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BACKFIRE

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



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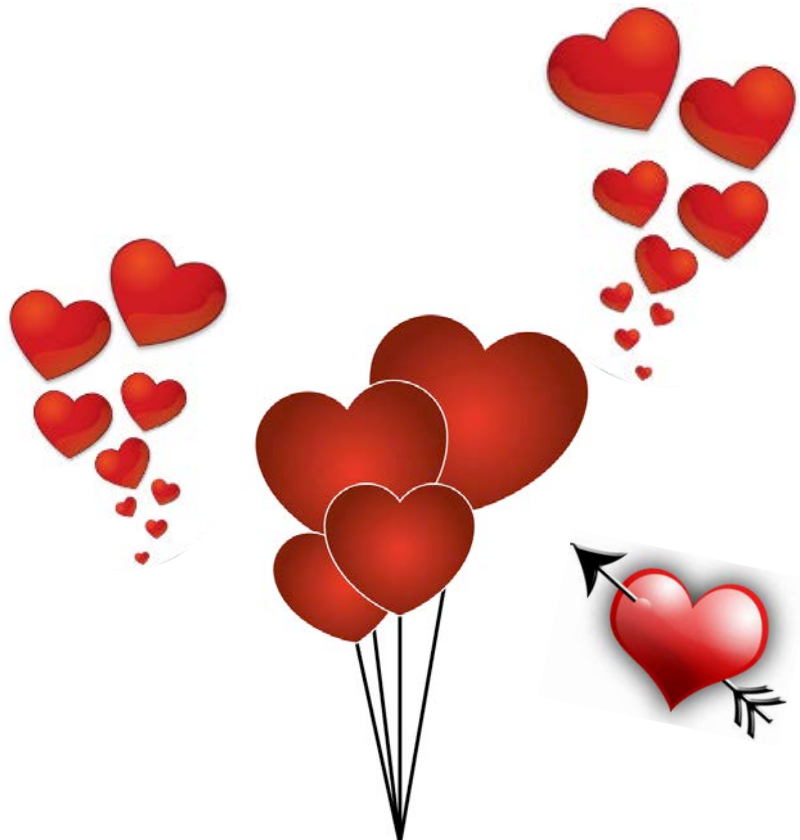
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Happy Valentine's Day!



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Membership News

WMR welcomes our new or returning members

- Michael Engle - South Lyon, MI
- Samuel Fiumara - Howell, MI
- Scott Harvey III - Waterford, MI
- Ike Keeler - Jenison, MI
- Michael Lake - Paw Paw, MI
- Trent Mahnken - Pinckney, MI
- John Retzer - Ann Arbor, MI
- Samuel Rogers - Hudsonville, MI
- John Stuedemann - Mattawan, MI
- Andrew Temple - Otsego, MI
- Marsella White - Howell, MI

Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 46 years James Downey III
- 45 years Gordon Ensing
- 34 years Perri Thocher
- 22 years Dayle Frame
- 20 years Melinda Frame
- 20 years Heather Futcher
- 20 years Robert Futcher
- 12 years Christopher Williams
- 7 years Anthony Fornetti
- 6 years Glenn Bryant
- 6 years Donald White
- 5 years Marie Savage
- 5 years Tyler Woods
- 4 years Gregory Stamm
- 2 years Blake Mahnken
- 2 years Daniel Moody
- 1 year Caleb Schuiling
- 1 year James Reinhard
- 1 year Jake Lueder
- 1 year Thomas Klonowski
- 1 year Dustin Plank
- 1 year Roger Sheler Jr.



Why a sports car with front wheel drive makes sense.

Front wheel drive makes a car corner surer and handle better than just about any other kind of driving system there is. Because the wheels that steer the car around turns are the wheels that pull the car around turns. (The rear wheels push a conventional car forward. So when the front wheels change direction, the rear wheels have a tendency to keep going straight. Which means you're more apt to skid.)

Each year, more and more cars are built with front wheel drive. (Cadillac Eldorado, Olds Toronado, Citroen, among others, already have it.) But for now, no production sports car in the world has front wheel drive except the Saab Sonett.

