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Membership News

WMR welcomes our new or returning members

Scott Albers - Battle Creek, MI

Chris Hoyt - Grand Rapids, MI

Curt VanDuren - Holland, MI

Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

49 years Edward Lublow

46 years Bruce Harrington

44 years Bruce Kalin

33 years Craig Weidner

33 years Bruce Beauvais

33 years Susan Beauvais

24 years Lance Loughman

23 years Michael Fellmer

10 years Jeff Secor

10 years Ken Vander Vlist

7 years David Savage

7 years Peter Savage

7 years Madelyn Savage

7 years Liesa Savage

7 years Holly Savage

7 years Rachel Start

7 years Eric Cronick

6 years Anson Liu

5 years Vicki Henry

4 years Richard Sheeran

3 years David Walters

2 years John Busch

2 years Marsella White

1 year Timothy Green

I year Andre Oostuizen







Our General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting

--- 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.



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting at Pietro's has been cancelled

In it's place, we invite you to participate in our WebEx Teleconference on Saturday, October 10, at 7:00pm via telephone.

To Join the Meeting

Just call (415)-655-0001
Enter the Meeting Access number: 126 835 8383
then the Meeting Password: 233 73 459

Region Calendar

Our October 10 (in-person) General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting has been cancelled. We invite you to a WebEx Teleconference via telephone in it's place.

November 14, 2020

General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting

- Method and Venue TBD

December 12, 2020

General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting

- Method and Venue TBD

January 9, 2021

The Annual Meeting of our members - Method and Venue TBD

February 13, 2021

General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting

- Method and Venue TBD

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DAYLE FRAME

Competition Manager



Aug 22 - 23

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following events may be Rescheduled or Cancelled.

2020 GREAT LAKES DIVISION

SOLO SERIES SCHEDULE

 May 31 	South Bend Region - Grissom
	Aeroplex, Peru, IN

• June 27 - 28 Indy Region - Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN

• July 12 Fort Wayne Region - Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort

Wayne, IN

 July 18 - 19
 South West Virginia Region -U of WV, Parkersberg, WV

Detroit/Saginaw Valley Region -Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda, MI

Sep 19 - 20 Cincinnati Region - Traders World,

Cincinnati, OH

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,

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• October 25 WMR Event #2 at Grattan

Raceway Park, Grattan, MI

Contact **Dan Moody** at

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for more information.

To Register for a specific event go to www.motorsportreg.com

2020 GREAT LAKES DIVISION

CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

• ′	TBD	GLDiv/WHRRI Driver's School	
	due to COVID-19 Pandemic	(classroom) at Waterford Hills	

• TBD GLDiv/WHRRI Driver's School (track time) at Waterford Hills

Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic
 VSCDA "Gingerman Spring Brake Drivers School & Races" at Gingerman

Cancelled SBR / INR CRE-Enduro-Track Event at GingerMan

• TBD due to COVID-19 Pandemic SBR / DET "Bert Olson" Majors Double Event at GingerMan

• Cancelled WMR "Unrestricted" Double Regional at Grattan

• June 25 - 28 SVRA Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio at Mid-Ohio

• June 26 - 28 DET/WHRRI Restricted Regional at Waterford Hills

• July 17 - 19 OVR "Race of Champions" Majors Double Event at Mid-Ohio

• July 25 - 26 SBR/FWR/INR CRE-Enduro-Track Event at Gingerman

• July 25 - 26 SBR/FWR/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 "2020 WMR Majors Presented by Lasco Ford" 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



Western Michigan Region, SCCA

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Grattan Raceway is a 2.0 mile long winding, hilly road course with 10 very challenging (1/30/15 1:44 PM sccA | Grattan Raceway 50/0 track map (1/30/15 1:44 PM 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.





September Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2020, 7:02 pm WMR Board meeting via teleconference

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

Other Members Present: Dayle Frame, Karen Crider, Dan Moody, Rodney Sickles, Scott Beute, Ben Stitt and Ted Flynn

Secretary Report:

Mary Ellen Sickles: Our May, June, and July Teleconference Meeting minutes were approved and printed in the August 2020 newsletter.

