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Tw'as the night before Christmas where all through the shop
 Not an engine was leaking not even a drop
 The tires were filled to their max PSI
 In hopes that flat spots won't appear where they lie

As their batteries slowly charged from electricity on tap
 The Porsche's were prepared for their long winters nap
 I sat there all warm and snug on my couch
 Playing race driver video games so my skills would not slouch

When from beyond the garage there arose such a roar
 I sprang from my seat to the polished concrete floor
 With a click of a button the garage doors did raise
 I peered outside with my mind in a haze

The moon shown bright on the new fallen snow
 Giving the luster of mid-day to the object below
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear
 But a new Porsche Turbo with full racing gear

With a tap on the throttle the exhaust notes did sound
 I knew in a moment a flat six had been found
 To go up against a BMW or a Nissan GT-R
 With the new Porsche Turbo I knew I'd go far

Now Doctor! now Hoffman! now Carlson and Butzi!
 On Elford! on Patrick! on David and Hurley!
 To start the race we're off to the Ring!
 Through the corners and chicanes with this Turbo I'd fling

As they try to catch me, forced air is induced
 Nothing feels quite the same as that twin turbo boost
 Around and around the Ring I did go
 By holding the line I was anything but slow

Lap after lap the tarmac flew past
 I knew from the start I was going to be fast
 My foot on the throttle, I'm ready to shift
 If you find the apex there's no need to lift

As I round the last corner the checkered flag in site
 The race is mine without even a fight
 The marshals guide me over to the victory lane
 Where once again it's a Porsche's to gain

Upon the highest platform I stand
 Taking the win in the Porsche's homeland
 Time to go home... put the Turbo in gear
 The radio is up full so that all can hear

The speakers are blaring as I drive out of sight

“Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night”

Membership News

WMR welcomes our new or returning members

Ralph Gilles - Leonard, MI

Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 47 years Jan Downey
- 31 years John Gregg
- 19 years Scott Mathews
- 14 years John Brownlov
- 2 years Bill Elhart
- 1 year Howard Parks

“Nothing holds the road like a Ferrari...”



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Quattro, “the impossible car,” made possible by Audi engineering.



Audi 4000S Quattro

*Motor Trend, March 1984 “EPA est. [] mpg, 28 mpg/hwy. Use “est.” mpg for comparison. Mileage varies with speed, trip length, weather. Actual highway mileage will probably be less.

Audi Imagine, if you will, a sports sedan with permanent all-wheel drive. Imagine that this car was designed to function not as an off-the-road car but as a high performance road car. Imagine handling so advanced it offers traction combinations capable of conquering just about any driving surface you'd care to conjure up. Imagine further that this remarkable handling and performance comes with no loss in fuel efficiency. Impossible you say? But it's so!

“It” is the new German-engineered Audi 4000S Quattro, equipped with essentially the same permanent all-wheel drive system that made it possible for the legendary Audi Quattro competition car to win the World Rally Championship.

While the exotic Audi Quattro competition car carries an equally exotic price, the new Audi 4000S Quattro is priced for mortals at \$16,830! And it comes with a long list of luxury extras at no extra cost. This revolutionary car is so well engineered, Audi is backing it with an unlimited mileage, 2-year limited warranty. See your Porsche Audi dealer for details and a test drive.

For your nearest Audi dealer, call toll-free: 1 (800) FOR AUDI within the continental U.S. **PORSCHE AUDI Audi: the art of engineering.**

†MSRP's. Sugg. retail price. Tax, title, license, registration, dealer delivery charges add'l.

Our General Membership / Board of Directors
Meeting Location

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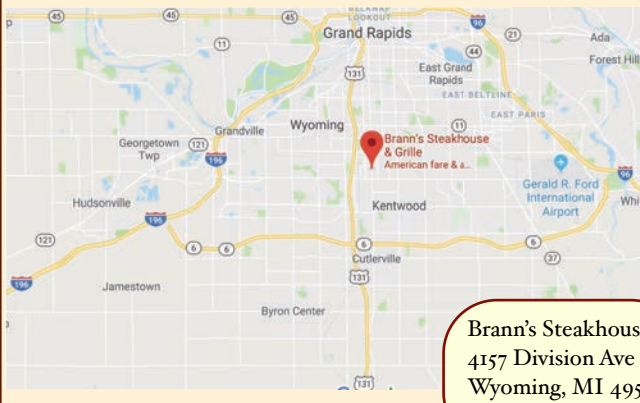
Brann's Steakhouse
4157 Division Avenue S, Wyoming, MI



