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A publication for, and by,  
the members of the Western Michigan Region Sports Car Club of America



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## Membership News

### WMR welcomes our new or returning members

- Christopher Beukema - Holt, MI
- Andy Hopkins - Battle Creek, MI
- Bjorn Larson - Marshall, MI
- Rashad Luster - Holland, MI
- Kevin Sonberger - Tecumseh, MI
- Pete Zorn - Norton Shores MI

### Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 42 years Elizabeth Eslaire
- 36 years Danny Moon
- 27 years Leonard Basaj
- 21 years Joan Bolt
- 21 years Joe Moch
- 15 years Nancy Doane
- 14 years Mattison Ockerlund
- 14 years Samantha Ockerlund
- 13 years Diane Johncock
- 13 years Steve Johncock
- 6 years Jason Porritt
- 6 years Cherilyn Deary
- 6 years William Deary
- 4 years Haopeng Zhang
- 3 years Scott Mathews
- 2 years Ted Johnston
- 2 years Abby Risse
- 2 years Kerry Risse
- 2 years Kylee Risse
- 2 years Thomas McNamara
- 2 years Cade Wilson
- 2 years Jameson Savage
- 2 years Gino Bau
- 2 years John DeLong
- 1 year Chris Brooker
- 1 year Benjamin Mitchell

## A sports car for the price of a sporty car.

The 1970 AMX is the only American sports car that costs less than \$4,000. It lists for \$3,395, which puts it into the same price category as a loaded Mustang or Camaro.

But there is where the similarity begins and ends.

For the AMX is a legitimate two-seater sports car. Not because we say it is, but because that's the way we built it.

Our 360 cu. in. V-8 engine isn't optional. It's standard.

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Or mag style wheels.

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fiberglass belted Polyglas™ tires, heavy duty shocks and springs, rear torque links, a 140 m.p.h. speedometer and a big tach aren't part of a long list of available options.

They're part of a long list of standard equipment.

Sure, the AMX offers a larger engine and other performance options.

But you don't need them to make the AMX a sports car.

You've got that to begin with.

**American Motors**  
**\$3,395 AMX**

1. Manufacturer's suggested retail price. Federal taxes included. State and local taxes, if any, destination charges and options excluded.



## If you insist on air conditioning, you can always hit the track and roll down the window at 160 mph.



The new RS is the purist's Porsche. We've subtracted weight, but added serious suspension tuning, massive wheels, and special seats, to make it quicker, more nimble, and considerably more visceral. Quantities, like its lap times, are very limited.

**The new Porsche RS America.**

Manufacturer's suggested retail price: \$53,900.





March 1, 2018

Western Michigan Region Sports Car Club of America  
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Dear Western Michigan Region Sports Car Club of America,

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Your recent donation of \$100.00 made in memory of Barbara Henry is bringing an added level of comfort to many hospice patients and their family members. After battling a life-threatening illness, many have depleted their life's savings. Your donation helps alleviate the stress that accompanies the inability to pay for items that are not covered by insurance or are otherwise not affordable.

The mission of the Great Lakes Caring Hospice Foundation is to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual, or social needs of terminally ill individuals and their families. This means that your donation may provide:

- Emergency assistance to help pay for water, electric, or gas bills
- Items that reduce anxiety or depression like weighted blankets or activity blankets/aprons
- Lasting wish experiences like taking a patient to a football game or out to lunch for a birthday or anniversary
- Transportation for patients or family members
- Equipment to make the home safer or more accessible
- Support for our bereavement, art, massage, and music therapy programs and/or other community programs that focus on the aging and/or hospice populations.

We could not continue our work without the help of our donors. Our success is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from people like you. If you have any questions about the Great Lakes Caring Hospice Foundation or our work, please contact me at: [lnielsen@greatlakescaring.com](mailto:lnielsen@greatlakescaring.com) or 517-745-4520.

Again, we thank you for your support and helping us succeed in our mission.

