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



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Joyous Holiday &
Happy New Year



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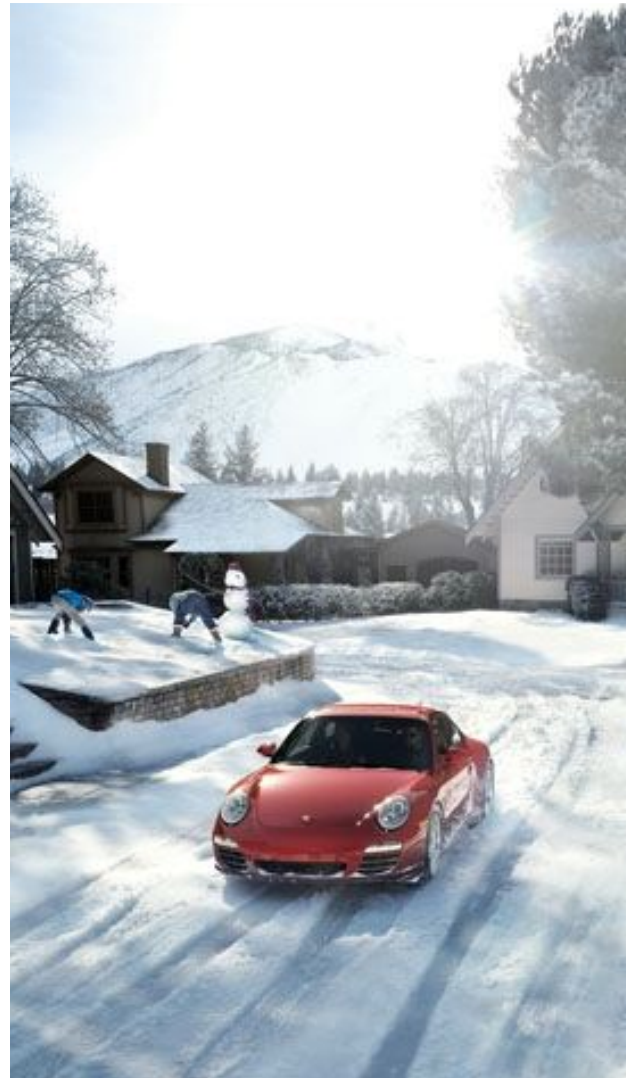
Membership News

WMR welcomes our new
or returning members

Howard Parks - Lansing, MI

Congratulations
to the following who
celebrated membership
anniversaries last month

46 years Jan Downey
30 years John Gregg
13 years John Brownlow
1 year Jim Riedy
1 year Bill Elhart



I wanted a Porsche for my
birthday, but my Dad got
me a stupid
Maserati
instead. Why is
my life
so hard?



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— Please Note —

**Our December 8, 2018
General Membership / Board of
Directors Meeting.**

Due to the unavailability of a meeting room at Pietro's, our December 8, 2018 meeting will be held in the Common Room at Irene Dalziel's place. The address is **2433 Byron Center Ave, Wyoming, MI** - The building is located on the Southwest corner of Byron Center and Porter. Parking is in the back of the building. Use the first door on right hand side of the building.

**Our Annual Meeting and
our Awards Banquet will
be on two separate dates
this year.**

Our Annual Meeting will be on **January 12, 2019** at **Pietro's Italian Restaurant** in Grand Rapids at 2780 Birchcrest Dr SE

Our Annual Awards Banquet will be in **March** this time on a date and at a location yet to be determined. - I will keep you posted as the details get firmed up.

Region Calendar

December 8, 2018

General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting
— See notation on the left.

January 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

February 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

March 2, 2019

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

March __, 2019

The 2018 Awards Banquet
— See notation on the left.