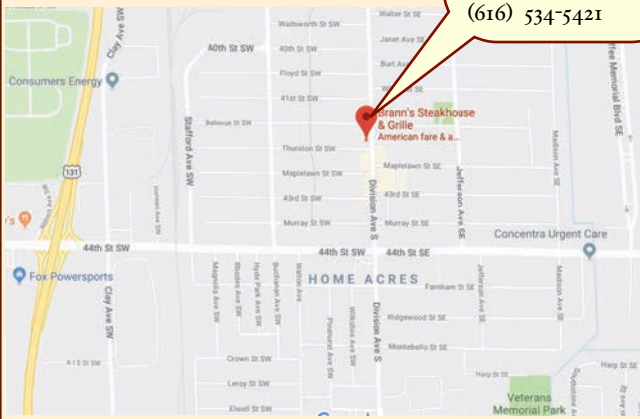
For the "off season" September thru April,
we typically meet the 2nd Saturday of the month
with an optional dinner at 6:00pm
followed by the meeting at 7:00pm.



Our next meeting will be December 14, 2019.



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Region Calendar

December 14, 2019

General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting at
Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, 4157 Division Avenue S,
Wyoming, MI. Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00pm

January 11, 2020

The Annual Meeting of our members will be at
Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, 4157 Division Avenue S,
Wyoming, MI. Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00pm

February 8, 2020

General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting at
Pietro's Italian Restaurant, 2780 Birchcrest Dr SE,
Grand Rapids, MI. Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00p

March TBD, 2020

GLD Spring Training Seminar at the Findley Inn in
Findley, OH

March 14, 2020

Our 2019 Awards Banquet will be at Pietro's Italian
Restaurant, 2780 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI.
Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00p

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MARY ELLEN SICKLES
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November Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2019, 7:05 pm
Pietro's Italian Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI

Board Members present: Wayne Rogers, Dave Ferris, Mary Ellen Sickles, Ed Maklenburg, and Lenny Basaj

Board Members absent: Jim Washburn, and Verne Wandell

Other Members Present: Rod Sickles, Barbara Steencken, Scott Beute, Tom Smolenski, Dayle Frame, Melinda Frame, Karen Crider, and Fred Hawley

Secretary Report:

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

Regional Executive's Report:

Wayne Rogers: Welcome to all members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ferris: 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. Mary Ellen Sickles moved to accept the report, Lenny Basaj seconded, and it was approved.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: Our new date for our Majors race is August 22-23. He will contact Duane Harrington regarding our June date.

Solo Report:

Brad Yonkers: (not present) - Brad will be stepping down as director of Solo next year, as he and his wife are starting a family. Eaton Corp. is interested in doing a Solo again this year. Scott Beute is interested in setting up some Rally Crosses. We would need start/stop gates and timing software. We have the cones and most of the other supplies and equipment.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn relayed that the newsletter deadline is November 25, 2019.

Chief of Specialty Reports:

F&C - Flagging:

Pete Hansen: (not present) - No report.

F&C - Communications:

Lydia Hansen: (not present) - No report.

Radios:

Bruce Beauvais: (not present) - No report

Start:

Bruce Beauvais: (not present) - No report

Grid:

Mary Ellen Sickles: - No Report

Timing & Scoring:

Dave Ferris: - No Report

Sound:

Carola Basaj: (not present) - There was a discussion of having calibration done on our equipment.

Course:

Wayne Rogers: - No Report

Tech:

Ed Maklenburg: - No Report

Old Business:

Long Term Race Trailer Storage (Carport): Wayne Rogers reported the car port is up, despite the cold, windy weather. He hired 2 guys at \$50.00 each to help with the top portion. We can pull through either end. Wayne will measure the storage area offered by Grattan. Dayle Frame has some shelves he will no longer be using that we can have.

Postcard: We will send a postcard after the first of the year with our schedule and survey questions regarding e-mail addresses, if they want a Backfire emailed to them, etc. Lenny Basaj made a motion to send and fund the postcards, Mary Ellen Sickles seconded, and it was approved.

