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



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Our General Membership / Board of Directors  
Meeting Location

--- Please Join Us At ---

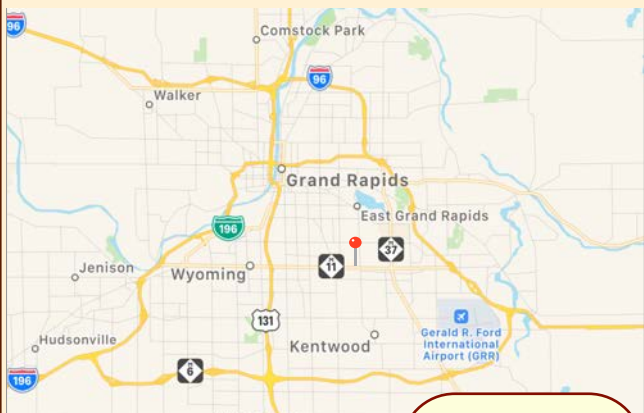
**Pietro's Italian Restaurant**  
2780 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI



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 February 9, 2019.**



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

**Region Calendar**

**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 9, 2019 (correction from previous issue)**

Our 2018 Awards Banquet will be at Brann's Steakhouse, 4157 Division Avenue S, Wyoming, MI. Cash bar at 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:30 followed by the Meeting starting at 8:00

**April 13, 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

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**2019 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](http://www.soloseries.org)

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**2019 WMR SOLO SCHEDULE**

- TBD WMR at Michigan Adventure,  
1198 W Riley-Thompson Rd,  
Muskegon, MI 49445
- September 2 WMR - Labor Day Event at  
Grattan
- TBD WMR at Michigan Adventure,  
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**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](http://www.motorsportreg.com)





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

## Get Ready for 2019 – 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 2019.

On **Saturday, March 2**, we'll gather in **Findlay, Ohio**, to learn what's new, share best practices, and network with friends. There's something for everyone, and GLD's new Executive Steward Duane Harrington is excited about the enhanced agenda being developed this year.

In addition to the full-day Solo Track, and Road Race specialty meetings, loads of new sessions will be offered this year. Hear from SCCA's Rick Myers about the sanction process and waivers. Find out more about Time Trials from SCCA's Jon Krolewicz and GLD's Divisional Administrator CJ Carter. Jon will also share insights on Creating the Culture.

Let SCCA's Chris Robbins tell you about creating the most welcoming environment. Lend an ear when SCCA's Jeff Luckritz talks about the Power of Positive Leadership. Sit in on a "Chat with Marcus Meredith," GLD's SCCA Board of Directors Representative, and ask your questions about all things SCCA.

Be sure to attend the "Explore the Race Steward Role" session, hosted by Training Steward Lauri Burkons. She'll outline the program and talk about your opportunity to get involved. Drivers, workers, and anyone interested in this role are highly encouraged to attend.

If you're an RE or region Race Representative, join Duane for his meeting with you, too.

You can **book your overnight room at the Findlay Inn** now. The discounted room rate is **\$92** this year; call Findlay Inn at **419-422-5682** and request the "**SCC19**" group rate.

Whether you're already active or want to be more involved, mark your calendar for Saturday, March 2. Then, watch the GLD website for details (<http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/>).

**Spring Training**  
**March 2, 2019**



**Findlay Inn & Conference Center**  
200 E Main Cross St, Findlay, Ohio 45840  
(free parking)

**\$25 per attendee**

*Guest Rooms: \$92/night + tax  
Call 800-825-1455 (419-422-5682) and  
ask for the Sports Car Club rate  
(Code: SCC19).*

**Register by February 20** to save your seat!  
*(The more clearly you write, the more accurate the attendee roster will be.)*

**Fee: \$25/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](mailto:1988irocz28@gmail.com) by **February 20, 2019**.

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.

**( Note: Pre-registration is required... if you wish to register on your own, the Region cannot cover the registration fee. )**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Region of Record \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**GREAT LAKES DIVISION Spring Training March 2, 2019**

