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



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Membership News

WMR welcomes our new or returning members

- Timothy Green - Williamston, MI
- Kevin Huemmer - Howell, MI
- Andre Oostuizen - Traverse City, MI
- Alison Rosaen - Lansing, MI

Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 48 years Edward Lublow
- 45 years Bruce Harrington
- 43 years Bruce Kalin
- 32 years Craig Weidner
- 32 years Bruce Beauvais
- 32 years Susan Beauvais
- 23 years Lance Loughman
- 22 years Michael Fellmer
- 9 years Jeff Secor
- 9 years Ken Vander Vlist
- 6 years David Savage
- 6 years Peter Savage
- 6 years Madelyn Savage
- 6 years Liesa Savage
- 6 years Holly Savage
- 6 years Rachel Start
- 6 years Eric Cronick
- 5 years Anson Liu
- 4 years Vicki Henry
- 4 years Aric Williamson
- 4 years Sara Williamson
- 3 years Richard Sheeran
- 2 years David Walters
- 1 year John Busch
- 1 year Steve Searles



FOURTYSEVEN!!!

Confidence! A "427" COBRA reeks of it. There's nothing timid about one of Carroll Shelby's new "Snakes". He's built an automobile for individuals* who not only appreciate fine cars, but really know how to use one.

When first told of the plans for the new car, even his team racing drivers said, "What are we going to do with an additional 215 horsepower?" Typically, Shelby had the answer—he put it on the road with a totally new suspension design. A computer-engineered geometry that fills every slight depression and variation in the road surface with pure horsepower. It's delivered in such a smoothly engineered manner, however, that the COBRA can no longer claim to be a true sports car in the classic tradition. Yes...it still looks the same...almost. But it sure doesn't taste like tomato juice!

Owning a new "427" COBRA isn't quite like your first sports car...remember? There won't be any excuses to the young fellow with the channelled '32 that lives down the road about how "this car was meant to cross the winding roads of Europe not burn rubber for three hundred feet." Or the old saw about the power not coming in till you got to 4500 R.P.M. A COBRA will blow them all off from point "A" to point "B," whether it's a stoplight gran prix or a twenty-four hour endurance. In short the COBRA is an automobile, a real one in the Shelby tradition. In case you don't know what a "real one" is, stop in at your Total Performance FORD/COBRA dealer and find out. If you happen to live in one of those rare areas where the performance isn't as "total" as you'd like, write us and we'll tell you where it is!

*We build only 500 a year, how individual can you get?

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Simply because you want it.

There's a certain mystique which surrounds the Ferrari owner. He's behind the wheel of a Ferrari simply because he wants to be. He knows that the Ferrari is one of the very few machines whose builder still has some pride of mechanism... whose engine and chassis components are worth looking at for their own sakes... and whose lineage is directly descended from the Ferrari racing cars.

If that's what you want: There is no alternative.

Ferrari 308 Ferrari GTB

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Our General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting Location

--- Please Join Us At ---

Pietro's Italian Restaurant

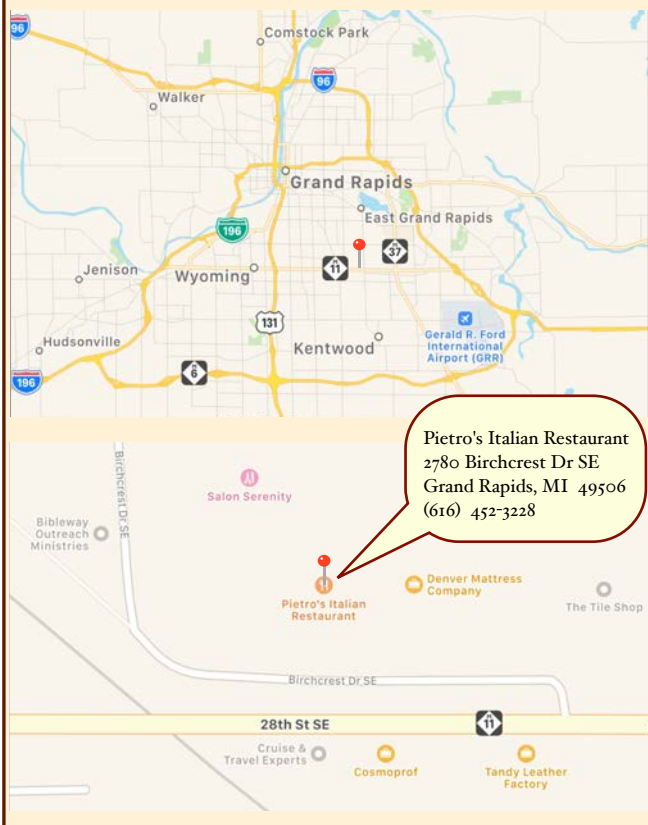
2780 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI



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 October 12, 2019.