BMW Club: Due to the fact of the insurance not being compatible we will not be pursuing this at the present time.

November Meeting Minutes

— Continued —

New Business:

Annual Awards Banquet: Our banquet will be March 14, 2020 at Peitro's Italian Restaurant in Grand Rapids. There was a discussion of possible speakers for the event..

WMR Service Award Program: There was a discussion of the program not being an incentive for new workers as much as only a rewards program for current workers. There hasn't been a real difference. Also some chiefs of specialties have reported and some have not, so it has not been equitable. A committee of Dave Ferris, Dayle Frame and Karen Crider will look into it and make recommendations at our next meeting.

The SCCA National Convention is January 16-18, 2020 in Las Vegas: Dave Ferris will go to represent us. If there is any further interest in going please let one of the Board members know.

Announcements:

Scott Beute is collecting information regarding doing some Rally Crosses and will report back to us.

Adjournment:

Lenny Basaj made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Ellen Sickles, approved at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Sickles,
Recording Secretary



2020 WMR Board Member Nomination/Election Results

The results are in. Nomination ballots were received and tallied by Mary Ellen Sickles. For the five elected Board Member positions, the only nominations received were for the current incumbent 2019 Board Members. All of which have graciously agreed to serve another term.

In accordance with our bylaws, and the fact that all the nominees and incumbents are running unopposed, an election is not required. --- Therefore:

The 2020 Western Michigan Region Elected Board Members are as follows:

- **Regional Executive**, Wayne Rogers (unopposed incumbent)
- **Assistant Regional Executive**, Ed Maklenburg (unopposed incumbent)
- **Secretary**, Mary Ellen Sickles (unopposed incumbent)
- **Treasurer**, Dave Ferris (unopposed incumbent)
- **Director-at-Large**, Lenny Basaj (unopposed incumbent)

The current Board Members will gather for their final meeting of the year on December 14, 2019. The 2020 Board will officially begin their one year term on January 1, 2020.

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 toward a potential free Banquet Ticket and \$ credits that can be applied to SCCA merchandise or membership renewal.

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*



To My Fellow WMR Members,

I will be stepping down from my position as Solo Manager for the 2020 race season, so we are looking for a new member or members to handle the duties of this position.

Although this is not an overly difficult or time consuming position, it does require some attention to detail. The Solo Manager is responsible for setting up events, ensuring the solo equipment arrives at the event site on time, overseeing the flow of the event, and filling out an event audit report afterwards.

I am willing to help the new Solo Manager in the background and with overseeing the events for 2020, but I cannot commit to attending the events.

If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to me at bradyonkers@gmail.com or call 616-204-8806 to discuss the position in more detail.

Without a new volunteer for next year, WMR will not be able to host autocross events in 2020!

Sincerely,

Brad Yonkers
WMR Solo Manager

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 banquet tickets and credits earned in 2017 and 2018**. The 2018 banquet tickets may be used for our next Banquet and the both the 2017 and the 2018 credits can be used for SCCA Merchandise or applied to your 2019 membership renewal fees. (The 2017 credits however, will expire when the new plan year begins on December 1, 2019.)

To use your credit for merchandise.

Review and note the item(s) at sccagear.com, then contact Dave Ferris, our club Treasurer, at 1988irocz28@gmail.com with the product information. He will verify your available credit, ask you to confirm the item number, size, color, etc, and ask you to send a check to him for the balance. He will then place the order to be shipped directly to you.

To use your credit for membership renewal.

When you receive your membership renewal information in the mail, contact Dave at 1988irocz28@gmail.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 Dave. He will forward it to SCCA where it will be processed.

WMR Service Award Program - Available Credits as of 12-01-2019

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 12/1/2019	\$ Credits Available as of 12/1/2019
Andrews, Sue	0	\$25.00
Barnes, Ray	0	\$25.00
Basaj, Anna	0	\$10.00
Basaj, Carola	0	\$25.00
Basaj, Lenny	0	\$25.00
Beauvais, Bruce	0	\$50.00
Beauvais, Sue	0	\$25.00
Boris, Jeff	0	\$25.00
Burnside, Alice	0	\$10.00
Burnside, Gary	0	\$10.00
Crider, Karen	1	\$50.00
Cull, Phil	0	\$10.00
Dalziel, Irene	0	\$10.00
DeLoof, Steve	0	\$10.00
Doane, Marty	0	\$0.00
Doane, Nancy	0	\$0.00
Ensing, Gordy	0	\$25.00
Ferris, Dave	1	\$0.00
Frame, Dayle	0	\$35.00
Frame, Melinda	0	\$25.00
Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	1	\$20.00
Green, Ric	1	\$25.00
Gyulay, Jason	0	\$25.00
Gyulay, Mary Beth	0	\$0.00
Hansen, Debbie	0	\$0.00