Regional Executive's Report:

Wayne Rogers: Welcome to all members present..

Assistant RE's Report:

Ed Makenburg: - No Report

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ferris: - We will most likely finish in the black as we have received several "ghost" entries for our Majors race. Some of the bills are still coming in. We will know the final total after the runoffs.

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.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: - Dayle reported on the Majors' event, including sponsorship by Phil Lasco and the "ghost" entries received so far.

Solo Manager's Report:

Dan Moody: - There was an accident at the Labor Day event, 4 pieces of guardrail need to be replaced. There were 82 drivers at the Solo. The next Solo race will be October 25.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn: - The newsletter deadline for submissions is September 25, 2020.

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: - We heard a lot of good comments from the drivers at our Majors event.

Timing & Scoring:

Dave Ferris: - He will pick up a new ethernet cable case.

Sound:

Carola Basaj: (not present)

Course

Wayne Rogers: - Registration for the VSCDA race went well on the straightaway. He will do the wrecker next year.

Tech:

Ed Maklenburg: - No Report

Old Business:

Update on storage room & trailer: he storage room is all set. We have the totes for the flag sets now. Jack stands will be placed under the trailer to take the pressure off the tires and keep the UV light off them for the winter season. The back door of the trailer needs to have the seal reglued.



September Meeting Minutes

— Continued —

Old Business: - continued

Postcards: The postcards have been ordered and will be here this coming week. The printer had a coupon for 500 business cards for \$20.00. After discussion it was decided to have some printed with contact information for our club.

Bylaws Review: Dayle Frame, Dave Ferris and Ed Maklenburg: - there have been no meetings because of COVID 19.

New Business:

More People Needed: More help is needed, especially for Registration, and Timing and Scoring. If any drivers and family have extra time it would be wonderful if they could help out, even for a couple of hours.

Bylaws Review: Dayle Frame, Dave Ferris and Ed Maklenburg: - there have been no meetings because of COVID 19.

Nominations and Election: Nominations are due in October. If there is more than one person for a position there will also be an election.

Membership Chair: Tom Smolenski has agreed to takeover the position vacated by Pete and Debbie Hansen. Wayne will pick up the information from the Hansen's to give to Tom. Dave will email him the membership lists.

Meetings: We will have teleconference meetings until the end of the year, also for our Annual meeting in January and probably also for the March banquet and awards meeting.

Announcements:

Our next meeting will be October 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm. by teleconference.

Adjournment:

Dave Ferris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Verne Wandell, approved at 8:22 pm.

E Mail Votes Between Meetings:

On 9/O3/2020 - Dave Ferris made a motion to support Dayle Frame's candidacy for Area 4 Director by allowing information from Dayle to be added to the WMR website. Seconded by Verne Wandell. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Sickles, Recording Secretary





Once Again ...It's Election Time For The WMR Board of Directors

Well folks, the **2020** racing season is behind us and we are ready to embark on the planning and budgeting stages of the **2021** season. It is also time that you think of how the club has been serving your needs and if there is anything that you might be able to suggest to make sure your needs are better met and/or, perhaps, dedicate a greater percentage of your time to the club in order to bring your ideas and thoughts forward. **It's election time again** and, while the current board has been very supportive and done an outstanding job, many of the board members have been serving for quite a while or have served repeatedly. We would love it if someone, or several of you, stepped forward to take on some of the board duties.

Serving the club as an Officer/ Board Member is a very rewarding experience. As a Board Member, you will have an active influence as to where we are going, what programs and activities will we support and engage in, and how will we do this. You will serve to help protect our assets and provide the proper financial oversight to ensure the club has adequate resources to advance our mission and to steer our organization towards a sustainable future. We are fortunate to have a great team at WMR with many years of experience to draw upon in your transition into one of these positions. It is a pleasure to work with fellow Board Members and Officers so dedicated and united in achieving a common goal and creating a positive outcome. As with most organizations, we welcome fresh faces, with fresh ideas and energy, to fill some of these positions. Is it your time to step up?

