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the members of the Western Michigan Region Sports Car Club of America



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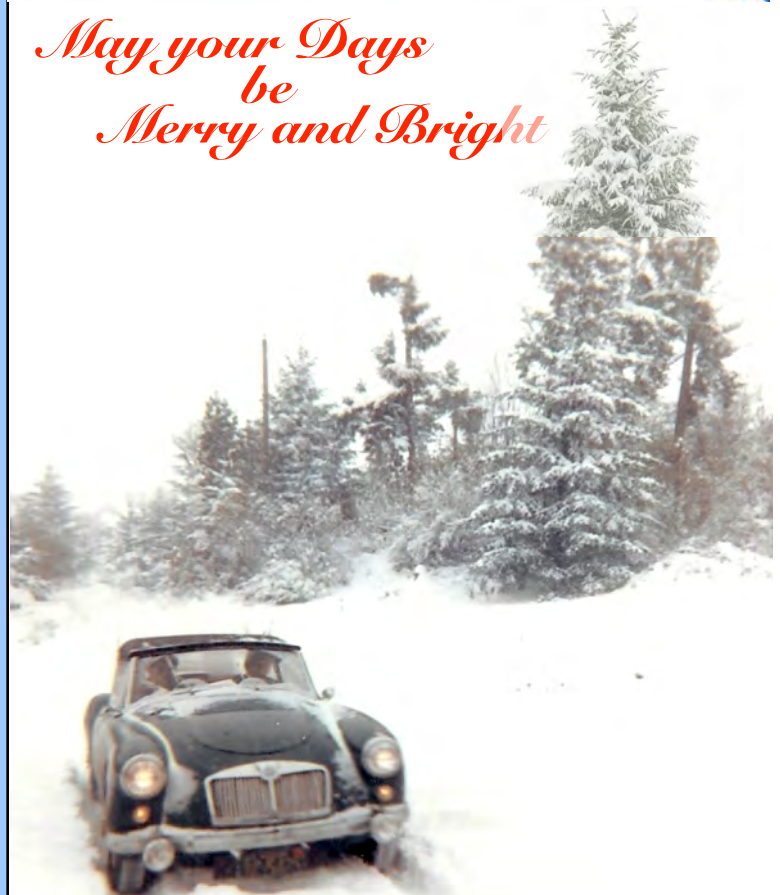
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Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season
& Happy New Year!



*May your Days
be
Merry and Bright*



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A Porsche Night Before Christmas

- a holiday reprint



Twas 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 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

- Benjamin Kaluski - Muskegon, MI
- Eric Wisniewski - Mason, MI
- Kaye Wisniewski - Mason, MI
- Matthew Wisniewski - Mason, MI

Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 49 years Jan Downey
- 33 years John Gregg
- 21 years Scott Mathews
- 16 years John Brownlow
- 4 years Bill Elhart
- 3 years Howard Parks
- 1 year Michael Becka
- 1 year Chrysalis Ashton
- 1 year Vincent Ashton
- 1 year Archer Bennett-Taylor
- 1 year Quintin Bennett-Taylor
- 1 year Zavier Bennett-Taylor
- 1 year Malorie Bovee
- 1 year Christopher Satterley
- 1 year Colin Satterley
- 1 year Ethan Satterley
- 1 year Michelle Satterley

"Take our seats, ladies and gentlemen, for a look at the new, luxurious Minis."

While gales of change have ruffled British motoring, the Mini® has remained one of the most comforting cars to own and drive. Now, it's even more comfortable. All Minis - 850, 1000, the new Clubman 1100 saloon and estate, the 1275 GT - all come to you with redesigned, relaxing seating. They come in 6 colours - we've added Antique Gold and Sand Glow - all with complementary interior trim. And, as with all Leyland cars, we've added Supercover, the most comprehensive after-sales protection ever seen in Britain. Mini motoring has always been economical, stylish and fun. Now it's luxurious as well.

From Leyland Cars. With Supercover.
*Mini is a registered trade-mark.

Our General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, December 9, at 7 pm
via Zoom.

To Join the Meeting

On your computer click on this link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4596564413>

Via telephone call: **1 646 558 8656**
or
1 312 626 6799

Enter the Meeting ID: **459 656 4413**



Region Calendar

December 9, 2021

Our General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting will be a Zoom Teleconference via your computer or telephone.