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 12/1/2019	\$ Credits Available as of 12/1/2019
Hansen, Lydia	0	\$25.00
Hansen, Pete	0	\$0.00
Hawley, Fred	1	\$35.00
Henry, Marc	0	\$25.00
Henry, Vicki	0	\$0.00
Lublow, Ed	0	\$10.00
Maklenburg, Ed	0	\$25.00
McCormick, Nathan	0	\$10.00
Orr, Bobbe	1	\$25.00
Redlon, Larry	0	\$25.00
Rogers, Wayne	0	\$50.00
Secor, Jeff	0	\$0.00
Sickles, Mary Ellen	0	\$50.00
Sickles, Rod	0	\$50.00
Smolenski, Tom	0	\$50.00
Steencken, Barb	0	\$25.00
Walters, Allison	0	\$10.00
Walters, Dave	0	\$10.00
Wandell, Verne	1	\$40.00
Washburn, Jim	1	\$0.00
Williamson, Aric	0	\$0.00
Williamson, Sara	0	\$0.00
Woods, Thomas	0	\$10.00
Woods, Tyler	0	\$10.00
Yonkers, Brad	1	\$0.00



Announcing the 2020 SCCA Hall of Fame Inductee Class

TOPEKA, Kan. (Nov. 20, 2019) -- Ten individuals, all who have made significant contributions to the Sports Car Club of America® (SCCA®) and world of motorsports, have been named as the Club's newest Hall of Fame class -- adding their names to a list of timeless superstars. The 2020 class, the largest group to be inducted at once into the Hall of Fame since its 2005 inception, includes three married couples and one individual who has now followed his father's path into the Hall of Fame.

Along with the accomplishments of all previous inductees, the latest Hall of Fame members helped position the building blocks that elevated SCCA's stature in the world of motorsports. This year's honorees are Bill and Jane Goodale, Walt Hansgen, Scott Harvey, Joe Huffaker, Cat Kizer, Bob and Patty Tunnell, and Dave and Sherrie Weitzenhof.

As has become tradition, this year's greats will be formally inducted during the SCCA® Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet. That event takes place Saturday, January 18 and serves as the capstone of the three-day SCCA National Convention taking place at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Below is additional background on those joining the prestigious ranks this year.



Bill and Jane Goodale

Within the Sports Car Club of America, Bill and Jane Goodale have been far more than accomplished drivers. They have been leaders, facilitators, officials and even mentors. It could be argued that most SCCA members have been affected by their efforts, certainly on the Solo side. But beyond that, the grace,

kindness and sense of inclusion they've displayed has become a hallmark of SCCA's Solo Program.

Jane was Solo Chair during the 1970s when New England Region's Solo program was just beginning to be a presence. She traveled the ProSolo circuit and went on to lend support to the Region and fellow competitors, and was well known as host of the Region party at Solo Nationals. Meanwhile, Bill was New England Region's first, and for decades only, Solo Novice chair.

In the early years of Solo Nationals, Chief Stewards were usually from outside the Solo community. When that changed to instead utilize those involved in autocross, Bill was one of the first to be asked to fill the role. He did for decades, working with and mentoring many others who have taken on the role as Solo Nationals grew. Bill's record in competition was impressive, too, as he was named the 1989 Driver of Eminence, received the 2010 Solo Cup, and claimed several national championships along the way.

Walt Hansgen

A member of the Northern New Jersey Region since joining SCCA in 1951, Walt Hansgen's influence and impact in American and European sports car racing was immense. As a competitor, Hansgen achieved much. He was a four-time SCCA "C" Modified National Champion, a three-time recipient of SCCA's President's Cup, and competed at world-class endurance events, NASCAR Grand National races, and a couple Grands Prix. Hansgen was also named the *New York Times* "Best Driver of the Year" and *Sports Illustrated* "U.S. Sports Car Driver of the Year."