But front wheel drive isn't the only thing that separates us from most other cars. We have a fiberglass body with an anti-corrosion treated bottom. So you'll never have to worry about salty winter roads and rust.

We have a 1.7 liter V-4 engine, that'll take you from 0 to 60 in 11.5 seconds.

We have front disc brakes for quick, fade-free stops, dual built-in roll bars, retractable headlamps...things you can't get with most other cars at any price.

Because of front-wheel drive the Saab Sonett also has better weight distribution, balance, and traction. Therefore, better handling and control through the turns.

And after all, the whole object of driving a sports car is for the pleasure of driving a sports car. For the way it behaves and responds.

Saab Sonett. \$3795.

*Not including dealer prep, transportation, title and local taxes if any, and optional road loans in shown. For the name and address of the dealer nearest you, call 800.343.4300 ext. 300. In Connecticut, call 1.800.343.4300.

After a long day at the office, it helps to go off by yourself and scream.



With a 0 to 60 time of 5.3 seconds and a top speed of 157 mph, there's no faster way to get away from it all than in a Porsche 911 Turbo.

After all, if your daily routine is fraught with compromise and frustration, your free time shouldn't be.

Which is why we carefully fuse our

most cutting-edge racing technology with meticulously hand-built components. So carefully that we make fewer than 1500 a year for the U.S.

Come in for a test-drive. And see how much better you feel when you take it out on the road.



The Porsche experience begins with your authorized Porsche dealer.

Our General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting

--- Please Join Us At ---

Pietro's Italian Restaurant

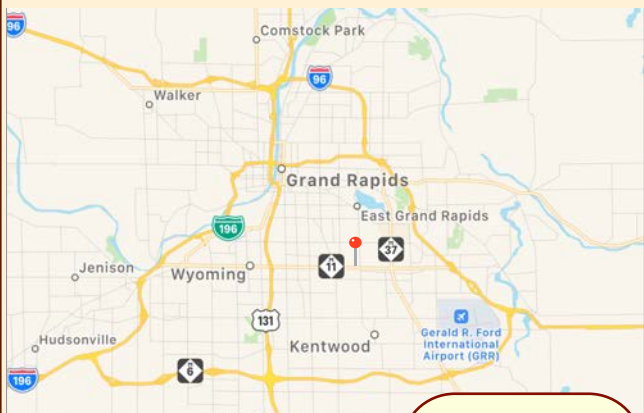
2780 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI



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 February 8, 2020



Region Calendar

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 7, 2020

GLDiv Spring Training Seminar at the Ramada Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN

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

April 11, 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

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2019 GREAT LAKES DIVISION

SOLO SERIES SCHEDULE

- TBA South Bend Region - Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
- TBA Indy Region - Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
- TBA Fort Wayne Region - Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN
- TBA Detroit/Saginaw Valley Region - Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda, MI
- TBA Cincinnati Region - Traders World, Cincinnati, OH
- TBA South West Virginia Region - Grand Central Mall, Vienna, WV

For more information and to Register for a specific event go to www.soloseries.org

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2020 WMR SOLO SCHEDULE

- September 7 WMR Labor Day Event at Grattan Raceway Park, Grattan, MI
- October ?? WMR Event #2

Contact **Dan Moody** at dlmoody268@gmail.com for more information.

2020 GREAT LAKES DIVISION

CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

- April 19 GLDiv/WHRRRI Driver's School (classroom) at Waterford Hills
- April 25 - 26 GLDiv/WHRRRI Driver's School (track time) at Waterford Hills
- April 30 - May 3 VSCDA "Gingerman Spring Brake Drivers School & Races" at Gingerman
- May 9 SBR / INR CRE-Enduro-Track Event at GingerMan
- May 16 - 17 SBR / DET "Bert Olson" Majors Double Event at GingerMan
- June 20 - 21 WMR "Unrestricted" Double Regional at Grattan
- June 25 - 28 SVRA Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio at Mid-Ohio
- June 26 - 28 DET/WHRRRI Restricted Regional at Waterford Hills
- July 17 - 19 OVR "Race of Champions" Majors Double Event at Mid-Ohio
- July 25 - 26 SBR/DET/INR CRE-Enduro-Track Event at Gingerman
- July 25 - 26 SBR/DET/INR Double Regional at Gingerman
- August 8 - 9 Cincinnati Region Double Regional at Mid-Ohio
- August 14 - 16 VSCDA "Vintage Grand Prix Au Grattan XXX" at Grattan
- August 22 - 23 WMR "Last Chance" Majors Event at Grattan
- September 4 - 6 OVR "Sprint Classic" Double Regional at Mid-Ohio
- October 3 - 11 2020 SCCA National Runoffs at Road America
- October 16 - 18 OVR "Autumn Classic" Double Regional at Mid-Ohio