Region Calendar

October 1, 2019

Submissions of 2020 WMR Officers / Board of Director Election Nominations due to Mary Ellen Sickles

October 12, 2019

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

November 9, 2019

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

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

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2019 GREAT LAKES DIVISION

SOLO SERIES SCHEDULE

- June 2 South Bend Region - Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
- June 22 & 23 Indy Region - Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
- July 14 Fort Wayne Region - Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN
- August 17 & 18 Detroit/Saginaw Valley Region - Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda, MI
- Sept 21 & 22 Cincinnati Region - Traders World, Cincinnati, OH
- **October 19 South West Virginia Region - Grand Central Mall,**

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

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2019 WMR SOLO SCHEDULE

- September 2 WMR Labor Day Event at Grattan Raceway Park, Grattan, MI
- **October 26 WMR Grattan Event #2 at Grattan Raceway Park, Grattan, MI**

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

2019 GREAT LAKES DIVISION

CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

- April 13 GLDiv/WHRRRI Driver's School (classroom) at Waterford Hills
- April 27 - 28 GLDiv/WHRRRI Driver's School (track time) at Waterford Hills
- May 2 - 5 VSCDA "Gingerman Spring Brake Drivers School & Races" at Gingerman
- May 18 - 19 DET / SBR "Bert Olson" Majors Double Event at GingerMan
- May 31 - June 2 OVR "Race of Champions" Majors Double Event at Mid-Ohio
- June 22 - 23 SVRA Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio at Mid-Ohio
- June 22 - 23 WMR "Unrestricted" Double Regional at Grattan
- July 13 - 14 OVR Double Regional at Mid- Ohio
- July 20 - 21 DET/INR/SBR Double Regional at Gingerman
- July 27 - 28 DET/INR/SBR Time Trial National Tour at Gingerman
- August 2 Cincinnati Region PDX at Mid-Ohio
- August 3 - 4 Cincinnati Region Double Regional at Mid-Ohio
- August 10 - 11 WMR "Last Chance" Majors Event at Grattan
- August 16 - 18 VSCDA "Vintage Grand Prix Au Grattan XXX" at Grattan
- **October 8 - 13 2019 SCCA National Runoffs at Virginia International Raceway (VIR)**
- **October 25 OVR PDX at Mid-Ohio**
- **October 26 - 27 OVR Double "Sprint Classic" Regional at Mid-Ohio**

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



To our fellow WMR members,
It's time to submit any nominations for officers for WMR-SCCA for 2020.

Please consider stepping up to help run our club!

The board meetings are once a month Sept till March.
Some of our board members have retired and we are short handed. It is essential that we get some new volunteer Board members this year.

The deadline is October 1, 2019.

Please submit any nominations to rmsickles@comcast.net
There is an attached Nomination Form. ([LINK](#))

We will need the name of the member, membership ID number, the name of the position and the name of the nominee.

Thank you.
Mary Ellen Sickles
Recording Secretary

September Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2019, 6:54 pm
Pietro's Italian Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI

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

Board Members absent: Ed Maklenburg, Jim Washburn, and Verne Wandell

Other Members Present: Karen Crider, Rod Sickles, Fred Hawley, and Bruce Beauvais

Secretary Report:

Mary Ellen Sickles: Our April 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: - We made money on the Majors and lost a little on the Regional. The final reports are not in on the Solo's.

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, it was approved.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: (not present) - No report

Solo Report:

Brad Yonkers: (not present) - Dave Ferris reported we made money on the Labor Day Solo.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn relayed that the newsletter deadline is September 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 & Pit:

Rod and Mary Ellen Sickles: - No Report

Timing & Scoring:

Dave Ferris: - He's going to the My Laps Motorsports training day on Dec 11.

Sound:

Carola Basaj: (not present) - No report

Course:

Wayne Rogers: - No Report

Old Business:

New Website Status update: Dave Ferris reported that Cloudy Mouse was doing well with our website, he'd just sent more info to include and to change.

Long Term Race Trailer Storage: Dave Ferris made a motion for WMR to build a carport at Grattan with a back and two sides. We've already paid \$1200.00 as a down payment. The total would be around \$3000.00 with the carport and preparation of the ground. The location would be near the gas pumps. Mary Ellen Sickles seconded the motion and it was approved.