Sincerely,



Lisa Nielsen  
Community Relations Coordinator

Please keep this written acknowledgment of your donation for your personal records. EIN#: 38-3508691

PO Box 58, Jackson, MI 49204 | 855.650.2400 | [GreatLakesCaringHospiceFoundation.org](http://GreatLakesCaringHospiceFoundation.org)

*Great Lakes Caring Hospice Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.*

# March Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2018, 7:15 pm  
County Seat Restaurant, Hastings, MI

Board Members present: Jim Washburn, Mary Ellen Sickles, Bruce Beauvais, Lenny Basaj.

Board Members absent: Wayne Rogers, Verne Wandell, Fred Hawley

Other Members Present: Suzy Beauvais, Rod Sickles, Dayle Frame, Melinda Frame, Dave Ferris, Tom Smolenski, Ed Lublow, Dave Walters and Allison Walters.

## Secretary Report:

Mary Ellen Sickles: Our February minutes were approved and printed in the newsletter.

The following Board of Director actions were taken via email between the February and March meetings:

- 1) The board has been looking into obtaining a fire truck for our Fire/Rescue operations at our Club Racing Events. On 02-18-18 Bruce Beauvais made a motion to bid a maximum of \$6600.00 for a fire truck that was up for auction. Verne Wandell seconded. The motion was approved. During the auction however, we were out bid by a significant amount.
- 2) On 02-19-18 Bruce Beauvais made a motion to approve \$100.00 to be sent to Great Lakes Caring Hospice in remembrance of Marc Henry's mother. Verne Wandell seconded and it was approved.
- 3) On 03-01-18 Bruce Beauvais made a motion to purchase just the fire equipment from the new owner of the truck that we lost out our bid on at a cost not to exceed \$2500.00. Verne Wandell seconded, the motion. No action was taken however, the motion was made to open discussion on the matter.

## Regional Executive's Report:

Jim Washburn: Welcome returning members Dave & Allison Walters.

New and returning members hometowns are listed in the newsletter. If a new member is in your area, try to connect and serve as a mentor to them.

## Treasurer's Report:

Verne Wandell. Not present, but sent his report to the board members via email prior to the meeting. Our financial situation is strong for continuing ongoing operations. Our checking balance as presented in this month's Treasurer's Report is reconciled and equal to our most recent bank statement. A copy of our monthly treasurer's report is available to our members upon written request. Bruce Beauvais moved to accept the report, Lenny Basaj seconded, it was approved.

## Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: Our events are on MSR's calendar. Our registrar will be Marilyn again. We will need to finalize the registration form for MSR. Great Lakes Division is starting a mentoring program for new drivers.

Just a note: Multiple car classes are not allowed on race cars.

## Solo Report:

Brad Yonkers: Not present, Dayle Frame gave the report. Scheduled the date for the fall Michigan Adventure Event on September 22 with September 29 as the rain date.

## Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn: Please have any items for the newsletter and the BoD minutes to Jim by March 28 for the April newsletter.

## Chief of Specialty Reports:

### Flagging & Communications:

Karen Crider: - Not present

### Radios:

Bruce Beauvais: - No report

### Start:

Bruce Beauvais: - No report

### Grid & Pit:

Rod and Mary Ellen Sickles: - No report

### Timing & Scoring:

Dave Ferris: Will be testing our timing equipment this spring..

### Sound:

TBA: We are getting our equipment calibrated and certified.

### Course:

Wayne Rogers: Not present.

## Old Business:

New Website Status update: Discussion was conducted regarding our website. We will go live and if any changes need to be made will do them as they arise. Bruce Beauvais made a motion to go live with the new website. Lenny Basaj seconded, and the motion was approved. The Board determined that Lenny Basaj would be our point person in communicating with our webmaster with any changes and updates to the new website

Disposition of Hand Held Displays: Verne not present so no update.

2017 Tax Filing: Information is in the process of being submitted to our Tax Preparer. Filing not due until May 2018.

# March Meeting Minutes

— Continued —

Additional or Replacement traffic cones for the Solo Program: Dayle reported that Verne will place an order for replacement traffic cones along with any Club Racing Registration Forms and 2018 Tech stickers once a determination is made as to what is needed.