For more information and to Register for a specific event go to www.motorsportreg.com



Grassroots motorsports for the eastern Great Lakes and Ohio River valley.

Get Ready for 2020 – Spring Training!

Shake off winter and get ready for spring – Spring Training, that is! It’s the kick-off to all the excitement that will race across Great Lakes Division in 2020.

On **Saturday, March 7**, we’ll gather at the **Ramada Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN**. This new conference center location offers tons of meeting space for this year! Located centrally in the division, with easy access off I-69, it also offers cost-effective guest rooms (\$99/night, with 2 breakfast buffets included), and ample free parking.

And with more space, we’re adding even more sessions, including an all-day Time Trials track in addition to the annual full-day Solo Track! And numerous National SCCA staff will present on a variety of topics, plus excellent GLD members are anxious to share the National Convention sessions they presented in Las Vegas.

There’s something for everyone – the agenda is building and getting fuller each day. Plus, we’ll use online registration via MSR again this year! If you prefer, we’ll offer an option for paper registration, too.

Online registration is almost ready. In the meantime, **book your overnight room at the Ramada Plaza**. The discounted room rate is **\$99** and includes 2 breakfast buffets! Call them at **800-854-9517 (or 260-484-0411)** and ask for the “**Sports Car Club**” group rate. Rates are good for either Friday or Saturday March 6-7, or both if you’re spending the weekend.

NEW FRIDAY EVENING OPTION: A private Friday evening social at the hotel, from 5:00-9:00pm. For only **\$8 per person**, we’ll carry in amazing Italian pasta and salad from the renowned Casa d’Angelo restaurant, where locals wait more than an hour to dine on a Friday evening. Watch for it when the MSR registration opens.

Registration is open on MSR! The jam-packed agenda is attached (PDF). So jump onto MSR and get registered for \$30 per person, which includes lunch buffet! To join the new Friday evening social (read on), add the “\$8 per person option.” Here’s the direct MSR link: [2020 GLDiv Spring Training](#)

For more information, contact Val McCammon, Event Coordinator, at pyramid@bluebirdview.com

Spring Training March 7, 2020



**Ramada Plaza &
Conference Center**
305 E. Washington Center Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

(easy access off I-69, lots of meeting rooms and free parking)

Guest Rooms Fri &/or Sat: \$99/night + tax
Includes 2 Breakfast Buffets!
Call 260-484-0411 and ask for
"Sports Car Club" rate

Register by March 2 to save your seat! After that, call Val to be added
(The more clearly you write, the more accurate the attendee roster will be.)

Fee: \$30/person

Attention

The Region will cover the registration fee for all WMR members who wish to attend the GLDiv Spring Training sessions.

If you would like to attend, please submit your name and contact information (see below) to Dave Ferris at 1988irocz28@gmail.com by **March 2, 2020**.

He will collate the names and submit them along with payment of fees to the Spring Training Registrar en masse.

The hotel has a special rate if you want to arrive the night before the event, however, the cost of the hotel will not be paid by the club.

Name: _____

\$_____ (\$30/person)

FRIDAY SOCIAL OPTION: \$8 for local specialty Italian pasta/salad/dessert @hotel with bottled water, some beer & BYOB

\$_____ (\$8 Fri social option)

Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

ENTRANT TOTAL: \$_____

Region of Record _____ Specialty _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

GREAT LAKES DIVISION Spring Training March 7, 2020

Friday Evening Social!! 5:00-9:00 pm \$8 Registration Option (*Local Gourmet Italian & Desserts*)

