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



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Whether it's on the flats...



Busting through the drifts...



Or stuck in the woods...



We know how to have fun!

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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 January 13, 2018.



County Seat Lounge
128 S. Jefferson Street
Hastings, MI 49058
(269) 948-4042

Calendar

January 13, 2018

Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at the
County Seat Lounge, 128 S Jefferson Street, Hastings, MI
Cash Bar at 6:00. Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm

February 10, 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

March 10, 2018

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

March 17, 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

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

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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

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2018 WMR SOLO SCHEDULE

- TBD WMR at Michigan Adventure,
1198 W Riley-Thompson Rd,
Muskegon, MI 49445
- September 4 WMR - Labor Day Event at
Grattan
- TBD TBD

Contact **Brad Yonkers** at
bradyonkers@gmail.com
for more information.

2018 GREAT LAKES DIVISION
CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

- **April 22** 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 2017 SCCA National Runoffs at
Sonoma Raceway

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

Membership News

WMR welcomes our new
or returning members

Joe Legatz - Grand Rapids, MI

Timothy Westenburg - Hartland, MI

Congratulations
to the following who
celebrated membership
anniversaries last month

36 years Edward Magner

15 years Martin Doane

6 years Mike Miller

5 years Ike Keeler

3 years Joshua Cypher

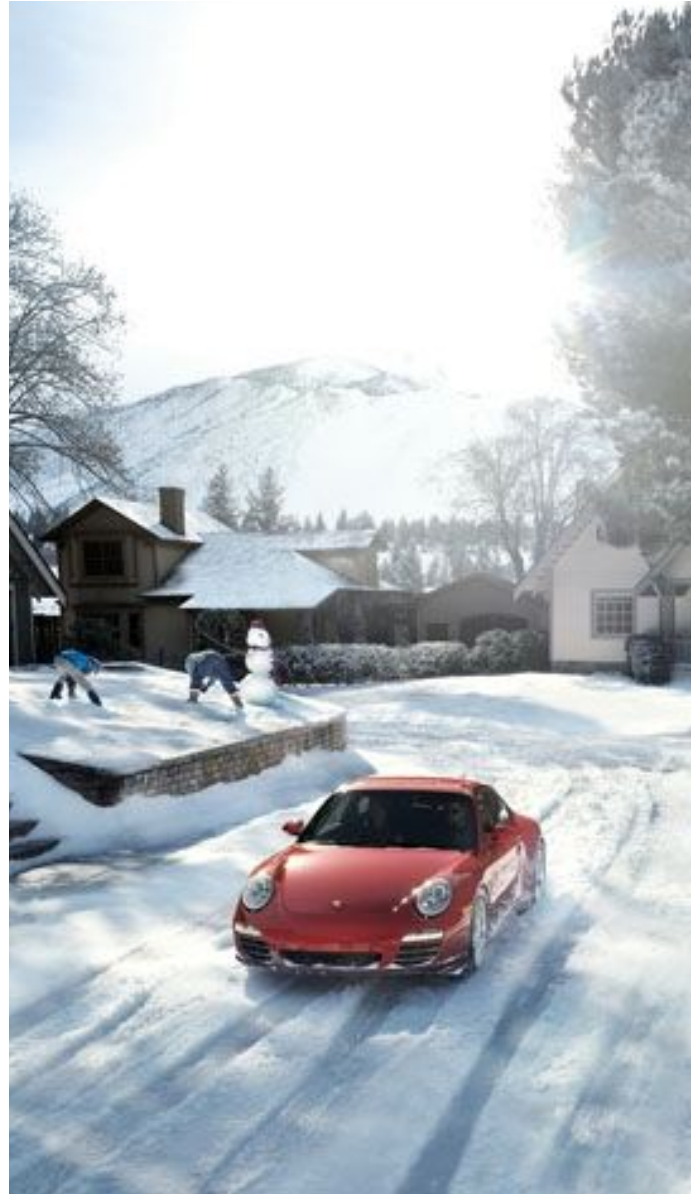
2 years Earl Bezesky

2 years Harley Boeve

2 years Thomas Woods

1 year Trent Furr

1 year Scott Swanson



Let's eat at the WMR Awards Banquet
like the world is ending, and diet
if it doesn't.



December Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2017, 7:30 pm

County Seat Restaurant, Hastings, MI

Board Members present: Jim Washburn, Fred Hawley, Mary Ellen Sickles, Bruce Beauvais.

Board Members absent: Wayne Rogers, Verne Wandell, Lenny Basaj.

Other Members Present: Suzy Beauvais, Rod Sickles, Tom Smolenski, Dayle Frame, Dave Ferris.

Guest: Tom Pattison

Secretary Report:

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

Regional Executive's Report:

Jim Washburn: After the Holidays, there are only 3 meetings left before the race season. There is a lot we need to do. We need to prepare for people leaving key positions in the not too distant future. There should be an "Everything You Need to Know" manual for all key positions. I am asking that the people currently in these positions to prepare those who may follow in their footsteps with all the information they will need to be successful and feel confident in the job we have asked them to volunteer to do. All Officers and Chiefs of Specialties need to write down their duties, with time lines, contacts, and any other pertinent information. A mentoring program should also be established to help the people stepping into those positions. It will take some time and take some effort, but it will be worth it in order to preserve the vitality of the club and to secure another 65 years of WMR amateur racing.

Treasurer's Report:

Verne Wandell. Not present. Jim Washburn presented the report. 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 treasurers report is available to our members upon written request. Mary Ellen Sickles moved to accept the report, Bruce Beauvais seconded, it was approved.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: No updates at this time.

Solo Report:

Brad Yonkers: Not present. Not present. Dayle Frame reported Brad is formulating a schedule to be presented at the January banquet. He is looking at a Timing and Scoring system for Solo. Discussion ensued.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn: Any information and the minutes are needed by December 27th for the January 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: - No report.

Sound:

TBA: There is no definite Chief of Sound as of yet. Dayle Frame will send the equipment to be calibrated.

Course:

Wayne Rogers: Not present.

Old Business:

2017 WMR Service Awards: Fred Hawley, Dayle Frame & Verne Wandell: The results and Points redemption letter was posted in the December newsletter and will be put in January's as well. Fred Hawley will send out letters for the banquet incentive recipients.

New Website Status update: Verne Wandell. Not present. - No update

National Convention: January 18-20 is Las Vegas: Dayle Frame and Fred Hawley are going to represent us.

Awards Banquet: We are not pursuing a speaker or program for the 2018 dinner meeting. We will start a committee to look into a speaker for 2019.

Major Expenditure Listing: Jim Washburn is trying to put together a master listing of all anticipated major expenditures for the upcoming year. He asks all Chiefs of Specialty to provide a listing of any additional or replacement equipment, as well as, any other non-standard expenses needed to get us through 2018.

New Business:

Tire Rack SCCA Starting Line School. It is a Solo experience for racers to get started and learn the art of racing. It is sponsored by SCCA.

Competition Directors Overview of 2017 and What's in store for 2018. Dayle Frame will deliver a presentation at the awards banquet.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Fred Hawley moved to adjourn, Mary Ellen Sickles seconded, approved at 8:51 pm.

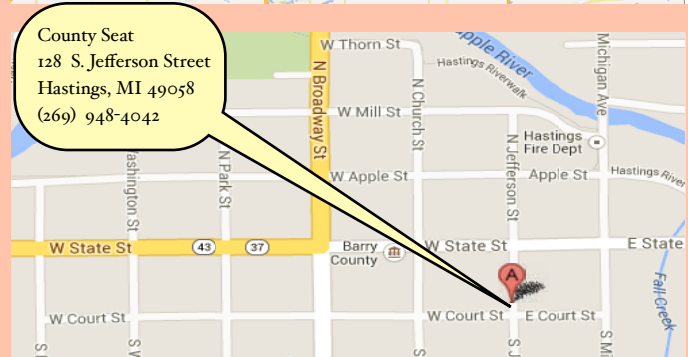
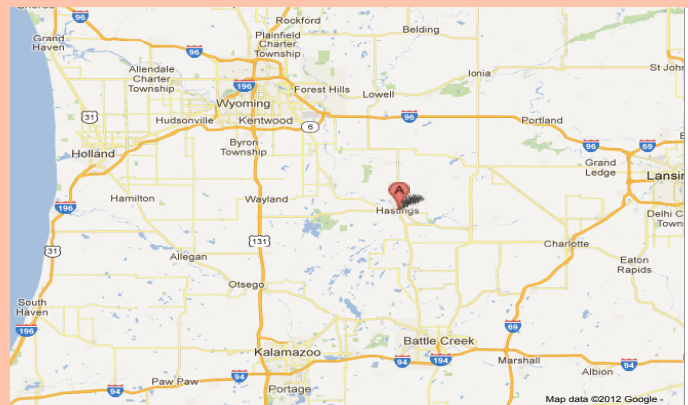
Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Sickles,
Recording Secretary