Friday Evening: 6:00-7:30 pm Registration

Findlay Inn, 200 E Main Cross St, Findlay, OH 45840

	ATRIUM	FORT FINDLAY	TAYLOR	MILLSTREAM	BOARD ROOM	BLANCHARD
		<i>All-Day Solo Track</i>				<i>All-Day Steward Track</i>
7:00-8:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast					
8:00-8:15	Opening Session <i>Duane Harrington, Executive Steward</i>					
8:30-9:30	<b>Find Your Tribe Roundtables</b>	Solo Topic(s); <i>outline to follow shortly</i>	F&C <i>(Ed Arthur, DA)</i>	Tech <i>(Alan Garside, DA)</i>	Registrars <i>(Peggy Dietz, DA)</i>	Stewards <i>(Closed Session)</i>
	* Grid/Pit * Safety * Create Your Own					
9:45-10:45		Solo Topic(s); <i>outline to follow shortly</i>	Entry Level Racing: The New Concept! <i>(Jeff Luckritz, SCCA Leadership Academy Dean)</i>	Sanction Process & Waivers <i>(Rick Myers, SCCA Manager, Region Development)</i>		Stewards <i>(Closed Session)</i>
11:00-12:00	RallyX: Make It Work for Your Region <i>(Matt Wolfe, Detroit Region)</i>	Solo Topic(s); <i>outline to follow shortly</i>	Becoming a Race Steward: Everything You Always Wanted to Know, But Were Afraid to Ask! <i>(Lauri Burkons, Training Steward)</i>	Creating the Culture <i>(Jon Krolewicz, SCCA Time Trials Program Manager)</i>	Registrars (continued)	Stewards <i>(Closed Session)</i>
	REs: Best Practices <i>(Jeff Luckritz, SCCA Leadership Academy Dean)</i>					
11:45-12:30	Lunch, Divisional Awards					
12:30-1:30	"The Importance of Taking Care of People" <i>Chris Robbins, SCCA Director of Region Development</i>					
1:45-2:45		Solo Topic(s); <i>outline to follow shortly</i>	Time Trials & Track Events <i>(Jon Krolewicz, CJ Carter)</i>	The Power of Positive Leadership <i>Jeff Luckritz, SCCA Leadership Academy Dean</i>	Racing Regions Reps & Exec Steward Meeting <i>(Duane Harrington)</i>	Stewards <i>(Closed Session)</i>
3:00-4:00	"Chat with Marcus" <i>Marcus Meredith, Area 4 Director</i>	Solo Topic(s); <i>outline to follow shortly</i>	<i>(Time Trials &amp; Track Events Session may continue)</i>		DAs & Exec Steward Meeting <i>(Duane Harrington)</i>	Stewards <i>(Closed Session)</i>
4:00-5:00			GLD REs Meeting <i>(Tony Brown)</i>			

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## Membership News

### WMR welcomes our new or returning members

- Thomas Klonowski - Spring Lake, MI
- Jake Lueder - Ada, MI
- Dustin Plank - Adrian, MI
- James Reinhard - Taylor, MI
- Roger Sheler Jr. - Grand Rapids, MI
- Caleb Schuiling - Marne, MI

### Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 45 years James Downey III
- 44 years Gordon Ensing
- 33 years Perri Thocher
- 26 years Hank Fairchild
- 21 years Dayle Frame
- 19 years Melinda Frame
- 19 years Heather Futcher
- 19 years Robert Futcher
- 11 years Christopher Williams
- 10 years John Stachelek
- 6 years Anthony Fornetti
- 5 years Glenn Bryant
- 5 years Donald White
- 5 years Todd Brayton
- 5 years Teresa Brayton
- 5 years Hunter Brayton
- 4 years Marie Savage
- 4 years Tyler Woods
- 3 years Gregory Stamm
- 3 years Abijah Taylor
- 3 years Jim Teachout
- 2 years Jacob Wierengo
- 1 year Blake Mahnken
- 1 year Daniel Moody
- 1 year Nik Harwood



# Guts.

We lay it on the line. BMW builds the best sports sedans in the world.

Who says? The drivers do. In poll after poll, men who know cars acknowledge BMW for what it is.

A car with an overhead-cam engine built around a combustion system so advanced that a BMW will cruise—cruise—at 100 mph.

A car with a suspension system that gives you roadholding qualities that are simply incredible. So efficient that many

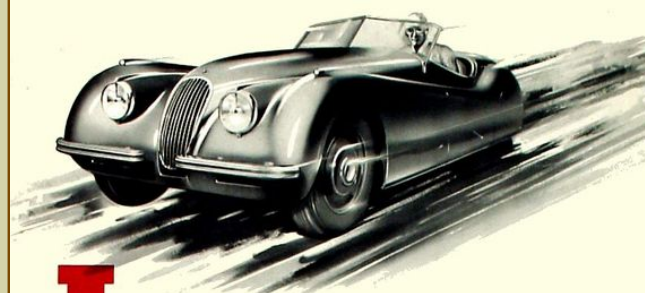
racing cars have imitated it. A car that for all-out performance, for pure quality of construction, for right-down-to-it guts, has no equal.