Originally we were set up to form a nominating committee at this time of year and select from those who have been participating, some who would seem like good candidates. The problem with that theory is that, by-and-large, the "from those who have been participating" have been the same old board members and chiefs of specialty who are showing up at meetings and volunteering to do the jobs that are required of club management and staging our events. It would be nice to be supported by some "new blood". There are new and exciting opportunities coming to the Club Racing program in 2019 that would benefit from new fresh faces and ways of thinking. We need more of our club members to help us in this effort. Please join us in supporting your region.

Nominations are requested for the following elected positions on the Board:

- **Regional Executive**, currently Wayne Rogers
- Assistant Regional Executive, currently Ed Maklenburg
- **Secretary**, currently Mary Ellen Sickles
- **Treasurer**, currently Dave Ferris
- Member-at-Large, currently Lenny Basaj

All nominees must be current active members of the Western Michigan Region of the SCCA.

The Nomination Form was sent to you by a separate email. If you are willing, or know of someone that is willing, to step up and take on one of the elected duties, please complete the Nomination Form and email it to Mary Ellen Sickles at Rmsickles@comcast.net. If it is easier for you to just type the name(s) and position(s) nominated for in the body of your email response, that is ok as well. We simply would like you nominations, one way or another.

All nominations must be received by Mary Ellen by October 8, 2020.

All nominations received prior to the cutoff date will be vetted by the current Board of Directors and added to a slate of candidates prior to sending them on to the members of our region in the form of an Election Ballot for a mail-in vote. If we are only able to slate one (1) nominee for each elective position and if no other nominations are received, then an election ballot submitted to the members is not required. The slate of officers presented will be held to have been elected. Likewise, if nominations are presented and sent to the members on a mail in Election Ballot, but no votes are received, the current Board of Directors will elect the officers for the upcoming year.



Regarding the elected positions on the Board of Directors.

None of these positions require a rocket scientist... They will, however, require your dedication and some of your time.

First of all, we meet in the evening once a month (usually the second Saturday of the month) from September to April. Until further notice, (due to the COVID-19 shutdown), we have been conducting our meetings via phone-in teleconferences.

Post the COVID-19 shutdown, we plan to meet in person. Tentatively, the meeting location for 2021 will be at **Pietro's Italian Restaurant**, 2780 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Dinner before the meeting is optional for you. The meeting will follow dinner and starts about 7:00pm. You will be expected to attend all if not a great percentage of these meetings. We know that there may be an occasion or two that you can not be at the meeting, but without your participation business is more difficult to conduct. In addition to the monthly meetings, pressing business may come up that we discuss and vote on issues via email. We try to keep this at a minimum, but it can happen.

The Regional Executive (RE): is roughly analogous to "president" of the region. The RE is responsible for creating the agenda and leading the monthly meetings. He or she is the primary contact person for the region and will have the authority to sign insurance documents as well as contracts (approved by the Board) with vendors of goods and services provided to the region. The RE will serve as a back up person to the Treasurer to sign checks and make deposits to the regions bank account. We have past RE's on the Board that will be available to provide guidance, as needed or requested, for the new RE. - Time requirements other, than the Board Meetings and attendance at a portion of our events, is about 2 to 3 hours per month.

The Assistant RE: would fill in for the RE at meetings in event of the RE's absence. He or she will also help with determining the meeting agenda and to assist the RE with other business tasks as assigned or requested. - Time requirements, other than the Board Meetings, is about 1 to 2 hours per month.

The Secretary: This position is responsible for recording the minutes of our Board meetings and providing them for approval by the other members of the Board via email. He or she makes the arrangements for club meetings and is responsible for various correspondence within and outside our region as requested by the RE or the Board of Directors. - Time requirements, other than the Board Meetings, is about 1 to 2 hours per month.