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Competition Manager and Service Awards Program Committee Member

MARY ELLEN SICKLES

Secretary

2019 WMR Board Member Nomination/Election Results

The results are in. Nomination ballots were received and tallied by Mary Ellen Sickles. For the five elected Board Member positions, **Wayne Rogers** was nominated for Regional Executive, and **Dave Ferris** was nominated for Treasurer. There was no nomination received for the Assistant RE position and is OPEN at this time for 2019. The two remaining 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 nominees and incumbents are running unopposed, an election is not required. --- Therefore:

The 2019 Western Michigan Region Elected Board Members are as follows:

- **Regional Executive**, Wayne Rogers (unopposed nominee)
- **Assistant Regional Executive**, OPEN at this time
- **Secretary**, Mary Ellen Sickles (unopposed incumbent)
- **Treasurer**, Dave Ferris (unopposed nominee)
- **Director-at-Large**, Lenny Basaj (unopposed incumbent)

The current Board Members will gather for their final meeting of the year on December 8, 2018. The 2019 Board will officially begin their one year term on January 1, 2019.

If any of you is interested in becoming our Assistant Regional Executive, please contact: Jim Washburn, at jwashburn.us@gmail.com.

Remember...

Attending our regular General Membership / Board of Directors Meetings will help you accumulate points for our Worker 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 Service Award Program

The WMR Board established a program for 2016 to recognize the efforts of our members who have assumed responsibility for and participated in the duties necessary to plan and support our regions events and activities. Points were awarded to members using a system which attempts to reflect the time and responsibilities involved. The first season's points recipients were awarded with dollar credits to be applied to their membership renewal, the purchase of SCCA merchandise or the WMR annual banquet.

The program has been approved by the board to be continued for the 2018 year with some enhancement and additional incentives. Bonus points will be awarded for members who are first time workers. There will also be bonus points for an increase in earned point totals over the previous year. We have added these bonuses to recognize those who participate for the first time to support our events as well as those who increase the days worked or assume additional responsibility.

We are also awarding points for those who work at VSCDA races at Gingerman and Grattan. It was an oversight to not include these events in the first year as WMR has continued to support VSCDA by considering their events as somewhat equal to ours.

The current point standings for 2018 will be published periodically in the newsletter throughout the year. The participation year is December 2017 through November 2018. The points allocation table is shown below.

Item	Points	Item	Points
BoD Member	100	Race Chair	200
Backfire Editor	200	Co-Race Chair	200
Webmaster	200	Race Chief of Specialty	100
Program Manager	100	Race Worker (WMR)	50
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Divisional Meeting Attendee	50	Solo Event Chair	200
Regional Meeting Attendee	25	Solo Co-Event Chair	200
Special Event Coordinator	100	Solo Chief of Specialty	100
Special Event Worker	50	Solo Safety Steward	100
Club Support	25	Solo Worker (non driver)	50
Backfire Article / Picture	10	-	

It is important to also mention the SCCA Volunteer Participation Program which is based on days worked for any SCCA events (including for other regions or the national office, such as the Runoffs). You should log your worker participation in any SCCA events on scca.com by going to your account page and click on "volunteer participation" in the SCCA Membership area. Doing this will reduce your membership renewal cost based on the days you work.

Sincerely,

The WMR Service Award Program Committee - Dayle Frame, Fred Hawley, and Verne Wandell.