Timing Equipment for Solo Program: It has been understood by the BoD that we will be able to use the Furrin Group equipment for the 2018 season. Suzy Beauvais will try to confirm this with the Furrin Group.

Additional or replacement equipment needed for Club Racing: New Laptop/Chromebook for Start - After some discussion, the board will ask Verne Wandell to determine what kind of device we will need and to report back with a price range for the purchase of an appropriate device.

Fire and Rescue vehicle purchase: It was determined that we should look for alternatives to purchasing the used equipment referenced in discussions via email. The outstanding motion by Bruce Beauvais on 03-01-18 via email was defeated (voted down) at the meeting. Jim Washburn volunteered to check repeatedly online for "Mini-Pumpers" and Brush Fire Trucks for sale or auction and report back to the board when a potential vehicle was found. The board will also pursue a separate truck and a the construction of removable fire equipment skid.

## New Business:

Update MSR for Regional Club Race information:  
Addressed in Competition Directors Report above.

File Solo Michigan Adventure event #1 Sanction Application:  
Brad Yonkers will need to file at the appropriate time. Jim Washburn will followup with Brad Yonkers on this issue.

Order Solo Michigan Adventure event #1 trophies: Jim Washburn will followup with Brad Yonkers on this issue.

Determine/Finalize Key Race Administration Personnel and Race Support Resources: Dayle Frame reported that many of the arrangements have been made. A Chief of Registration has been recruited. A Chief of Sound, Chief of Tech and Chief of Pits will be confirmed soon. We are still looking for Race Chair Trainees, and a Chief of Driver Information.

Changes to the WMR Incentive Award Program for the new year: A separate meeting of the Incentive Award Committee will be scheduled soon. Any proposed changes should be submitted at this meeting.

Dayle Frame requested the purchase of 3 new helmets for the Solo Program. Bruce Beauvais made a motion to purchase the 3 new helmets at a cost not to exceed \$350.00. Lenny Basaj seconded, and the motion was approved.

## Announcements:

None

## Adjournment:

Lenny Basaj moved to adjourn, Dayle Frame seconded, approved at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Sickles,  
Recording Secretary



Our General Membership / Board of Directors  
Meeting Location

--- Please Join Us At The ---

**County Seat Lounge**

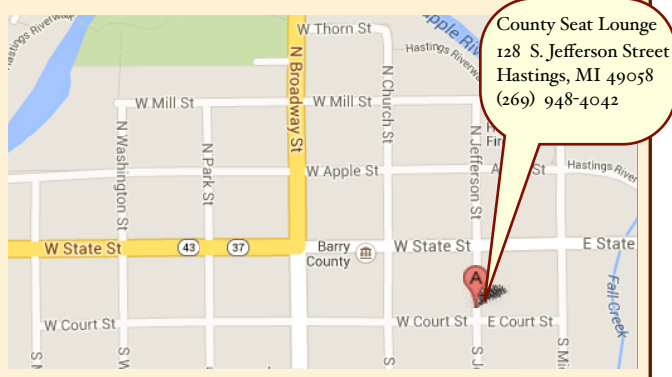
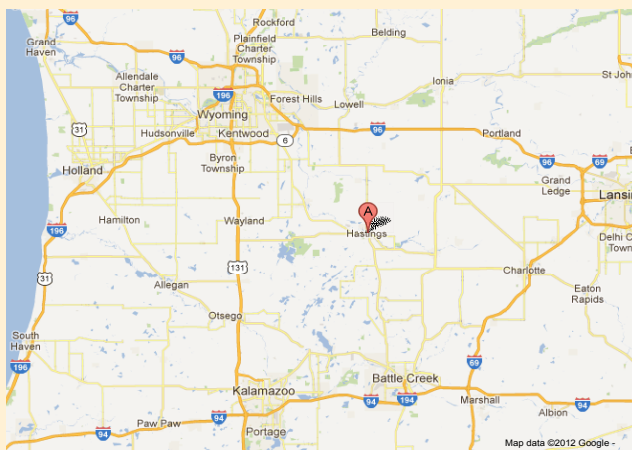
128 S. Jefferson Street, Hastings, MI



For the “off season” October thru April,  
we typically meet the 2nd Saturday of the month  
with an optional dinner at 6:00pm  
followed by the meeting at 7:00pm.