January 13, 2022

The Annual Meeting of our members will be a Zoom Teleconference via your computer or telephone.

February 10, 2022

Our General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting will be a Zoom Teleconference via your computer or telephone.

March 5, 2022

The GLD Spring Training Seminar to be held at Manchester University in Fort Wayne, Indiana, (Further details to follow.)

March TBD, 2022

Our 2021 Awards Banquet - Format and Venue TBD

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SCCA - Area 4 Director

The 2022 WMR Officers and Board Members Nomination/Election Results

The results are in. Nomination ballots were received and tallied by Mary Ellen Sickles. For the five elected Board Member positions, **Lenny Basaj** was nominated for Regional Executive, **Ed Maklenburg** was nominated for Assistant Regional Executive, **Dave Ferris** was nominated for Treasurer, **Mary Ellen Sickles** was nominated for Secretary and **Dan Moody** was nominated for Director-at-Large.

In accordance with our bylaws, and the fact that all the nominees ran unopposed, an election is not required. — Therefore:

The 2021 Western Michigan Region Elected Board Members are as follows:

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

The current Board Members will gather for their final meeting of the year on December 09, 2021. The 2022 Board will officially begin their one year term on January 1, 2022.

Goodbye and Farewell

As I announced last month... Due to my failing health, effective as of the end of the year, I am resigning from my position as the Newsletter Editor for the Western Michigan Region

As always, I wish everyone in the Region the very best.

**Adiose y despedida, Auf Wiedersehen und
Abschied, Adeus e Adeus, Au revoir et au
revoir, Addio e addio**

James Washburn
Newsletter Editor
Western Michigan Region, SCCA

We Need Your Help

Help WANTED

WMR SCCA Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor generates a monthly publication and distributes it to all Region Members.

- The editor shall produce a publication that is consistent, professional appearing and easy to read.
- The editor shall generate content that is relevant to the Region and SCCA activities.
- The editor shall create and include reports and advertisements of all the Region's events.
- The editor shall work closely with the Region's Webmaster to ensure accuracy and timeliness of shared information and stories.
- Once a newsletter is written, the editor's final job is to distribute it to readers.
- The editor shall save the newsletter as a pdf file and distribute it electronically through an e-mail list. It is the editor's responsibility to maintain an up-to-date list of readers.

A working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel or Macintosh Pages and Numbers is required.

Prior experience with newsletter creation and distribution would be helpful.

For more information contact:
Jim Washburn at (517) 242-0702.

If interested in the position contact:
Lenny Basaj at (231) 557-3694

Help WANTED

WMR SCCA Facebook Page Moderator

This job handles the road racing side of the club. Postings include monthly meeting information, promoting the 2 club racing events each year (Regional in June, Majors in August), and responding to questions that come via messenger. It's low key for duties and mimics what is posted on the WMR web page and published in the WMR newsletter.

For more information contact:
Karen Crider at (248) 981-9692.

If interested in the position contact:
Lenny Basaj at (231) 557-3694

November Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2021, 7:01 pm
via a Zoom Teleconference

Board Members present: Lenny Basaj, Ed Maklenburg , Dave Ferris, Karen Crider, Jim Washburn, and Mary Ellen Sickles

Board Members absent: Wayne Rogers

Other Members Present: Rodney Sickles, Dan Moody, Tom Smolenski, and Dayle Frame.

Secretary Report:

Mary Ellen Sickles: - No Report

Regional Executive's Report:

Lenny Basaj: Welcome to everyone

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ferris: Dave Ferris: Is finishing the P & L for our Solo.

He has put some money in short term CD's to earn more interest..

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. Karen Crider made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mary Ellen Sickles and approved.

Club Racing Program Manager's Report:

Bruce Beauvais: (not present)

Solo Program Manager's Report:

Dan Moody: For our October 24th event we had 69 cars run. They had 6 runs each.

Rally Cross Program Manager's Report:

Scott Beute: (not present)

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn: The newsletter deadline for submissions is November 24, 2021.

Jim is resigning as editor at the end of the year, due to health issues, after being editor for 9 years. He put an ad for editor and for Facebook page administrator. No response has been received yet.

Area 4 Director Report:

Dayle Frame: Members will be able to do annual waivers online this coming year.