RAMADA Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN

ROOM ↔	MAUMEE-ST. JOSEPH	ST. MARY'S	OLD FORT	AUBURN	CORD	DUESENBURG	BOARDROOM
				All-Day Solo Track (Ray Jason)		All-Day Time Trials Track (Corrine Carter)	All-Day Steward Track (Duane Harrington)
7:00-7:45	Registration & Continental Breakfast						
7:45-8:15	Opening Session						
8:30-9:30		Road Race Tech 201 Alan Garside, DA	GLD REs Meeting Tony Brown, GLD President	All-Day Solo Track: Detail Coming	Registrars Peggy Dietz, DA	All-Day Time Trials: Detail Coming	Stewards (Closed Session)
9:45-10:45	Success through Succession: Stop the 3-4-Year Burnout Scott Dobler, SCCA National Coordinator	Regional Racing Ideas Jeff Luckritz, SCCA Leadership Academy Dean	Road Rally Safety Steward Training Mike Bennett (Detroit Region) (↓ continues below ↓)	All-Day Solo Track: Detail Coming	F&C Ed Arthur, DA	All-Day Time Trials: Detail Coming	Stewards (Closed Session)
11:00-12:00	Leadership: Making SCCA Activities More Attractive Jeff Luckritz, SCCA Leadership Academy Dean	SCCA New Member Portal, Membership & Waivers Aimee Thoennes, SCCA Manager of Member Services	Road Rally Safety Steward Training (con't for 30 min) Mike Bennett (Detroit Region)	All-Day Solo Track: Detail Coming	F&C Ed Arthur, DA	All-Day Time Trials: Detail Coming	Stewards (Closed Session)
11:45-12:30	Lunch New GLD Website Intro! Solo Series & Divisional Awards						
12:30-1:30	It All Starts with Respect: New Code of Member Conduct Chris Robbins, SCCA Director of Region Development						
1:45-2:45	Get to Know & Use the New GLD Website! Rob Dietz, Webmaster & Peggy Dietz	TRSS: Tire Rack Street Survival Scott Dobler SCCA National Coordinator		All-Day Solo Track: Detail Coming	B Engaged: How to Increase Class Participation in Road Racing Frank Schwartz (Detroit Region)	All-Day Time Trials: Detail Coming	Stewards (Closed Session)
3:00-4:00	Resolving & De-escalating Conflict Chris Robbins, SCCA Director of Region Development	Hosting a Rally Trek Wendy Harrison (Indy Region)	Racing Regions Reps & Exec Steward Meeting Duane Harrington Road Racing Exec Steward	All-Day Solo Track: Detail Coming	Track Events/Time Trials SPECIFICS TBD Heyward Wagner, SCCA Senior Director, Marketing & Experiential Programs	All-Day Time Trials: Detail Coming	Stewards (Closed Session)
4:00-5:00	"Chat with Marcus" Marcus Meredith, Area 4 Director		DAs & Exec Steward Meeting Duane Harrington Road Racing Exec Steward	Securing Sponsorship Frank Schwartz (Detroit Region)	Becoming a Race Steward: Everything You Always Wanted to Know, But Were Afraid to Ask! Lauri Burkons, Training Steward		

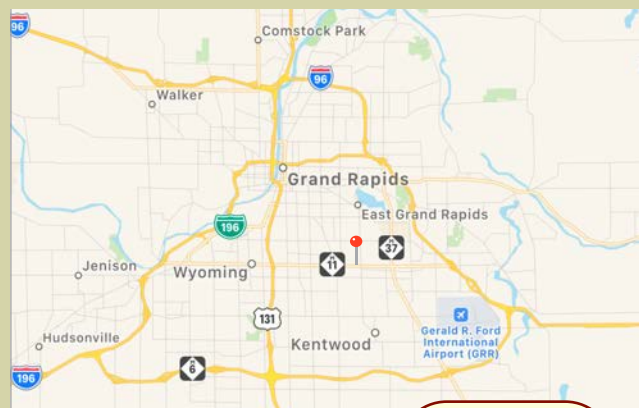
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Western Michigan Region Annual Awards Banquet