**Our next meeting will be April 14, 2018.**



**Region Calendar**

**April 14, 2018**

General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting at  
the County Seat Lounge, 128 S Jefferson Street,  
Hastings, MI Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00pm

**May, 2018**

LET THE RACING SEASON BEGIN !  
(No Meetings until the end of the Racing Season)

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Secretary

**2018 GREAT LAKES DIVISION**
**SOLO SERIES SCHEDULE**

- TBA TBA #1
- TBA TBA #2
- TBA TBA #3
- TBA TBA #4
- TBA TBA #5
- TBA TBA #6
- TBA TBA #7
- TBA TBA #8
- TBA TBA #9
- TBA TBA #10
- TBA TBA #11
- TBA TBA #12

For more information and  
to Register for a specific event go to  
[www.soloseries.org](http://www.soloseries.org)

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**2018 WMR SOLO SCHEDULE**

- **April 21** **WMR at Michigan Adventure, 1198 W Riley-Thompson Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445**
- September 3 WMR - Labor Day Event at Grattan
- September 22 WMR at Michigan Adventure, 1198 W Riley-Thompson Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445

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for more information.

**2018 GREAT LAKES DIVISION**
**CLUB RACING SCHEDULE**

- **April 21** **GLDiv/WHRRI Driver's School (classroom) at Waterford Hills**
- **April 28 - 29** **GLDiv/WHRRI Driver's School (track time) at Waterford Hills**
- May 3 - 6 VSCDA "Gingerman Spring Brake Drivers School & Races" at Gingerman
- May 19 - 20 SBR/DET/WOR Double Regional at Gingerman
- June 1 - 3 OVR "Race of Champions" Majors Double Event at Mid-Ohio
- June 9 - 10 NeOhio Double Regional at Nelson Ledges
- June 23 - 24 SVRA Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio at Mid-Ohio
- June 23 - 24 WMR "Unrestricted" Double Regional at Grattan
- July 7 - 8 SBR / DET "Bert Olson" Majors Double Event at GingerMan
- July 14 - 15 OVR Double Regional at Mid- Ohio
- August 3 Cincinnati Region PDX at Mid-Ohio
- August 4 - 5 Cincinnati Region Double Regional at Mid-Ohio
- August 11 - 12 WMR Majors Double Event at Grattan
- August 17 - 19 VSCDA "Vintage Grand Prix Au Grattan XXX" at Grattan
- October 5 OVR PDX at Mid-Ohio
- October 6 - 7 OVR Double "Sprint Classic" Regional at Mid-Ohio
- October 16 - 21 2018 SCCA National Runoffs at Sonoma Raceway

For more information and  
to Register for a specific event go to  
[www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)



## WMR SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

### Available Credits and Redemption Information

Credits earned with our Service Award Program may be carried over for the most recent two consecutive years.

SOME OF OUR MEMBERS (see below on the next page) have **unused credits earned in 2016 and 2017**. This credit can be used for SCCA Merchandise or applied to your 2018 membership renewal fees.

#### **How to use your credit for merchandise.**

Select item(s) at [sccagear.com](http://sccagear.com) and contact Verne ([verne@valleyedit.com](mailto:verne@valleyedit.com)) with product information. He will verify your available credit, ask you to confirm item number, size, color, etc, and ask you to send a check to him for the balance. He will place the order to be shipped to you.

#### **How to use your credit for membership renewal.**

When you receive your membership renewal information in the mail, contact Verne Wandell, our club treasurer ([verne@valleyedit.com](mailto:verne@valleyedit.com)) to verify the amount of credit available. Then mail the renewal form and a check for the difference between your renewal amount and the available credit to Verne. He will forward it to SCCA where it will be processed.