Do you need only transportation? Then BMW is not for you. There are always the Swedish tractors, or one of those Oriental curiosities, and so on.

But if you want the best sports sedan money can buy, if you want a car that makes driving a joy, then visit your BMW dealer. Has he got a car for you!

BMW's are available in four or six cylinder models. U.S. Sole Importer: Hoffman Motors Corporation, 375 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022; 17541 Spaulding Street, Los Angeles, California 90046. Dealers Coast to Coast. Advantageous European Delivery Program. Write for free brochure. Canada: East: BMW Distributors Eastern Canada, Ltd., 720 Progress Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario, West: BMW Distributors Western Canada, 2040 Burrard Street, Vancouver 9, B.C.

**Bavarian Motor Works**



# Jaguar

again makes motoring history

On 30th May, 1949, an entirely standard Jaguar 3½ Litre XK 120 Sports car running on pump petrol was officially timed in attaining a speed over a flying mile of:

# 132.6 M.P.H.

This speed, observed and recorded by the Royal Automobile Club of Belgium on the Jabbeke motor road, has gained for Jaguar four Belgian speed records and is

**THE FASTEST SPEED EVER RECORDED BY A PRODUCTION CAR**



## From Our Regional Executive

Good day to everyone out there. I am glad to be back and working as the Regional Executive of Western Michigan Region again. It's been a while and it will take a little time to settle in and get things done.

I hope to have a report on how things are going next month for all of you on what will be going on this coming summer. I hope to see all of you sometime over the summer at one of our events.

We will be hoping to get more workers at our races in 2019. We can use help in most all areas and there will be plenty to do if you decide to come out and join us. Even if you can only make it for one day it's fine. If you have never worked before, there will be workers out there to show you the different specialties you might like to work at. Come and enjoy a day with us and have some fun.

If you look through the issue of the *Backfire* you will see the dates and who will be racing. Either the National race or the Regional race. We also work with the VSCDA - vintage racing people in August also. Some cool old cars and great people out there also.

I plan on working this year towards recruiting new people for our events. Call me if you want at 616-238-6186 if you have any questions or e-mail me at [wrogers28oz73@aol.com](mailto:wrogers28oz73@aol.com)

For now,

Wayne Rogers  
RE of WMR

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## Remember...

Attending our regular General Membership / Board of Directors Meetings will help you accumulate points for our 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 Results

#	Member Name	Total 2018 Points with Bonus(es)	Participation Increase Bonus	"First Timer" Bonus	Free Banquet Dinner Ticket	Earned Credit for 2018
1	Wandell, Verne	1150	0	0	Yes	\$50
2	Ferris, Dave	1125	100	0	Yes	\$50
3	Frame, Dayle	1125	50	0	Yes	\$50
4	Yonkers, Brad	850	0	0	Yes	\$50
5	Rogers, Wayne	825	100	0	Yes	\$50
6	Sickles, Mary Ellen	800	0	0	Yes	\$50
7	Beauvais, Bruce	750	0	0	Yes	\$50
8	Crider, Karen	725	0	0	Yes	\$50
9	Sickles, Rod	717	50	0	Yes	\$50
10	Smolenski, Tom	700	50	0	Yes	\$50
11	Hansen, Pete	475	0	0	Yes	\$25
12	Green, Ric	450	100	50	Yes	\$25
13	Orr, Bobbe	450	0	0	Yes	\$25
14	Washburn, Jim	450	0	0	Yes	\$25
15	Hawley, Fred	400	0	0	Yes	\$25
16	Beauvais, Sue	350	0	0	Yes	\$25
17	Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	325	0	0	Yes	\$25
18	Barnes, Ray	300	50	0	Yes	\$25
19	Basaj, Lenny	300	0	0	Yes	\$25
20	Hansen, Debbie	275	0	0	Yes	\$25
21	Maklenburg, Ed	275	0	0	Yes	\$25
22	Redlon, Larry	250	50	50		\$25
23	Secor, Jeff	250	25	0		\$25
24	Basaj, Carola	225	50	50		\$25
25	Boris, Jeff	225	0	0		\$25
26	Hansen, Lydia	225	0	0		\$25