Hansgen's successful racing career aside, he was a very active member of the Northern New Jersey Region where he held the Regional Executive position. On a National level, he served on the Competition Board and worked diligently to improve the Club's road racing program, safety standards and competition rules. Additionally, Hansgen conducted racecourse safety inspections, making recommendations for circuit improvements to benefit drivers, crew and spectators alike -- standards that are still in use today.

Scott Harvey

While attending UCLA in the 1950s, engineering student Scott Harvey began rally and racing efforts in an MG-TD. By 1956, he had joined the Sports Car

Club of America and was working as a Chrysler engineer in Detroit where he managed to convince superiors to loan him a 300D for motorsport activities -- the first in a long string of Chrysler products he competed in over the years. And while some know Harvey for engineering high-performance suspension parts, his real impact came through advancing the sport of performance rally.

It is Harvey's early adoption of the European idea of high-speed rally that landed him in the SCCA Hall of Fame. He helped form a club, called The Ralligators, that worked alongside SCCA's Detroit Region to create European rallying in the United States. Harvey was instrumental in creation of the MONY (Michigan, Ohio, New York) rally series, with most MONY events being SCCA rallies. This eventually led to creation of the SCCA PRO Rally series in 1973, which Harvey became first overall champion. Before that, he had participated in traditional Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) rallies where in 1963 and 1964 he won the SCCA National TSD championship.

In 1968, Harvey served as Chairman and Rallymaster of the Press On Regardless rally, a milestone event for the sport in America and the longest running rally event in SCCA history. Under his leadership, Harvey and the Press On Regardless were awarded the prestigious Arthur Gervais Rally of the Year in 1968 by SCCA, the first time a "performance" rally had been selected for the award. Harvey was also instrumental in bringing the World Rally Championship to the United States with his involvement in the 1972 Press On Regardless rally, an event in 1973 and 1974 with World Championship status.

Joe Huffaker

"Little" Joe Huffaker, the son of 2017 SCCA Hall of Fame inductee Joe Huffaker, has made a big mark in Sports Car Club of America road racing. At an early age, the younger Huffaker helped out around his father's garage before "officially" joining Huffaker Engineering in the early 1970s. Over the years he gathered a lot of useful knowledge, from his father and great drivers and mechanics, before taking over the business in 1991 when his father retired.

The younger Joe, however, didn't just continue his father's work. He significantly expanded the operation to become a force throughout SCCA Club Racing and Pro Racing, maintaining the highest possible standards in car construction and presentation, regardless of the series. As proof, note the fact

that Huffaker Engineering has produced over 35 SCCA Runoffs® National Championship cars and claimed three SCCA Trans Am titles. Their successful record has earned the Huffakers the honor of being the very first father-son duo to be inducted into the Sports Car Club of America Hall of Fame.

Beyond his car and engine building prowess, “Little” Joe -- who actually stands 6 feet 5 inches tall -- is an equally talented racecar driver. He has too many wins to count in SCCA road racing competition. But a couple highlights, as of 2019, include his 13 poles at the Runoffs and 10 National Championships gathered up across two different classes in cars he designed, built and prepared -- a feat that stands as testament to Joe’s immense talent.

Cat Kizer

A continuous member of SCCA since 1976, Catherine “Cat” Kizer holds a special place in SCCA history. She was the first female to be crowned a Runoffs champion, and the only woman to be awarded the President’s Cup. These two accomplishments have made Kizer a role model for other female racers.

It was 1979 when Kizer made history at Road Atlanta during the National Championship Runoffs. She faced a formidable field of competitors, many of whom were previous national champions. Starting from eighth on the grid, she quickly drove her H Production Red Roof Inns MG Midget into the lead. A great battle ensued up front, but it was Kizer who was first to the checkered flag. That inspiring drive earned her the prestigious President's Cup award that year. The following year, Kizer was back at the Runoffs, placing her car on pole and finishing third in the race.

Bob and Patty Tunnell

The Solo duo of Patty and Bob Tunnell have posted an illustrious record when it comes to autocross competition. From Volkswagens in the early 1980s, through a long and storied stretch driving BMWs at many preparation levels, the married couple achieved success few have matched. They have claimed numerous Solo Nationals Championships and ProSolo Championships across many classes and categories, from Stock through Modified, in cars which were

not the obvious choice for victory. Bob's recognition awards from SCCA have included the Solo Cup and, together with Patty, Driver of Eminence.