Advertisement in the Grattan brochure: We need to do it again this coming year with updated phone numbers. Mary Ellen Sickles made a motion for the ad to be placed again. Lenny Basaj seconded and it was approved.

Fire Suppression: Dave Ferris reported Cold Fire is in a chrome extinguisher, it has no PFAS. If it's kept above freezing it can be kept for several years without dumping it. Dave will ask for more information. The consensus is to put it on hold for now.

September Meeting Minutes

— Continued —

New Business:

Paper postcard or newsletter: Discussion of the need for a paper postcard or newsletter once per year for approximately 400 members.

Elections: Ask Jim to send out the nominations form.

BMW Club: Kent Williamson sent Wayne Rogers an email. The BMW Club wants to join us at our regional. They have their own staff (timing, registration, tech. etc.). We would put them in the IT group, they would have to have a weekend membership and pay the sanction fee. There is interest. The next step would be to talk to the National office.

WMR Service Awards Program: Dayle Frame, Dave Ferris, and Jim Washburn. Dave Ferris reported we need a points keeper/liaison between the board and the members and chiefs. The board agrees that it should be simple and easy to do.

Annual Meeting and Banquet: Discussion about the Annual meeting in January and whether to combine it with the Banquet. The members liked Brann's and we will check with them.

2020 Club Racing Schedule: We hope to have our Regional in June and Majors in August. We need confirmation of the dates from Grattan next.

2020 Solo Schedule: We will try for a May and Labor Day Solo. We need confirmation of the dates from Grattan next.

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

Bracket Racing along with our Regional event: There was concern about the track crossing closed for the amount of time needed.

Announcements:

Dave Ferris would like to purchase a new version of Quickbooks. He will wait for the 2020 version to be released and ask for approval at that time.

Adjournment:

Dave Ferris motioned to adjourn, Ed Maklenburg seconded, approved at 8:15 pm.

E Mail Votes Between Meetings:

On 4/29/2019 - The Club ordered and made a deposit of \$1,248 to Midwest Steel Carports for a 18' x 40' building to be erected at Grattan Raceway Park for the purpose of storing our Race Trailer and other ancillary equipment.

On 6/5/2019 - Dave Ferris made a motion on 6-5-19 for himself to attend the My Laps training in Indianapolis IN, December 11, 2019 with the cost not to exceed \$750.00. Verne Wandell seconded and it was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Sickles,
Recording Secretary





Western Michigan Region, SCCA



Saturday, October 26, 2019

Grattan Raceway is a 2.0 mile long winding, hilly road course with 10 very challenging corners. Uphill, downhill ascending and descending radius turns, Monza bowl, esses, a hidden apex hairpin, and a downhill reverse camber corner, makes for a very FUN course.



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 10-01-2019

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 10/1/2019	\$ Credits Available as of 10/1/2019
Andrews, Sue	0	\$25.00
Barnes, Ray	0	\$50.00
Basaj, Anna	0	\$10.00
Basaj, Carola	0	\$25.00
Basaj, Lenny	0	\$25.00
Beauvais, Bruce	0	\$100.00
Beauvais, Sue	0	\$50.00
Boris, Jeff	0	\$50.00
Burnside, Alice	0	\$10.00
Burnside, Gary	0	\$10.00
Crider, Karen	1	\$100.00
Cull, Phil	0	\$35.00
Dalziel, Irene	0	\$10.00
DeLoof, Steve	0	\$20.00
Doane, Marty	0	\$10.00
Doane, Nancy	0	\$0.00
Ensing, Gordy	0	\$35.00
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	\$50.00
Gyulay, Mary Beth	0	\$0.00
Hansen, Debbie	0	\$0.00
Hansen, Lydia	0	\$50.00

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 10/1/2019	\$ Credits Available as of 10/1/2019
Hansen, Pete	0	\$0.00
Hawley, Fred	1	\$45.00
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	\$50.00
Redlon, Larry	0	\$25.00
Rogers, Wayne	0	\$50.00
Secor, Jeff	0	\$0.00
Sickles, Mary Ellen	0	\$63.10
Sickles, Rod	0	\$50.00
Smolenski, Tom	0	\$75.00
Steencken, Barb	0	\$25.00
Trotter, Bob	0	\$0.00
Walters, Allison	0	\$10.00
Walters, Dave	0	\$10.00
Wandell, Verne	1	\$40.00
Washburn, Jim	1	\$0.00
Williamson, Aric	0	\$10.00
Williamson, Sara	0	\$0.00
Woods, Thomas	0	\$10.00
Woods, Tyler	0	\$10.00
Yonkers, Brad	1	\$0.00

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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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