— Correction to what was published in the January 2019 issue of the *Backfire* —

#	Member Name	Total 2018 Points with Bonus(es)	Participation Increase Bonus	"First Timer" Bonus	Free Banquet Dinner Ticket	Earned Credit for 2018
27	Basaj, Elijah	200	50	50		\$25
28	Dalziel, Irene	200	25	0		\$25
29	Henry, Marc	200	0	0		\$25
30	Henry, Vicki	200	50	50		\$25
31	Van Camp, Tom	200	50	50		\$25
32	Ensing, Gordy	183	25	0		\$10
33	Andrews, Sue	175	25	0		\$10
34	Frame, Melinda	175	0	0		\$10
35	Gyulay, Jason	175	0	0		\$10
36	Steencken, Barb	175	0	0		\$10
37	Basaj, Anna	150	25	0		\$10
38	McCormick, Nathan	150	25	50		\$10
39	Walters, Allison	100	25	50		\$10
40	Walters, Dave	100	25	50		\$10
41	Basaj, Alex	50	0	0		\$10
42	Cull, Phil	50	0	0		\$10
43	DeLoof, Steve	50	0	0		\$10
44	Lublow, Ed	50	0	0		\$10
45	Burnside, Alice	25	0	0		\$10
46	Burnside, Gary	25	0	0		\$10
47	Woods, Thomas	25	0	0		\$10
48	Woods, Tyler	25	0	0		\$10
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## 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**. These banquet tickets may be used for our upcoming Banquet in March and the credits can be used for additional Banquet Tickets, SCCA Merchandise or applied to your 2019 membership renewal fees.

**For free banquet tickets or to use credits** for banquet tickets you **must make banquet reservations** with our club secretary, Mary Ellen Sickles, by March 1, 2019. You can do this via email at [rmsickles@comcast.net](mailto:rmsickles@comcast.net) or by phone at (517) 372-1477. This is necessary for arrangements that need to be made with the banquet facility.

#### **To use your credit for merchandise.**

Review and note the item(s) at [sccagear.com](http://sccagear.com), then contact Dave Ferris, our club Treasurer, at [1988irocz28@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Verne. He will forward it to SCCA where it will be processed.



# WMR Service Award Program

## 2018 Awards Combined With Unused Awards From 2017

Total Available as of 1-01-2019

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 1/01/2019	\$ Credits Available as of 1/01/2019
Andrews, Sue	0	\$10.00
Barnes, Ray	1	\$50.00
Basaj, Anna	0	\$10.00
Basaj, Carola	0	\$25.00
Basaj, Elijah	0	\$25.00
Basaj, Lenny	1	\$25.00
Beauvais, Bruce	1	\$100.00
Beauvais, Sue	1	\$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	\$35.00
DeLoof, Steve	0	\$20.00
Doane, Marty	0	\$10.00
Doane, Nancy	0	\$0.00
Ensing, Gordy	0	\$20.00
Ferris, David	2	\$50.00
Frame, Dayle	1	\$100.00
Frame, Melinda	0	\$35.00
Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	1	\$75.00
Green, Ric	1	\$25.00
Gyulay, Jason	0	\$35.00
Gyulay, Mary Beth	0	\$0.00
Hansen, Debbie	1	\$50.00
Hansen, Lydia	1	\$50.00
Hansen, Pete	1	\$75.00

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 1/01/2019	\$ Credits Available as of 1/01/2019
Hawley, Fred	1	\$85.00
Henry, Marc	0	\$50.00
Henry, Vicki	0	\$25.00
Lublow, Ed	0	\$10.00
Maklenburg, Ed	1	\$25.00
McCormick, Nathan	0	\$10.00
McCue, Michael	0	\$0.00
Orr, Bobbe	2	\$50.00
Redlon, Larry	0	\$25.00
Rogers, Wayne	1	\$75.00
Secor, Jeff	0	\$25.00
Sickles, Mary Ellen	1	\$63.10
Sickles, Rod	1	\$50.00
Smolenski, Tom	1	\$75.00
Stachelek, John	0	\$10.00
Steencken, Barb	0	\$10.00
Trotter, Bob	0	\$0.00
Van Camp, Tom	0	\$25.00
Walters, Allison	0	\$10.00
Walters, Dave	0	\$10.00
Wandell, Verne	1	\$95.00
Washburn, Jim	1	\$25.00
Williamson, Aric	0	\$10.00
Williamson, Sara	0	\$0.00
Woods, Thomas	0	\$10.00
Woods, Tyler	0	\$10.00
Yonkers, Brad	2	\$50.00