Beyond their success between the orange cones, the Tunnells stand as an example of how to be active, involved members of both the Solo community and Club as a whole. Bob has served the Club on a variety of fronts, including time on the Solo Events Board and as a Chief Steward for Solo Nationals. Patty and Bob have also lent their valuable experience and positive attitude to the Club's burgeoning Time Trials National Tour program. All throughout, the Tunnells never forgot how important it is to encourage experienced competitors to befriend and mentor those new to SCCA activities. Their kindness and compassion are also on display through philanthropic endeavors that create a very positive image for the Sports Car Club of America.

Dave and Sherrie Weitzenhof

Dave Weitzenhof's record over more than 50 years of SCCA road racing demonstrates his skill as both a driver and technician. Overall, he has seven SCCA National Championships and was presented with the Road Racing Drivers' Club Mark Donohue Award in 1972, as well as the 1977 SCCA President's Cup trophy. But as Dave himself admits, none of that would've been possible without the help of his wife, Sherrie Weitzenhof, who has been by his side and an instrumental part of the "team" throughout half a century of racing. The fact that Sherrie is officially recognized as a "Friend of the Road Racing Drivers' Club" proves that point. Furthermore, Sherrie supported the SCCA NeOhio Region by organizing many events, including the successful and long running Competition Clinic, and she chaired the NeOhio Hall of Fame committee.

To his credit, Dave earned four SCCA Runoffs wins in the highly competitive Formula Ford class, as well as a pair of Formula Continental Runoffs victories and a Formula Vee SCCA National Championship. Beyond that, he has won far too many SCCA races to count. Outside the car, Dave was an accomplished engineer with Bridgestone/Firestone and has numerous patents to his name. Throughout his involvement in SCCA racing, Dave openly shared insights on car setup and vehicle dynamics, as well as his tire expertise with fellow racers. Some of that know-how was deployed while serving as a test driver for development of the Sports Renault program, which evolved to become Spec Racer Ford -- one of SCCA's most popular car classes in road racing.

The new class of 10 inductees join the list below of 91 previously-entered SCCA Hall of Fame members:

2005: *Cameron Argetsinger, A. Tracy Bird, John Fitch, Arthur Gervais, Harry Handley, Vern Jaques, Bill Milliken, Sue Roethel, Art Trier, Rob Walker*

2006: *John Bornholdt, John Buffum, Mark Donohue, Denise McCluggage, Grant Reynolds*

2007: *Marge Binks, Marc Gerstein, Carl A. Haas, General Curtis E. LeMay, Theodore F. Robertson*

2008: *Roger E. Johnson, Don and Ruth Nixon, Kjell Qvale, Robert Ridges, Fred Schmucker*

2009: *Bill Chambres, Bill Johnson, Jim Kimberly, Paul Newman, John Timanus*

2010: *Nick Craw, Briggs Cunningham, R. David Jones, Burdette "Berdie" Martin, Wayne Zitkus*

2011: *Karen Babb, John Bishop, Jim Fitzgerald, Tracer Racing, Harro Zitza*

2012: *Charlie Earwood, Jim Hall, Gene Henderson, Dr. Peter Talbot, Bryan Webb*

2013: *Skip Barber, Bill Noble, Bobby Rahal, Carroll Shelby, Andy Porterfield*

2014: *Kathy Barnes, Robert "Bob" Bondurant, Dan Gurney, Dr. Robert "Bob" Hubbard and Jim Downing, Pete Hylton*

2015: *Roger H. Johnson, Oscar Koveleski, Ron Sharp, Dr. George Snively, Bob Tullius*

2016: *Hubert Brundage, Bob Henderson, Roger Penske, Randy Pobst, Alec Ulman*

2017: *Pete Brock, Dennis Dean, Larry and Linda Dent, Joe Huffaker Sr., Lyn St. James, Phil Hill, Jim Kaser*

2018: *William C. Bradshaw, Peter Cunningham, Janet Guthrie, August Pabst, Dave Stremming and Loren Pearson, Bob Sharp, Dr. Dick Thompson*

2019: *David Ammen, Dr. Frank Falkner, George Follmer, Patricia "Patc" Henry, John McGill, Dorsey Schroeder, Henryk Szamota*

The purpose of the Sports Car Club of America Hall of Fame is to preserve, protect and record the history and accomplishments of the Club for current and future members by recognizing those members who have had a significant impact on the Club and the sport. This may be through service to the national organization, achievements in competition, advancement of the sport, or bringing recognition to the SCCA.