2018 WMR Service Award Program

— Point Standings —

Last edited on 11-21-2018

#	Member Name	Total Points with Bonus(es)	Total Points 2017	Earned Points 2018	Participation Increase Bonus	"First Timer" Bonus	BoD Member	Program Manager	Specialty Chief (VSCDA @ GMan)	Worker (VSCDA @ GMan)	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 (4/28)	Solo Event Chair (9/3)	Solo Event Chair (9/22)	WMR Meeting Attendee (12/9)	WMR Meeting Attendee (01/13)	WMR Meeting Attendee (02/10)	WMR Meeting Attendee (03/17)	WMR Meeting Attendee (04/14)	WMR Meeting Attendee (9/22)	WMR Meeting Attendee (10/20)	WMR Meeting Attendee (11/17)	GLDiv Meeting Attendee (03/10)	Trailer Prep Day (4/19)	Trailer Prep Day (4/29)	Trailer Prep Day (8/28)	Trailer Prep Day (10/12)	Backfire Editor	Backfire Article / Picture			
1	Wandell, Verne	1150	1275	1150	0	0	100		100	75	200		75	200		75	100	100					25	25							25	25	25	25					
2	Ferris, Dave	1125	400	1025	100	0			100	75		100	75		100	75	100	100				25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25					
3	Frame, Dayle	1125	970	1075	50	0		200			200		75	200		75						25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25					
4	Yonkers, Brad	850	925	850	0	0		200											200	200	200			25								25							
5	Rogers, Wayne	825	475	725	100	0	100				100	75		100	75	100	75					25	25			25	25	25											
6	Sickles, Mary Ellen	800	850	800	0	0	100			75		100	50		100	50	75					25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25				
7	Beauvais, Bruce	750	975	750	0	0	100				200	75		100	75		50					25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25										
8	Crider, Karen	725	750	725	0	0			100	75		100	75		100	75	50					25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25			25	25	25					
9	Sickles, Rod	717	475	667	50	0				75		100	50		100	50	67	50				25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25				
10	Smolenski, Tom	700	525	650	50	0				75		100	50		100	50	100	75				25	25	25					25										
11	Hansen, Pete	475	675	475	0	0			100	75			50		50	100	75					25																	
12	Green, Ric	450	0	300	100	50						100	50		100	50																							
13	Orr, Bobbe	450	475	450	0	0			100	75			50		50	100	75																						
14	Washburn, Jim	450	550	450	0	0	100															25	25	25	25	25				25						200			
15	Hawley, Fred	400	575	400	0	0	100									50	75					25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25			25							
16	Beauvais, Sue	350	400	350	0	0				50		50		50	50	50						25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25										
17	Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	325	750	325	0	0				75			50		50	75																		25					
18	Barnes, Ray	300	100	250	50	0				75			50		50	75																							
19	Basaj, Lenny	300	425	300	0	0	100									25							25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25									
20	Hansen, Debbie	275	450	275	0	0				75			50		50	75							25	25	25	25	25	25	25										
21	Maklenburg, Ed	275	275	275	0	0						100	75		75									25															
22	Redlon, Larry	250	0	150	50	50							50		50	50																							
23	Basaj, Carola	225	0	125	50	50							50		50								25																
24	Boris, Jeff	225	275	225	0	0				50						100	75																						
25	Hansen, Lydia	225	325	225	0	0				50			50		50	75																							
26	Basaj, Elijah	200	0	100	50	50							50		50																								
27	Dalziel, Irene	200	150	175	25	0							50		50																								
28	Henry, Marc	200	275	200	0	0							50		100	50											25	25	25										
29	Henry, Vicki	200	0	100	50	50							50		50																								
30	Van Camp, Tom	200	0	100	50	50							50		50																								
31	Ensing, Gordy	183	150	158	25	0			25				50		50		33	50																					
32	Andrews, Sue	175	100	150	25	0							50		50	50																							
33	Frame, Melinda	175	400	175	0	0							25		25								25	25	25								25	25					
34	Gyulay, Jason	175	225	175	0	0										100	75																						
35	Steencken, Barb	175	175	175	0	0							75		75									25															
36	Basaj, Anna	150	100	125	25	0							50		50	25																							
37	McCormick, Nathan	150	0	75	25	50											75																						
38	Burnside, Alice	25	33	25	0	0																		25															
39	Burnside, Gary	25	43	25	0	0																		25															
40	Secor, Jeff	100	200	100	0	0							50		50																								
41	Walters, Allison	100	0	25	25	50																																	
42	Walters, Dave	100	0	25	25	50																																	
43	Basaj, Alex	50	225	50	0	0										50																							
44	Cull, Phil	50	175	50	0	0										50																							
45	DeLoof, Steve	50	150	50	0	0							50																										
46	Lublow, Ed	50	150	50	0	0																			25		25												
47	Woods, Thomas	25	25	25	0	0																																	
48	Woods, Tyler	25	25	25	0	0																																	

November Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2018, 6:10 pm
Pietro's Italian Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI

Board Members present: Lenny Basaj, Mary Ellen Sickles, Wayne Rogers and Bruce Beauvais.