- ✓ Date: **Saturday, March 14, 2020**
- ✓ Time: **Cash bar opens at 6:00PM with dinner starting at 6:30 and the meeting starting at 8:30**
- ✓ Location: **Pietro's Italian Restaurant** at 2780 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI. (see map)
- ✓ Cost: **Free to all WMR Members.** \$25 per person for non-members and guests or you can use any of your available **free Banquet Tickets or Credits** from the WMR Service Award Program
- ✓ Menu: **Italian Spring Rolls, Meatballs Ricotta** for appetizers. Then **Classic Caesar or House Salad, Linguine al Fresco and Penne Marinara**, followed by **Grilled Rosemary Chicken and Lemon Butter Tilapia** for your entree. Finally **Layered Lemon Cream Cake and Chocolate Chip Cannoli** for desert.

- ✓ **RSVP** to Mary Ellen Sickles **by March 7, 2020** via email at rmsickles@comcast.net or by phone at (517) 449-6694



Pietro's Italian Restaurant
2780 Birchcrest Dr SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 452-3228

WMR Annual Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2020, 7:06 pm
Brann's Steakhouse, Wyoming MI

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

Board Members absent: Jim Washburn, Verne Wandell, and Dave Ferris

Other Members Present: Rod Sickles, Tom Smolenski, Suzy Beauvais, Bruce Beauvais, Brad Yonkers, Dan Moody, Angela Moody, Dayle Frame, Scott Beute, Pete Hansen, Debbie Hansen, and Lydia Hansen

Secretary Report:

Mary Ellen Sickles: Our December meeting minutes were approved and printed in the January 2020 newsletter.

Regional Executive's Report:

Wayne Rogers: Welcome to all members present at this postponed annual meeting (from 1-11-20, due to the ice storm).

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ferris: Not present, representing us at the National Convention in Las Vegas. He presented the financial report by email. - Our financial situation is strong for continuing ongoing operations. Our checking balance as presented in this months 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. Ed Maklenburg made a motion to accept the report, Mary Ellen Sickles seconded, and it was approved.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: We need to get the Road Racing information to National Headquarters and MSR as soon as we can, especially for the Majors event, to maximize entries.

Rally Cross: we've been trying to contact Detroit region for information as to how they set up the Rally Cross events and equipment needed.

Solo Report:

Dan Moody has volunteered to head up the Solo program along with Wayne Rogers for help and support. They have a couple more people interested in helping. We will have the Labor Day and an October event, and will look into other dates and venues.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn relayed that the newsletter deadline for submissions is January 24, 2020.

Chief of Specialty Reports:

F&C - Flagging:

Pete Hansen: - We are looking for corner workers, especially for the regional race. They will also contact Furrin Group for volunteers.

F&C - Communications:

Lydia Hansen: - We are looking for a scribe to work in the tower.

Radios:

Bruce Beauvais: - We bought a radio for approximately \$50.00.

Start:

Bruce Beauvais: - No Report

Grid:

Mary Ellen Sickles: - No Report

Timing & Scoring:

Dave Ferris: (not present) - He wanted to discuss the T&S fees. We will table this until next month as Dave is in Las Vegas at the convention.

Sound:

Carola Basaj: (not present) - The equipment is at the storage unit and needs to be calibrated before racing starts in the spring.

Course:

Wayne Rogers: - He is looking for more people, especially for flat tows.

Tech:

Ed Maklenburg: - Tech needs help, especially Friday nights and Saturday mornings. National Office is changing the car classes around and making new classes.

WMR Annual Meeting Minutes

— Continued —

Old Business:

WMR Service Award Program: This programs ends 12-31-19. Members with credits in the SAP have until 12-31-20 to spend any credits that they have in their accounts. Any funds not used will be forfeited. In the future we will use cash or gas cards for our volunteers.

Postcards: It has been decided that a hard copy postcard would be good for all members and to include a magnetic strip for hanging up on a refrigerator. Lenny Basaj made a motion to approve \$400.00 for printing and postage. Ed Maklenburg seconded and it was approved. A suggestion was made for the information on the postcard to be printed in our newsletter also.