The Treasurer: This position is responsible for maintaining the checkbook, receiving and paying bills, publishing monthly treasurer's reports and providing relevant material to the tax preparer. As holder of the checkbook, the Treasure must be available at most of our events in order to pay our bills that the event generates. Some checks can, of course, be written days before or days after the event, but others must be written at the the event itself. **The treasurer must be fluent in Excel and be able to enter basic data into Quickbooks software.** We have a past Treasurer on the Board that will be available to provide guidance, as needed or requested, for the new Treasurer. - Time requirements, other than the Board Meetings and attendance at a portion of our events, is about 2 to 3 hours per month.

The Member-at-Large: This position is directly responsible for listening to the concerns of any member, presenting these concerns to the Board and standing as the member's advocate at Board meetings. - Time requirements, other than the Board Meetings, is about 0 to 1 hour per month.



2021 Elected Board of Directors Nomination Form

(Mary Ellen needs to received your nominations by 10/08/2020)

Regional Executive	
Assistant Regional Executive	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Member-at-Large	
Submitted by	Member Number

NOTE: You may nominate yourself for any of these positions.



Western Michigan Region of the SCCA Bylaws Review

A committee has been formed to review the WMR Bylaws and make recommendations to the BoD for revision. The bylaws have not been reviewed and updated since 2008. The committee consists of Ed Maklenburg (Assistant RE), David Ferris (Treasurer) and Dayle Frame (Competition Manager).

The committee realizes that this is big undertaking and would like the assistance of the membership. We ask all of you to please take a few minutes and read the bylaws (the current document is only eight pages long). If you need a copy, please contact me at hdf3.wtr80@gmail.com and I will gladly email you a pdf version of the document for you to review. After that, please feel free to contact any one of us with comments, suggestions, concerns, etc. No suggestion is too trivial or too complex and ALL will be afforded the attention they deserve.

The committee also realizes that this will take some time so there is no urgency for your response. We are just getting started and look forward to hearing from the membership through the course of the summer racing season and into the fall. We expect to have modifications incorporated by the end of the calendar year.

In addition, if you have had experience writing or editing other groups' bylaws, please contact us so we could tap into your past expertise with this kind of project.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you soon,

Dayle Frame, Competition Manager Ed Maklenburg, Assistant RE Dave Ferris, Treasurer



Dayle Frame: Candidate for Area 4 Director Biography / Platform Page

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another way to "pay it forward" and give back to the Club that has given me so much enjoyment over the years. Two, because our current Director does not

seem to want to communicate with the membership.



During his tenure (2011 to present), Mr. Merideth has shown that he cannot be counted on to tell us what he has been doing while in the position. In this era of modern telecommunications, that is distressing. This should not be accepted when the membership has so much invested in this Club. Whether you are a worker or a driver, between dues, entry fees, event travel expenses, etc., most of us have hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars invested in our sport on an annual basis. Our elected officials need to be more accountable when the membership has so much on the line.

My SCCA Biography:

I have been around the SCCA all my life. My father raced a couple of Lotus Super 7's in CP and DP and an Elva 7 in CSR back in the mid to late 60's when I was a kid. He was a lifelong member of Chicago Region. While I was in college and graduate school in the 80's, I worked grid at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit (just west of Tulsa, OK) every chance I could. This was back in the day when you did not need to be a member of the SCCA to work an event. After we finished school, my wife and I moved to Michigan and once we were settled in, we joined the Club in 1997 and began pursuing my lifelong desire to go racing.

In an effort to learn "how the sausage was made," I became a flagger and worked at all the CenDiv tracks to understand how each different region put on a race. I talked to other workers, stewards, drivers, etc., to gain some insight into the process. The data garnered from this experience was invaluable in helping to flatten my learning curve as I jumped into the deep end of the Club Racing pool.

I raced Sprites in H Production for 18 years with moderate success (a few wins....but lots of fun). I decided to walk away from the car in 2018. Since I still enjoy race weekends, I have been crewing for many of my friends over the last couple of years. I now attend many more Club Racing events as crew and worker than I used to as a driver.