Board Members absent: Jim Washburn, Verne Wandell and Fred Hawley.

Other Members Present: Irene Dalziel, Rod Sickles, Dave Ferris, Karen Crider, Dayle Frame, Tom Smolenski, and Suzy Beauvais.

Secretary Report:

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

Regional Executive's Report:

Jim Washburn: (not present) No report to give. Jim reached out to Dayle Frame to run the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Verne Wandell: (not present) - had presented the Board with a balance statement and will have a full report by December's meeting.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: The dates for the road racing schedule at Grattan were emailed to Jude Summers at GLDiv to be included on the schedule.

Irene Dalziel and Bruce Beauvais had a race chair meeting with Dayle Frame.

Solo Report:

Brad Yonkers: (not present). Dayle Frame reported that he met with 4 Eaton Corporation representatives in Marshall MI. They would like to do a Solo on a Friday. They were not interested in letting us have a Solo on the following Saturday. We would charge them for insurance, the sanction fee, trophies and \$1000.00 for our gear (cones, timing equipment, etc.). We would use MSR through a private link to their employees for them to register.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn would like any information and the minutes by November 27th for the December newsletter.

Chief of Specialty Reports:

Flagging & Communications:

Karen Crider: - (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 - No Report

Sound:

TBA: - Lenny Basaj will ask his wife Carola if she is interested in this position.

Course:

Wayne Rogers: - No Report

Old Business:

New Website Status update: Lenny Basaj will contact Joe Perri wanting a reply by December 1st to see if he's still interested in being our webmaster.

Long Term Race Trailer Storage: Wayne Rogers reported we could get a 40' shipping container for \$3250.00. We would need to build a lean-to, install vents in the container and place it on railroad ties. We have a generator for electricity & lights.

Location for our December 8 Board of Directors meeting. Irene Dalziel said she would check on her community room at her apartment complex. It would be in Wyoming at the corner of Byron Center and Porter.

Nominees slated for the 2019 WMR Board of Directors. Verne Wandell and Jim Washburn will be serving as Past RE's.

Advertisement in Grattan's flyer: Wayne Rogers said a 4" x 2 1/2" ad would be \$400.00. It needs to be ready by January 2019. Dayle Frame said we could use his name and phone number as a contact person. Dave Ferris has our logo on his computer. Bruce Beauvais made a motion to go ahead, Lenny Basaj seconded, and the motion was approved.

October Meeting Minutes

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Old Business - continued

Bylaw Review: Bruce Beauvais, our Parliamentarian, will review the by-laws, Dayle also asked all the officers to review the bylaws to see if there were any changes needed.

Facebook and Twitter sites: Karen Crider will investigate Facebook and report back. Dayle Frame will contact Verne Wandell and Brad Watson for any information they might have.

New or replacement equipment for 2019: Location of tables and chairs (provided by Grattan) need to be checked by race chairs. Some Formula V's have been using a lithium battery and several have caught fire. Discussion of metal Class D fire extinguishers for these batteries and the magnesium wheels and gear boxes on Formula E's.

Adjournment:

Bruce Beauvais made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lenny Basaj, approved at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Sickles,
Recording Secretary



New Business:

WMR Incentive Award Program: Dayle requests that the Board lets the committee know if we want any changes. Discussion indicated that no changes were needed at the present time.

The National Convention is in Las Vegas January 17-19, 2019: Registration is open now and we are soliciting a couple of volunteers to go.