The Electric Vehicle (EV) rules will be published soon.

Membership Chair Report:

Tom Smolenski: No Report Dave Ferris will send the region reports to Tom.

Chief of Specialty Reports:

F&C - Flagging:

Pete Hansen: (not present)

F&C - Communications:

Lydia Hansen: (not present)

Radios:

Bruce Beauvais: (not present)

Start:

Bruce Beauvais: (not present)

Grid:

Mary Ellen Sickles: No Report.

Timing & Scoring:

Dave Ferris: Will test the equipment this coming spring.

Sound:

Carola Basaj No Report.

Course:

Wayne Rogers: (not present)

November Meeting Minutes

— Continued —

Tech:

Ed Maklenburg: No Report.

Next Meeting: Thursday December 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Old Business:

Facebook Page Administrator: there is an ad in the newsletter for a new administrator.

Nominations: The Slate:

Regional Executive: Lenny Basaj
Assistant Regional Executive: Ed Maklenburg
Treasurer: Dave Ferris
Secretary: Mary Ellen Sickles
Member at Large: Dan Moody

All positions were unopposed and so were appointed as our new officers, effective Jan 1, 2022

Adjournment:

Karen Crider made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ed Maklenburg, approved at 7:45 pm

E Mail Votes Between Meetings:

None

New Business:

Annual Meeting: Discussion of January 13, 2022 Annual Meeting and the March banquet.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Sickles,
Recording Secretary



Announcements:

None

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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for December, 2021

Whew...a chance to catch my breath after a VERY busy month of October. November slowed down a bit and not a moment too soon. But, as we all know, the end of one season means the beginning of another. Like you, I've already begun to prepare for the 2022 season.

In case you missed it last month, it bears repeating that our divisional Spring meeting will be on Saturday March 5th with a casual gathering the night before. Details will be announced as they are finalized on the [GLDiv website](#).

Also, headquarters has created an online path to get an annual waiver (hard card). This is a great step forward and can eliminate the signing of all SCCA waivers (not track or site waivers). I've done it and it takes only a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself. I'll have more details next month.

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (11/2): The first meeting after the Runoffs can be quite lengthy as there are scores of requests from the driver corps. The results can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (11/3): A few of the EVAC met to walk through additions to another rules set.
- EVAC (11/10): The "regular" EVAC meeting was held tonight. We continued work on other rules sets.
- Rally Cross Board (RXB) (11/16): The RXB is rewriting some of their rules package so we went over the details. This meeting lasted 4.5 hours.
- BoD (11/17): We held a special meeting to review the qualifications for the replacement Director that was to come from Area 11. Jason Isley has moved to FL so he is resigning his position and the BoD picks his replacement. As we are meeting in Kansas City on 12/3, our normally scheduled meeting (11/22) has been cancelled.

SCCA Events:

- As the competition season is over for most of our specialties, I did not attend any SCCA events this past month.

November has me, once again, driving to Kansas City, MO for another BoD meeting (11/30-12/6). I'll use the trip to visit some family who lives nearby in Lawrence, KS and a friend who lives near St. Louis, MO.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

Dayle Frame



Digital Annual Waivers
Questions? Email membership@scca.com

ADULT ANNUAL WAIVERS

SCCA Members over the Age of Majority (typically 18 years of age) can add an Annual Waiver digitally through the Member Account Portal.

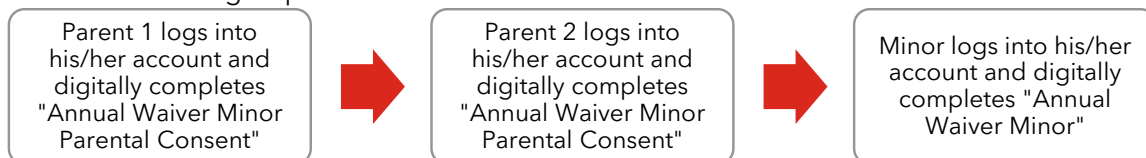
HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

1. Log in with your SCCA Member # at my.scca.com
2. Go to [Online Store - Licenses & Waivers](#)
3. Add "Annual Waiver Adult" license to cart
4. Be prepared to upload a photo of yourself
5. Follow the prompts at the top right of the screen
6. Complete checkout

MINOR ANNUAL WAIVERS

A minor taking part in an SCCA event as a competitor, on track participant, or volunteer or worker with access to restricted (hot) areas must have an **Annual Minor Waiver** on file for the calendar year. Age of Majority is 18 years except in AL and NE at 19; MS at 21.