Western Michigan Region Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet



- ✓ Date: **Saturday, January 13, 2018**
- ✓ Time: **Cash bar opens at 6:00pm with dinner starting at 6:30 and the meeting starting at 7:30**
- ✓ Location: **The County Seat Lounge** at 128 S Jefferson Street, Hastings, MI (see map)
- ✓ Cost: \$25 per person
- ✓ Menu: **Bourbon Maple Glazed Chicken**, or **10oz Prime Rib**, both include Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, House Salad, Dinner Rolls, and Soft Drinks, Ice Tea, or Coffee.
- ✓ **RSVP** via email or phone to Mary Ellen Sickles **by January 7, 2017**
rmsickles@comcast.net (517) 372-1477
- ✓ Mail your check (Payable to WMR-SCCA) to Mary Ellen Sickles
513 Ash Street, Lansing, MI 48906



2017 WMR SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

Point Redemption Information

The WMR Board of Directors has approved the rewarding of worker points for 2017, based on the points shown on the chart dated December 1, as follows:

- ✦ Members who have the **top 10 points totals** will be awarded a free ticket for the annual banquet on January 13 and \$50 credit which can be used for SCCA membership renewal, purchase of SCCA merchandise, or banquet tickets for family or guest.
- ✦ Members who rank 11th through 20th in the points standings will receive a free ticket for the banquet and \$25 credit to be used as described above.
- ✦ Members who rank 21st through 30th will receive \$25 credit.
- ✦ Members ranking 31st and below will receive \$10 credit.

For free Banquet Dinner Tickets or to use credits for the banquet, you **must make banquet reservations** with our club secretary, Mary Ellen Sickles, by January 7, 2018. You can do this via email at rmsickles@comcast.net or by phone at (517) 372-1477. This is necessary for arrangements that need to be made with the banquet facility.

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) 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.

How to use your credit for merchandise.

Select item(s) at sccagear.com and contact Verne (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.

Yes, we wish it were easier to apply these credits for membership and merchandise, but for numerous reasons we haven't been able to simplify the procedure.

SOME MEMBERS have **unused credits from 2016**. You will be contacted by email and a list will be published in the January Backfire. This credit carried over from last year may be combined with credit earned this year and applied to banquet reservations for members or their guests.

2017 WMR Service Award Program Results

#	Member Name	Total 2017 Points with Bonus(es)	Participation Increase Bonus	"First Timer" Bonus	Banquet Ticket & \$50 Credit	Banquet Ticket & \$25 Credit	\$25 Credit	\$10 Credit
1	Wandell, Verne	1275	100	0	\$75	-	-	-
2	Beauvais, Bruce	975	100	0	\$75	-	-	-
3	Frame, Dayle	950	50	0	\$75	-	-	-
4	Yonkers, Brad	925	100	0	\$75	-	-	-
5	Sickles, Mary Ellen	850	50	0	\$75	-	-	-
6	Crider, Karen	750	100	0	\$75	-	-	-
7	Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	750	50	0	\$75	-	-	-
8	Hansen, Pete	675	100	0	\$75	-	-	-
9	Hawley, Fred	575	50	0	\$75	-	-	-
10	Washburn, Jim	550	0	0	\$75	-	-	-
11	Smolenski, Tom	525	25	0	-	\$50	-	-
12	Orr, Bobbe	475	100	0	-	\$50	-	-
13	Rogers, Wayne	475	25	0	-	\$50	-	-
14	Sickles, Rod	475	0	0	-	\$50	-	-
15	Hansen, Debbie	450	100	0	-	\$50	-	-
16	Basaj, Lenny	425	100	0	-	\$50	-	-
17	Beauvais, Sue	400	25	0	-	\$50	-	-
18	Ferris, Dave	400	100	0	-	\$50	-	-
19	Frame, Melinda	400	50	0	-	\$50	-	-
20	Hansen, Lydia	325	50	0	-	\$50	-	-
21	Boris, Jeff	275	50	50	-	-	\$25	-
22	Henry, Marc	275	25	0	-	-	\$25	-
23	Maklenburg, Ed	275	0	0	-	-	\$25	-
24	Otte, Matt	250	0	0	-	-	\$25	-
25	Basaj, Alex	225	50	50	-	-	\$25	-

