the trunk. About 80% of the turns at Road America are to the right. Craig's car had the spare tire on the right side of the trunk to place more weight on the right rear tire. Craig was disqualified and we moved to fourth. Then another car was disqualified and we moved to third. Then we were disqualified for having lettering painted on our car which, of course, is not "showroom stock," even though we had permission from the SCCA to race the car with the lettering painted on

the car for this season only.

Lloyd Loring wrote a letter to the SCCA appealing the case since we did have permission from the SCCA to paint the lettering on the car. As always, Lloyd made a good case defending our situation. I decided I didn't want to go through with the appeal because it meant we had to go to a hearing at the SCCA offices. Officially and legally, we had finished third and we knew it. I thank Lloyd for his time and trouble even though the letter was never sent. SCCA was very pleased with the enthusiasm their new class had developed among the racers and the spectators. When the showroom stock race ran, everyone wanted to see how the drivers would handle the cars in the turns. The cars were fun to watch and fun to drive. Many of the spectators drove home in a car exactly like the one they saw on the track.

Showroom Stock is alive and well today, 41 years later.

—John Underhill



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 and return with payment, to the SCCA Membership Department, PO Box 299, Topeka, KS 66601-0299, or to the South Bend Region, SCCA Membership Chair: David Bowman 3807 Fern Hill Dr, Mishawaka IN 46544-6267.
E-Mail: <crazydaveracing@gmail.com> Make checks payable to SCCA.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____
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Address _____ Telephone (_____) _____

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The following only needed for family memberships:

Spouse 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			2 Years	3 Years	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Member	\$65.00	\$15.00	\$80.00	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	80.00	20.00	100.00	180.00	245.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear Member (24 years or under)	30.00	15.00	45.00	75.00	95.00	\$ _____
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**

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☐ **Auto-Renew with Credit Card** (Credit card shown above will automatically be charged National & Regional dues prior to membership 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 or e-mail must be accompanied by a Visa or MasterCard account number for payment.

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Are You Special?

The following people are being recognized at SBR's Annual Banquet

Paul Stock	John Glynn	Chris Cunningham
Derek Burt	Phil Bowman	Cailin Kennedy
Taylor Morris	Rich Hammond	Gabe Argenta
Dave Gushwa	James Morris	Todd Green
Stan Jones	Shannon Bantz	Steve Bollinger
Kim Bollinger	Mark Manninen	Steve Tamandli
Ryan Mawhorr	Dave Baltazar	Steve Ruschak
Linda Ruschak	John Jurek	Gary Burton
Jody Foster	Jason Gast	Kevin Kirchoff
Joseph Jamison	Lloyd Loring	Kevin Horecky
Evan Gill	Peter Jacobs	Rod Markowicz
Jeff Luckritz	Nick Mawhorr	Brian Tack
Doug Campbell	H.C. Colwell	Sam Centellas
Dave Bowman	Dennis Jennings	Jim Krzyzewski
Leon Krauss	Duane Belisle	Kelby Krauss
Jim Desenberg	Bill Loring	Lynnette Markowicz
Paul McBride		

Join them and meet Scott Goodyear, this year's guest speaker!