The last three years, I have competed exclusively in Solo events in my Chevrolet Bolt in HS. As it's a full electric car (all torque), it's made for the tight, twisty confines of a Solo course and it's a blast to drive....on the course as well as the street.



Candidate Dayle Frame - Continued

My SCCA Experience:

I believe I have the requisite, broad based experience within the Club to be qualified for the position:

- ➤ WMR member since 1997
- > WMR BoD member for over 15 years (Assistant RE, Director at Large)
- > WMR Club Racing event Race Chair (with Verne Wandell) for over 10 years including Regionals, Nationals, Majors
- > WMR Competition Manager for over 15 years. This position oversees all WMR competition programs (Solo, Club Racing, RallyX).
- Club Racing worker experience in these specialties: Grid/Pits, F&C, Sound, Race Administration, Tech and Registration
- > GLDiv Club Racing Regional Champ Series committee member (rules writing, program oversight, etc.)
- ➤ Club Racing National Competition license holder for 18 years (2001-2018)
- ➤ GLDiv Champion in HP in 2010
- GLDiv Lead Instructor (over saw divisional driver's school)
- ➤ Eight-time Runoffs participant
- ➤ Solo participant for over 10 years
- > F&C worker at the Runoffs in 2011, 2014, 2015

My Professional Background:

I have been an analytical chemist for over 35 years. After working for large and small firms as well as in academia, I am currently self-employed as an instrumentation sales rep for several firms. This position has allowed me to work from home for the last 12 years. This fact has given me the choice of being able to address my "non work" items at my convenience. I realize not everyone has this luxury and I plan on taking advantage of this and being available to the membership to a greater extent.

My Commitment to the Membership:

- ➤ I will always have an "open door" policy so any member can let me know about specific questions, comments or concerns they may have about the Club's operations or policies. I cannot draw conclusions in a vacuum. I must have input from the membership in order to act on your behalf.
- > I will always keep the membership informed as to my position on topics.
- ➤ I will inform the membership on how I voted on items that come before the BoD.
- > I will email our membership on a monthly basis, so they understand my involvement on the BoD.
- > Use my professional training as a scientist to evaluate and collate data so I can properly make conclusions based on that data.
- As my schedule permits, I will do my best to travel to regional meetings (post pandemic) and various SCCA events in our division (Club Racing, Solo, RallyX, TNiA, etc.).

SCCA Election Details:

Specific details about the election process can be found <u>here</u>. Voting will be done electronically unless you opt out and want to vote by mail. The election window is from 10/15 to 11/15. Please take the time to check your my.scca page and be prepared to vote this fall.





The election period for your Area 4 Director is coming up October 15, 2020-November 16, 2020.

This year's voting will be handled via the Member Account Portal at <u>my.scca.com</u>. An email notification will be sent to eligible voters with an email address on file prior to October 15, 2020.

Please take a few minutes to review the questions below to ensure that you have a smooth voting process. If you are on a family membership, each family member must log in with their SCCA Member # to cast their vote. A first time log in requires a valid email address on the member account and family members may use the same email address.

- Have you been able to successfully log in to your Member Account Portal at my.scca.com?
 - · Yes? Great, skip to the next question.
 - No? Contact Member Services Department at membership@scca.com.
- Is your membership expiration date greater than October 1, 2020?
 - Yes? Great, you're an eligible voter be watching for your electronic notification.
 - No? Renew your membership before October 1, 2020 at my.scca.com or call 800-770-2055.

If you prefer to have a paper ballot mailed to you, you must opt out of electronic balloting on or before October 1, 2020 through one of the following methods:

- Edit your Email subscriptions in your account at https://my.scca.com
 - "Edit Contact Info" on "My Profile Page"
 - "Edit Subscriptions" in the lower right under "Email Subscriptions"
 - Add checkbox to "Opt out of electronic balloting"
 - Click "Save"
- Email membership@scca.com and request to "opt out of electronic balloting"

Thank you!

SCCA Member Services

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