## WMR Service Award Program - Available Credits as of 03-01-2018

Member Name	Remaining Credit
Anderson, Eric	\$ -
Andrews, Sue	\$ 35.00
Barnes, Ray	\$ 50.00
Basaj, Alex	\$ 25.00
Basaj, Anna	\$ 35.00
Basaj, Carola	\$ 10.00
Basaj, Lenny	\$ 25.00
Beauvais, Bruce	\$ 100.00
Beauvais, Sue	\$ 50.00
Boris, Jeff	\$ 25.00
Crider, Karen	\$ 75.00
Cull, Phil	\$ 50.00
Dalziel, Irene	\$ 10.00
DeLong, John	\$ 10.00
DeLoof, Steve	\$ 20.00
Doane, Marty	\$ 20.00
Doane, Nancy	\$ 10.00
Ensing, Gordy	\$ 10.00
Ferris, Dave	\$ 35.00
Frame, Dayle	\$ 62.50
Frame, Melinda	\$ 12.50
Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	\$ 75.00
Green, Ric	\$ 10.00
Gyulay, Jason	\$ 35.00
Hansen, Debbie	\$ 25.00

Member Name	Remaining Credit
Hansen, Lydia	\$ 50.00
Hansen, Pete	\$ 50.00
Hawley, Fred	\$ 25.00
Henry, Marc	\$ 50.00
Lublow, Ed	\$ -
Maklenburg, Ed	\$ 17.50
McCue, Michael	\$ 10.00
Orr, Bobbe	\$ 25.00
Otte, Matt	\$ 50.00
Plank, Chris	\$ 10.00
Rogers, Wayne	\$ 75.00
Secor, Jeff	\$ 35.00
Sickles, Mary Ellen	\$ 100.00
Sickles, Rod	\$ 75.00
Smolenski, Tom	\$ 75.00
Stachelek, John	\$ 20.00
Steencken, Barb	\$ 17.50
Trotter, Bob	\$ -
Wandell, Verne	\$ 75.00
Washburn, Jim	\$ -
Williamson, Aric	\$ 20.00
Williamson, Sara	\$ 10.00
Woods, Thomas	\$ -
Woods, Tyler	\$ -
Yonkers, Brad	\$ 25.00

## Remember...

Attending our regular General Membership / Board of Directors Meetings will help you accumulate points for our WMR Service Award Program. Each meeting you attend will provide you 25 points. Prizes will be handed out at our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet for various levels of points accumulation.

We typically meet the second Saturday of the month, October through April, with an optional dinner at 6:00pm followed by the meeting at 7:00. Check our Region Calendar for the specific dates. -- *Please join us*

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## The Hoosier Shop Manual Series

B-Spec, B Street, American Sedan, Classic American Muscle, Prepared All-Wheel Drive, E Street Prepared, GT-1, Touring 1 .... Admittedly, participation options within the Sports Car Club of America® can be varied, confusing and daunting for newcomers. Be it road racing, autocross, RallyCross®, RoadRally or other SCCA® activity, the immense complexity of motorsports itself sometimes acts as a barrier to entry.

But thanks to support from Hoosier Racing Tire, the SCCA is producing the Hoosier Shop Manual series -- a set of videos taking a quick look at some of the ways Club members have fun with cars. Each short video provides a glimpse into a competition activity and a specific way to get involved. Videos will be rolled out early in 2018 and can be viewed at [SCCA.com](http://SCCA.com).

Mike Cobb, SCCA President and CEO, said the videos are being created to help automotive enthusiasts gain a better grasp of the SCCA member experience. The first set of videos focus on specific car classes across several Club. In the future, the Hoosier Shop Manual series also hopes to explore various volunteer specialties.