New Business:

2019 Annual Awards Banquet in March: There was some discussion about the banquet.

Bylaws Review: A committee composed of Dave Ferris and Ed Maklenburg will review our bylaws and make recommendations to the Board. Any changes will have to be voted on by postcard and updates sent to National Headquarters in Topeka and to the State of Michigan.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Lenny Basaj made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Ellen Sickles, approved at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Sickles,
Recording Secretary



2019 WMR Service Award Program

— Year End Final Point Standings —

as of 12/01/2019

#	Member Name	Total	Total Points 2018	Earned Points 2019	Participation Increase Bonus	"First Timer" Bonus	BoD Member	Program Manager	Specialty Chief (VSCDA @ GMann)	Worker (VSCDA @ GMann)	Race Chair (Regional @ Grattan)	Specialty Chief (Regional @ Grattan)	Worker (Regional @ Grattan)	Race Chair (Major @ Grattan)	Specialty Chief (Major @ Grattan)	Worker (Major @ Grattan)	Specialty Chief (VSCDA @ Grattan)	Worker (VSCDA @ Grattan)	Solo Event Chair for Eaton (6/21)	Solo Event Chair (9/3)	Solo Event Chair (10/28)	WMR Meeting Attendee (12/8)	WMR Meeting Attendee (01/12)	WMR Meeting Attendee (02/09)	WMR Meeting Attendee (03/09)	WMR Meeting Attendee (04/13)	WMR Meeting Attendee (09/14)	WMR Meeting Attendee (10/12)	WMR Meeting Attendee (11/09)	GLDlv Meeting Attendee (03/02)	Trailer Prep Day (4/19)	Trailer Prep Day (4/29)	Trailer Prep Day (8/28)	Trailer Prep Day (10/29)	Carport Day (10/28)	Backfire Editor	Backfire Article / Picture			
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2	Sickles, Mary Ellen	775	800	775	0	0	100			75		100	50		100	50	75					25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25						25					
3	Rogers, Wayne	750	825	750	0	0	100					100	75		100	75							25	25	25	25	25	25	25							125				
4	Ferris, Dave	725	1125	725	0	0	100					100	75		100	75						25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25						25	25				
5	Frame, Dayle	525	1125	525	0	0		200								50				100			25	25	25	25			25	25										
6	Yonkers, Brad	525	850	525	0	0		200												100	100	100														25				
7	Smolenski, Tom	525	700	525	0	0				75		100	50		100	75							25	25		25	25			25										
8	Dalziel, Irene	525	200	425	100	0					100		50	100		75							25	25		25	25													
9	Sickles, Rod	475	717	475	0	0				75			50			50	75					25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25						25					
10	Hansen, Pete	450	475	450	0	0						100	75		100	75							25	25	25	25														
11	Hansen, Lydia	400	225	350	50	0						100	50		100	50							25			25														
12	Maklenburg, Ed	350	275	325	25	0	100									75								25	25			25	25						25	25				
13	Basaj, Carola	300	225	275	25	0						100				50									25															
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20	Crider, Karen	200	725	200	0	0							50			50							25		25			25	25											
21	Hansen, Debbie	200	275	200	0	0							50			50								25	25	25	25													
22	Secor, Jeff	200	250	200	0	0							100	50		50																								
23	Boris, Jeff	175	225	175	0	0			100	75																														
24	Beute, Scott	150	0	75	25	50																															25			
25	Basaj, Maria	150	0	75	25	50							25			50																								
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28	Dalziel, Robert	125	0	50	25	50										50																								
29	Barnes, Ray	125	300	125	0	0							50			50																								
30	Basaj, Michael	125	0	50	25	50										50																								
31	Wilks, Deborah	125	0	50	25	50										50																								
32	DeBoer, Bill	100	0	25	25	50																																		

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33	Wilson, Cade	100	0	25	25	50																																		
34	Felice, Ann	100	0	25	25	50																																		
35	Hawley, Fred	100	400	100	0	0																25	25			25	25													
36	Jasperse, Michael	100	0	25	25	50						25																												
37	Gregg, John	100	0	25	25	50																			25															
38	Felice, Ken	100	0	25	25	50																			25															
39	Moody, Dan	100	0	25	25	50							25																											
40	Start, Tom	100	0	25	25	50																			25															
41	Redlon, Larry	100	250	100	0	0						50			50																									
42	Frame, Melinda	75	175	75	0	0																			25		25							25						
43	Henry, Marc	75	200	75	0	0									50										25															
44	McCormick, Nathan	50	150	50	0	0						50																												
45	Basaj, Anna	50	150	50	0	0									50																									
46	Cull, Phil	50	50	50	0	0									50																									
47	DeLoof, Steve	50	50	50	0	0									50																									
48	Henry, Vicki	25	200	25	0	0																			25															
49	Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	25	325	25	0	0						25																												

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 2018**. The banquet tickets and credits may be used for non-members and guests attending our March 14, 2020 Banquet and the credits can also be used for SCCA Merchandise or applied to your 2020 membership renewal fees.