Announcements:

None

The following is a thank you letter from the Arnold Center Inc. to the members of the Western Michigan Region of the Sports Car Club of America.



November 29, 2018

Attn: James Washburn
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Dear Members,

Thank you for your generous gift In Memory of William Gaunt.

On behalf of the Arnold Center Board of Directors, its staff, and most importantly the individuals we serve, I sincerely thank you for your generous gift of \$100 In Memory of William Gaunt. Your contribution to helping maximize opportunities and enhance personal development for people with differing needs in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Your gift will help the Arnold Center move forward in our mission of promoting improved quality of life, by encouraging and supporting personal growth and inclusion in the community through the development of vocational, social and life skills. Your donation will help change lives for the better.

With the help of donations from supporters such as yourself we will continue to see improvements in our efforts. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Craig Varterian



SNO DRIFT Rally

January 25 – 26, 2019
Montmorency County, Michigan



Volunteers, Ham Radio Operators and Medical Personnel
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www.sno-drift.org

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Come Share the Fun!



So you thought the racing season was over...

reprinted from a prior year *Backfire* and updated for 2019

Well, let me tell you, the season is just beginning for Performance Rallying in Michigan. The 2019 Sno*Drift Rally will be held January 25 and 26. It continues to be one of the the first events on the 2019 American Rally Association National Championship schedule and is presented by Sno*Drift Rally, Inc.

This race is not conducted on a prepared race track with cars running head to head as we would expect in road racing. No, instead, it is run on mostly snow and ice covered gravel surfaced back roads. The competitors race one car at a time against the clock, usually at one or two minute intervals.

It is a flat-out competition with modified production cars over closed sections of rural roads blocked off from local traffic.

All of the entrants are team based. Each car has a driver and a co-driver (or navigator). Each team is given a route book just prior to the start of the event that describes the course in detail with diagrams of turns, as well, as notations of natural road hazards and spectator areas to watch out for. The co-driver (navigator) uses this book along with stage notes supplied by Rally America, local maps, odometers, and special equipment designed to keep the driver on course and on time. Each team is also allowed a one pass reconnaissance in non race vehicles to become more familiar with the roads.

All competition vehicles must be street legal with only those modifications allowed for the class for which the car is entered. Current rules restrict rally cars from using studded ice tires which makes finding traction for the drivers extremely difficult for the drivers. If there has been a good snowfall in the days leading up to the rally, expect to see large snowbanks lining the roads. These snowbanks can be a help or a hazard for the drivers as they try to stay on the road.



The Sno*Drift rally was first held in 1973 as a National event as part of the SCCA Performance Rally Series near Grayling, Michigan. In 2002, the rally was expanded to cover two days, with the Sno portion of the rally covering day one and the Drift portion on day two. In 2005, the SCCA transferred organization and marketing of ProRally and ClubRally to Rally America, Inc., with the Sno*Drift as the first event of the 2005 calendar, and thus the first event to take place under the Rally America organization where it has remained since.

As in the past few years, the rally, will be headquartered in Atlanta, Michigan but will also utilize the towns of Lewiston and Hillman in Montmorency County. Currently the event is organized into three distinct rallies: the national championship event covering both days of rallying, and two regional rally events (Sno and Drift), covering each of the two days. Competitors may be entered in any or all of these events simultaneously. Again this year, there will be a



Super Special stage for ease of viewing, as well as multiple spectator areas on multiple stages through out the weekend.

Free Spectator Guides will be available in local businesses throughout Atlanta, and the surrounding area. Included in the guide are spectator schedules, maps, and other helpful information. These

Spectator Guides will also be posted on the Sno*Drift website. There are NO fees or tickets required to watch most stages of the rally. See the Spectator section of the website for additional information about fees and parking for the Super Special Stage of the rally.

For more detailed Competitor, Volunteer and Spectator information, please visit the Sno*Drift website at: www.sno-drift.org/

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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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