"We want SCCA Regions to use these Hoosier Shop Manual videos as a tool for explaining just what this Club is all about and what we offer to those who want to have fun with cars," Cobb said. "I'm sure many current Club members have experienced a time when they've tried to explain the SCCA lifestyle to someone outside the Club and it just becomes a little confusing. With these videos, regions now have an online destination where prospective members can learn more from those actually taking part in specific SCCA motorsport pursuits."

The first Hoosier Shop Manual video is now available for viewing [here](#) and focuses on Beth Aquilante and her SCCA road racing American Sedan Camaro. Check back to [SCCA.com](http://SCCA.com) frequently as new videos are uploaded in the coming months.

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## 2018 WHRRI/SCCA Driver's School Application Instructions

Thank you for considering the Waterford Hills Road Racing Incorporated "WHRRI", 2018 Competition Driving School.

The school consists of a day of classroom instruction and two days of On-Track instruction. This year we will also be offering an open track day to test your car and get some of the butterflies out before your on track sessions. The school is accredited by the Sports Car Club of America "SCCA". Students successfully completing the training are presented with a Novice Competition Permit.

Dates and Locations:

- Classroom Instruction - Saturday 4/21/2018 (9am - 5pm)
  - Main Club House (on the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club [OCSC] grounds)  
4470 Waterford Road, Clarkston, MI 48346
- Open Track Day (optional) - Sunday 4/22/2018 (8am - 6pm)
  - The WHRRI Road Course  
4470 Waterford Road, Clarkston, MI 48346
- On-Track Instruction - Saturday 4/28/2017 and Sunday 4/29/2017 (8am - 8pm both days)
  - The WHRRI Road Course  
4470 Waterford Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

*In order to participate in the WHRRI Competition Driving School, the following requirements need to be met:*

**1. Student requirements:**

- a. Age - The participating student must be 18 years or older at the time of the on-track session. A waiver may be pursued through the WHRRI Board of Directors for students 16 and 17 years of age at the time of the On-Track Session. The waiver must be approved by the Board of Directors before the On-Track sessions.
- b. Medical – The participating student must provide a completed medical examination form prior to the On-Track session. The form is available through the SCCA website at: [https://www.scca.com/search?utf8=✓&q=Competition+License+Physical+Exam+Form&search\\_for=&commit=Search](https://www.scca.com/search?utf8=✓&q=Competition+License+Physical+Exam+Form&search_for=&commit=Search) The physical exam must be completed within 6 months preceding the On-Track event.
- c. Safety Gear - All drivers are required to present personal safety gear, suit, shoes, gloves, and helmet, as required by the SCCA General Competition Rules “GCR” including a head and neck (HANS) restraint device, for inspection to participate in all On-Track events.

**2. Vehicle requirements:**

- a. Vehicle/Crew Preparation - Student must provide the vehicle to be used for the duration of the school. Preparation and maintenance of the vehicle is the responsibility of the student. Crew support at the time of the event is highly recommended and encouraged. The school will be held rain or shine and it is highly recommended rain tires are available for use during the school.
- b. Vehicle Safety Equipment – All cars must meet all safety requirements as defined by the SCCA General Competition Rules for the particular type of car being used and will be inspected. Car numbers are required and must meet specifications as defined in the GCR. Rules relating to performance characteristics will not be scrutinized.
- c. Mufflers – All vehicles must have a muffler installed in the exhaust system. All vehicles must meet noise restrictions as described in WHRRI supplemental regulations.
- d. For guidance and assistance with race car rentals and support, email [drscool@waterfordhills.com](mailto:drscool@waterfordhills.com)