The Hall of Fame is overseen and guided by four Committees. The Steering Committee oversees the entire process. The Legacy Committee focuses on nominees from the first third of SCCA's history. The Nomination Committee focuses on nominees from the last two-thirds of the Club's history. The Chairs of the Legacy and Nomination Committees are encouraged to liaison with each other in cases where nominees might reasonably fall under the purview of both committees. The Selection Committee then picks each year's inductees.



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December CBS Sports Network Airdates for Select Runoffs Races

TOPEKA, Kan. (Nov. 29, 2019) -- December just wouldn't be the same without Sports Car Club of America® Runoffs® races airing on television for a wider audience to view and enjoy. And for a third year in a row, millions of households throughout the country will be able to experience the excitement and energy of SCCA® competition when select National Championship events from VIRginia International Raceway (VIR) air Sundays on CBS Sports Network.

Starting at 4 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, Dec. 8, race fans will be treated to the very exciting Spec Racer Ford Gen3 event, followed at 5 p.m. Eastern by the tight Formula Vee race. A week later on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. Eastern, Spec Miata will wow the viewing audience, followed immediately at 4 p.m. Eastern by the high-powered GT-2 race.

Sunday, Dec. 22, is all about SCCA Production racing on CBS Sports Network. At noon Eastern, the surprising E Production race will be broadcast. Then the nail-biter that was F Production will air at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Runoffs coverage on CBS Sports Network then concludes Sunday, Dec. 29, with the Touring 4 battle at 3 p.m. Eastern, then a 4 p.m. Eastern broadcast of the suspenseful Super Touring® Lite event.

Each separate race, produced by Apex Broadcast for the 11th year in-a-row, will be 60 minutes in length and anchored by longtime Runoffs announcer Greg Creamer. Additional commentary is supplied by pro driver Tom O'Gorman, Runoffs announcers



Andy Hollis and Larry MacLeod, SportsCar365 writer Ryan Myrehn, and Heyward Wagner again covering pit row. All broadcast times are Eastern and the schedule is subject to change. Check cable or satellite TV providers for local CBS Sports Network channels.

2019 Runoffs CBS Sports Network broadcast schedule:

- Sun., Dec. 8, 4 p.m. Eastern; Spec Racer Ford Gen3
- Sun., Dec. 8, 5 p.m. Eastern; Formula Vee
- Sun., Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Eastern; Spec Miata
- Sun., Dec. 15, 4 p.m. Eastern; GT-2
- Sun., Dec. 22, Noon Eastern; E Production
- Sun., Dec. 22, 1 p.m. Eastern; F Production
- Sun., Dec. 29, 3 p.m. Eastern; Touring 4
- Sun., Dec. 29, 4 p.m. Eastern; Super Touring® Lite

Exposure on CBS Sports Network allows Sports Car Club of America an opportunity to showcase its thrilling brand of road racing to millions across the nation while also displaying accessibility to motorsport activities, said SCCA President and CEO Mike Cobb.

“SCCA’s National Championship Runoffs are the three most exciting days of racing anywhere in the United States,” Cobb said. “Selecting eight races for broadcast on CBS Sports Network is always difficult, but we’ve again decided on races that connect with a wide audience and showcase the skill and passion of our members.”

The SCCA National Championship Runoffs has evolved into what is now commonly agreed to be the pinnacle of American motorsports. Since 1964, the SCCA has crowned Road Racing’s National Champions at the winner-take-all, single race Runoffs format through dozens of separate races over three days. The 56th annual Runoffs took place in 2019 at VIRginia International Raceway. It was the first time SCCA’s National Championship visited that venue found along the border of North Carolina and Virginia.

With broadcasts presented by Mazda, all 2019 Runoffs races from VIR are available for online viewing anytime at the 2019 SCCA Runoffs OnDemand [webpage](#) at [SCCA.com](#).

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