2017 WMR Service Award Program Results

#	Member Name	Total 2017 Points with Bonus(es)	Participation Increase Bonus	"First Timer" Bonus	Banquet Ticket & \$50 Credit	Banquet Ticket & \$25 Credit	\$25 Credit	\$10 Credit
26	Gyulay, Jason	225	50	0	-	-	\$25	-
27	Secor, Jeff	200	50	0	-	-	\$25	-
28	Barnes, Ray	175	25	0	-	-	\$25	-
29	Cull, Phil	175	25	0	-	-	\$25	-
30	Steencken, Barb	175	0	0	-	-	\$25	-
31	Dalziel, Irene	150	25	0	-	-	-	\$10
32	DeLoof, Steve	150	25	0	-	-	-	\$10
33	Ensing, Gordy	150	25	50	-	-	-	\$10
34	Lublow, Ed	150	25	50	-	-	-	\$10
35	Stachelek, John	150	25	0	-	-	-	\$10
36	Williamson, Aric	125	25	0	-	-	-	\$10
37	Anderson, Eric	100	0	0	-	-	-	\$10
38	Andrews, Sue	100	0	0	-	-	-	\$10
39	Basaj, Anna	100	0	0	-	-	-	\$10
40	Plank, Chris	100	25	50	-	-	-	\$10
41	Doane, Marty	75	25	0	-	-	-	\$10
42	Woods, Thomas	25	0	0	-	-	-	\$10
43	Woods, Tyler	25	0	0	-	-	-	\$10

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*

2018 WMR Board Member Nomination/Election Results

The results are in. There were no nominations received for the five elected Board Member positions for 2018. All five of these positions will be filled with the incumbents, who have graciously agreed to serve another term.

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

The 2018 Western Michigan Region Elected Board Members are as follows:

- **Regional Executive**, Jim Washburn (unopposed incumbent)
- **Assistant Regional Executive**, Fred Hawley (unopposed incumbent)
- **Secretary**, Mary Ellen Sickles (unopposed incumbent)
- **Treasurer**, Verne Wandell (unopposed incumbent)
- **Director-at-Large**, Lenny Basaj (unopposed incumbent)

The current Board Members will gather for their final meeting of the year on December 9, 2017 at the County Seat Lounge in Hastings, MI. The 2018 Board will officially begin their one year term on January 1, 2018.

SNO DRIFT Rally

**January 26 – 27, 2018
Montmorency County, Michigan**



Volunteers, Ham Radio Operators and Medical Personnel
Call Barbara at (248) 685-2773 or send email to workers@sno-drift.org
www.sno-drift.org

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❄️ *Real Roads* ❄️

❄️ *Real Fast* ❄️

Come Share the Fun!



Free Stuff!

When we were cleaning out our race trailer and preparing it for winter storage, we came across a few items that we decided to pitch. Dayle Frame, our Competition Director, suggested that we offer the items to any of our members who would like them free of charge.



A "PurpleEast" banner is left over from the WMGP back in 1999. - It is printed on vinyl.



A cloth SCCA banner. - We have no idea where it came from.



A corrugated plastic display panel is made for us by Danny Kellermeyer. - We used it at the 2013 MIAS.

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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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