**3. Novice Permits/Membership requirements:**

- a. Novice Permit - In order to receive a Novice Permit (required for participation in sanctioned race events) upon successful completion of the school, membership in WHRRI or SCCA is required. The WHRRI driving school does not require membership with either WHRRI or SCCA for participation, but NO novice permits will be provided at the end of the school if membership was not completed prior to the start of the school. Novice permits can be applied for at a later date. Additional costs may be incurred.
- b. WHRRI – Membership in Oakland County Sportsman Club, “OCSC”, is required for membership in WHRRI. Details of WHRRI membership can be found on the WHRRI website. A WHRRI novice permit is presented to the student upon successful completion of the school. The cost of the WHRRI permit is included in the school registration fee.
- c. SCCA – If applying for an SCCA Novice permit, membership in SCCA is required. Details of SCCA membership can be found on the SCCA website. An SCCA novice permit is presented to the student upon successful completion of the school. An additional cost is required for the SCCA Novice permit.
- d. Both – A student may apply for a novice permit from both SCCA and WHRRI if desired. Membership requirements for both clubs are required. The additional SCCA novice permit fee is required.

**4. Early Registration Fees:**

- a. First Time Student:
  - II. WHRRI Members \$395.00
  - III. SCCA Members \$520.00 (includes SCCA Novice permit)
  - IV. Non Members \$460.00 (No Permit provided upon completion of school)
- b. Returning students – Students that have participated in the WHRRI school or held a competition license within past 5 years qualify for a returning student discount:
  - I. WHRRI Members \$295.00
  - II. SCCA Members \$420.00 (includes SCCA Novice permit)
  - III. Non Members \$360.00 (No Permit provided upon completion of school)

- c. Open Track Day (optional) - Separate Registration is required. Register Early Space is Limited! :
  - I. WHRRI Members \$145
  - II. Non-WHRRI Members \$180
- d. REGISTER NOW - If application is received after 4/17/2018 - add an additional \$100.00 to the appropriate fee as listed above.

## Registration for WHRRI Drivers School



The registration process for the school is through the website [MOTORSPORTREG.COM](http://MOTORSPORTREG.COM).

The process is very intuitive and gathers information such as:

- Student Information (Name, Address, Phone, etc)
- Car Information (Make, Model, Car Number, Transponder Number, etc)
  - If you are renting a car and don't know this info yet, leave it blank.
- Permit/Membership Information (WHRRI, SCCA or non, etc)

To begin the registration process you can either go directly to [MOTORSPORTREG.COM](http://MOTORSPORTREG.COM) and search for '2018 WHRRI Drivers School'

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## Flagging & Communications School at Waterford Hills

### What's it all about?

Have you ever watched racing on TV, or been to a road race (like the Detroit Grand Prix, for example)? Have you seen those people in white standing at the corner stations, wielding flags and fire bottles, or running to cars that have been involved in an incident? Well, that's what F & C turn marshals do. We use communications equipment (land lines or radios) to speak to the control tower, and we use flags and hand signals to communicate with the drivers and with each other. Our primary job is to maintain a clear racing course for the competitors in a race. We also have the best "seats" in the house to watch a race from, and being a marshal is very exciting and rewarding. You get to meet some pretty terrific people, too.

### The School

The school consists of a Saturday morning classroom session, where we teach you the basics of flagging and communications. At Waterford Hills, we flag according to SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) flag rules. All students are provided with a SCCA flag manual for further study. The classroom session covers such things as:

- The flags
- Basic communications
- Safety (of primary concern)
- Equipment (what you need, what to wear, what to bring)

After the morning session, students will be taken on a tour of the paddock and introduced to the various car classes and vehicle types. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent working with our experienced marshals on a turn station, putting into practice everything they learned during the morning. Students are encouraged to return on Sunday, where they will once again work with our experienced marshals on a turn station. Debriefing will take place each evening with the instructors, to answer questions and share experiences.

### Sounds great! How do I sign up?

Simple! Contact **Chip Bliem, WHRRI F & C Chief** at [flagcomm@waterfordhills.com](mailto:flagcomm@waterfordhills.com), to sign up for the school. If you are between 16 and 18 years of age, you will need to note this in your email. (Minors require a notarized minor consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian in order to participate. We can help with arrangements for a notary, and provide you with the forms.) A confirmation email will be sent to you, along with updates when necessary.

**Ginger Man**  
 Spring & Brake & Driver's School  
 May 3 - 6, 2018  
 South Haven, MI  
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