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 2-01-2020

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 2/1/2020	\$ Credits Available as of 2/1/2020
Andrews, Sue	0	\$50.00
Barnes, Ray	0	\$50.00
Basaj, Anna	0	\$20.00
Basaj, Carola	0	\$50.00
Basaj, Lenny	0	\$50.00
Basaj, Maria	0	\$25.00
Basaj, Michael	0	\$25.00
Beauvais, Bruce	0	\$100.00
Beauvais, Sue	0	\$50.00
Beute, Scott	0	\$25.00
Boris, Jeff	0	\$50.00
Burnside, Gary	0	\$10.00
Crider, Karen	1	\$75.00
Cull, Phil	0	\$20.00
Dalziel, Irene	0	\$60.00
Dalziel, Robert	0	\$25.00
DeBoer, Bill	0	\$25.00
DeLoof, Steve	0	\$20.00
Ensing, Gordy	0	\$25.00
Felice, Ann	0	\$25.00
Felice, Ken	0	\$25.00
Ferris, Dave	1	\$50.00
Frame, Dayle	0	\$85.00
Frame, Melinda	0	\$35.00
Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	1	\$30.00
Green, Ric	1	\$50.00
Gregg, John	0	\$25.00
Gyulay, Jason	0	\$25.00
Hansen, Debbie	0	\$25.00

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 2/1/2020	\$ Credits Available as of 2/1/2020
Hansen, Lydia	0	\$50.00
Hansen, Pete	0	\$50.00
Hawley, Fred	1	\$50.00
Henry, Marc	0	\$35.00
Henry, Vicki	0	\$10.00
Jasperse, Michael	0	\$25.00
Lublow, Ed	0	\$10.00
Maklenburg, Ed	0	\$50.00
McCormick, Nathan	0	\$20.00
Moody, Dan	0	\$25.00
Orr, Bobbe	1	\$50.00
Redlon, Larry	0	\$50.00
Rogers, Wayne	0	\$100.00
Secor, Jeff	0	\$25.00
Sickles, Mary Ellen	0	\$100.00
Sickles, Rod	0	\$100.00
Smolenski, Tom	0	\$100.00
Start, Tom	0	\$25.00
Steencken, Barb	0	\$50.00
Walters, Allison	0	\$10.00
Walters, Dave	0	\$10.00
Wandell, Verne	1	\$65.00
Washburn, Jim	1	\$25.00
Wilks, Deborah	0	\$25.00
Wilson, Cade	0	\$25.00
Woods, Thomas	0	\$10.00
Woods, Tyler	0	\$10.00
Yonkers, Brad	1	\$50.00
	0	\$0.00

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.

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 frequently as new videos are uploaded in the coming months.



The annual SCCA® National Convention is well underway at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas with valuable information being offered by no less than 90 presenters during more than 100 seminars over four days. The 450+ attendees taking part in SCCA National Convention come from 72 of SCCA's 115 regions and represent the width and breadth of SCCA activities and experiences.

David Ferris, who just joined Sports Car Club of America® five years ago, is attending only his second SCCA National Convention this year. A member of the Western Michigan Region, Ferris joined the Club to participate in a Track Night in America Driven by Tire Rack event with his son. Since then, he has jumped into Club activities with both feet, now serving as the Region's Treasurer and Timing & Scoring Chief.

"This has been pretty interesting," Ferris said of this year's SCCA National Convention. "The number one reason I come to Convention is I'm 'wet behind the ears.' I really didn't even know SCCA existed, to be honest, until 2015. I know there is a ton of stuff I need to learn."