The Annual Waiver Minor License will be issued to the Minor by the SCCA National Office when the following requirements are met:



HOW TO DIGITALLY COMPLETE

1. Login with your SCCA Member # at my.scca.com
 - a. Nonmembers can create a guest account to get a unique SCCA Member #
2. Go to [Online Store - Licenses & Waivers](#)
3. Add proper license to cart (see Parent & Minor instructions above)
 - a. Be prepared to upload a photo of yourself
 - b. Parents must have the Minor's name, date of birth & SCCA Member #
 - c. Minors must have names and SCCA Member #s for parents/legal guardians
4. Follow the prompts at the top right of the screen
 - a. Legal Sole Custodians must indicate **sole custody** with checkbox
5. Complete checkout

Digital Annual Waivers

Questions? Email membership@scca.com

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Check inbox for email confirming "under review"
- Check inbox for email indicating status and next steps: active, incomplete or terminated (should arrive in less than 24 hours, not including weekends/holidays)
 - **Active:** waiver valid through December 31 - "ready to go!"
 - **Incomplete:** waiver invalid, requirements not yet met
 - **Terminated:** waiver invalid, photo not acceptable; process must be restarted

PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL WAIVER AT EVENTS

- An Annual Waiver is valid with an active membership
- Acceptable forms of proof of membership at events include physical or digital membership cards with 'Valid Thru' date equal to or after the event date:
 - Physical membership card prints when membership renews (once per year)
 - Digital membership card available 24/7/365 on any mobile device
 - Retrieve on demand at your convenience; card is always current
 - Add a shortcut to your phone's home screen
 - Tap "My Membership Card" from "My Profile Page"
 - Tap Share icon
(iPhone @ bottom, iPad @ top, Android @ menu icon, upper right)
 - Tap "Add to Homescreen" from the menu
 - Type in a name for your shortcut e.g. "My SCCA Card"
 - Tap "Add"

Members with horizontal membership cards **ARE REQUIRED** to sign SCCA Event Waivers.

Members with vertical membership cards **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to sign SCCA Event Waivers



STOLEN RACE CAR TRAILER

CONTAINING A 1999 SPEC MIATA, A GOLF CART, A HONDA SPREE, TOOLS ETC.



Trailer was stolen from a storage lot SW Michigan sometime between Labor Day and October 10. Please do me a favor and keep an eye out for the following on FB Marketplace, craigslist etc.

- A 1999 SM with floor drop, tunnel notch, cage by V2(painted blue) Motorsports. Tech inspectors- check the trunk area, the rear trunk area was recently replaced due to track incident and the interior portion of the trunk is not perfect.
- A white 28' Timberwolf Trailer.
- A purple Honda Spree with broken left mirror. Hoosier stickers were on the front.
- An EZ Go gas golf cart from the early 2000's with black cargo box and SM76 decals on front back. -12 TR Motorsports wheels-gray.
- A bunch of miscellaneous parts like brake pads, ecu's, drive shaft, knuckles etc.

Thank you,

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— coming soon —



SNO DRIFT
Rally

February 18-19, 2022
Atlanta, Lewiston, Hillman, MI

Photo by Tara Hurlin

SNO DRIFT
Rally

REAL CARS
REAL ROADS
REAL FAST

The advertisement features a central photograph of a blue and white Ford rally car drifting on a snowy track, kicking up a cloud of snow. The car has several sponsor logos, including 'HANDZEL', 'GOLF MILL', 'Ford', 'BSM', and 'ARA'. The number '94' is visible on the side. The background shows a blurred crowd of spectators behind a yellow caution tape. The overall design is dynamic and emphasizes the excitement of winter motorsports.

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WHATEVER YOUR MARQUE...



Backfire is publication of the Western Michigan Region of the Sports Car Club of America.

The editor welcomes letters, articles and opinions of our members to be included in this publication provided that

1. The items are edited for grammar and improper expletives.
2. The content is not libelous nor unsupportable. The items must be received no later than the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue when and where space is available.

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