On the other end of the spectrum is Duane Rost, an SCCA member of more than 55 years from the Des Moines Valley Region. He has been attending SCCA National Convention since the 1970s and only missed a couple of the confabs during that time, stating that the gathering is a great way to meet new people, connect with old friends, and expand your horizons.

"The classroom sessions have certainly evolved over the years," Rost noted. "The morning presentation made this year by Chris Robbins (*It All Starts with Respect*) is the single best presentation I've had at a Convention, ever. There was more information, more useful help for Club members in that one presentation than any I've had over the years -- and that's several years."

Coming from someone like Rost, that's certainly high praise for Robbins, who is SCCA's Region Development Director.

The 2020 SCCA National Convention grand finale takes place this evening, Jan. 18, with the SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards banquet. However, the learning continues Sunday with a special Tire Rack Street Survival Summit.

Photo: David Ferris (left) and Duane Rost (right) have different histories with SCCA National Convention, but both are thrilled to be at the confab.



SCCA Shifts Runoffs Rotation Strategy

TOPEKA, Kan. (Jan. 8, 2020) -- After a run of seven different venues over seven years, Sports Car Club of America's leadership will shift its strategy beginning in 2022 for the iconic SCCA® National Championship Runoffs®.

A thorough analysis of the entire Runoffs venue rotation program, which included member/participant feedback from National Championships and participation trends from each of SCCA's nine divisions over the last seven seasons, has resulted in a decision to again focus on Runoffs venues east of the Mississippi following the 2021 National Championship. Additionally, Sports Car Club of America® will now also consider two-year stints at select venues in the future.

While Runoffs rotation did offer some members an opportunity to compete who otherwise would not have, analysis shows rotation also introduced inconsistency across divisions. Participation typically increased locally when the Runoffs was "coming to town." However, in off years, involvement actually decreased below levels seen prior to the rotation. Research revealed that even some of the most dedicated national racers opted to skip a Runoffs event because of location in a single year.

SCCA leadership -- which includes the Board of Directors, Club Racing Board and national staff -- recognizes any strategic shift may disappoint some of the membership, and difficult decisions such as this are not made lightly. However,

these changes are appropriate to support the goals of the organization as a whole -- to fuel a safe, fun and exciting motorsports experience for automotive enthusiasts -- as well as build healthier, more stable road racing programs across the country. The decision to adjust the Runoffs rotation comes in concert with creation of a [Runoffs Appearance Fund](#) for 2020, an initiative designed to assist top performing racers during the season with funds to attend the Runoffs, particularly those competitors who travel a great distance.



As for conducting Runoffs events for two consecutive years at some venues, that decision resulted from feedback provided by drivers, teams, workers and fans. They voiced a desire to develop greater familiarity with a track, facility and surrounding areas with visits in consecutive years. Two-year stints will also allow event organizers the opportunity to amortize new venue expenses and focus on other elements of the Road Racing program.

SCCA's Runoffs -- the year-end, winner-take-all championship event for the Summit Racing Equipment SCCA Road Racing program -- began its rotation back in 2014 with a visit to WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca in California. Daytona International Speedway then hosted the Runoffs in 2015, followed by Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in 2016, Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2017, Sonoma Raceway in 2018 and VIRginia International Raceway this past year. In 2020, the event will return to Road America, which previously hosted the National Championship from 2009 to 2013, before returning in 2021 to Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The National Championship Runoffs has evolved into what is now commonly agreed to be the pinnacle of American motorsports. Since 1964, SCCA has crowned Road Racing's National Champions each year through dozens of separate races over three days. Founded in 1944, Sports Car Club of America is a 67,500-member motorsports organization that incorporates all facets of autocross, rally and road racing at both Club and professional levels. With headquarters in Topeka, Kansas, the SCCA annually sanctions around 2,000 events through its 115 Regions and subsidiary divisions. Much of the SCCA's activities are made possible with support from the following Official Partners: Hagerty, the Official Insurance Partner of SCCA; Hawk Performance, the Official Brake Products of SCCA; Sunoco, the Official Fuel of SCCA; and Tire Rack, the Official Tire Retailer of SCCA. To learn more, please visit www.scca.com.



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