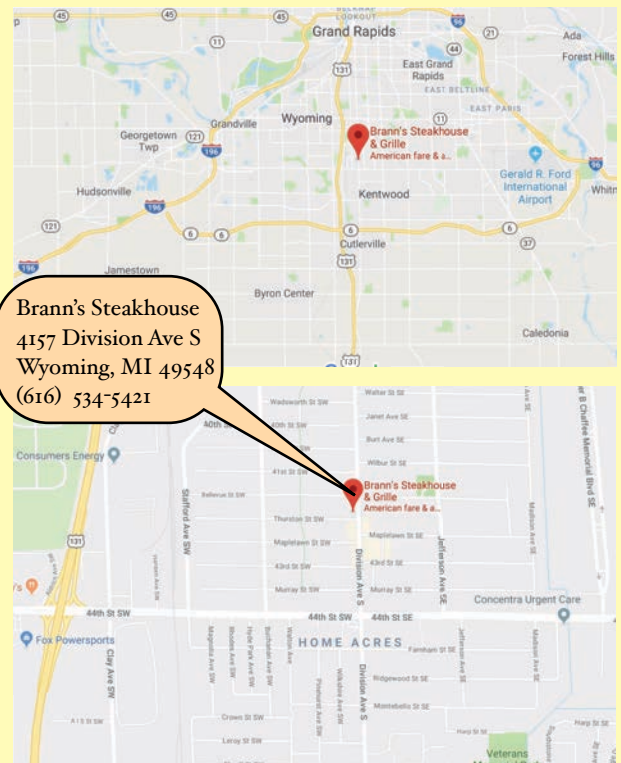
# Western Michigan Region Annual Awards Banquet



- ✓ Date: **Saturday, March 9, 2019**
- ✓ Time: **Cash bar opens at 6:00pm with dinner starting at 6:30 and the meeting starting at 8:00**
- ✓ Location: **Brann's Steakhouse** at 4157 Division Avenue S, Wyoming, MI (see map)
- ✓ Cost: **\$25 per person** or use your **Free Banquet Ticket** from the WMR Service Award Program
- ✓ Menu: Choice of **Sirloin Steak, Baked Salmon, BBQ Chicken, or Prime Rib**. Dinner includes a Baked Potato, a Salad, Rolls, and a Soft Drink, Tea, or Coffee.

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- ✓ **RSVP** via email or phone to Mary Ellen Sickles **by March 1, 2019** [rmsickles@comcast.net](mailto:rmsickles@comcast.net) or (517) 372-1477
- ✓ Mail your check (**Payable to WMR-SCCA**) to Mary Ellen Sickles, 513 Ash Street, Lansing, MI 48906



# Meeting Minutes for the WMR Annual Meeting

January 12, 2019, 7:04 pm  
Pietro's Italian Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI

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

Board Members absent: Jim Washburn, Verne Wandell.

Other Members Present: Irene Dalziel, Rod Sickles, Dayle Frame, Tom Smolenski, Bruce Beauvais, Suzy Beauvais, Fred Hawley, Pete Hansen, Debbie Hansen and Lydia Hansen.

## **Secretary Report:**

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

## **Regional Executive's Report:**

Wayne Rogers: Welcome to all members present.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Verne Wandell, outgoing Treasurer: (not present) - Verne emailed a summary of the regions financial information to the Board members and it was read at the meeting.

Dave Ferris, incoming Treasurer will meet with Verne to pick up all the information and records. Dave said he was planning to transfer our account to MSUFCU. Dave Ferris and Wayne Rogers will have access to the account.

## **Competition Director's Report:**

Dayle Frame: - Nothing to add, everything is on course.

## **Solo Report:**

Brad Yonkers: (not present). Given by Dayle Frame. We discussed options for our 2019 Solo racing schedule. We would like to have a couple more events.

## **Newsletter Report:**

Jim Washburn would like any information and the minutes by January 25, 2019

## **Chief of Specialty Reports:**

### **F&C - Flagging:**

Pete Hansen: Will meet with Karen Crider (outgoing chief of F&C).

### **F&C - Communications:**

Lydia Hansen: - No Report

## **Radios:**

Bruce Beauvais: - No Report

## **Start:**

Bruce Beauvais: - No Report

## **Grid & Pit:**

Rod and Mary Ellen Sickles: - No Report

## **Timing & Scoring:**

Dave Ferris: - He will need to get batteries for the photocells, toner and a case.

## **Sound:**

Carola Basaj: (not present) - No report

## **Course:**

Wayne Rogers: - No Report

## **Old Business:**

New Website Status update: According to the contract with Joe Perri of Perri Digital Media (March 2017) the work done belongs to us. There is concern about not losing what has been already done. We have paid half of the set up fee, but still owe the other half. We have not been invoiced for it. From the research done by Dave Ferris and Dayle Frame Cloudy Mouse would be the best option for club. They charge \$600.00 for set up and \$50.00 per month to host the website. There is a 24 hour turn around. Dayle Frame will be our contact person. Dave Ferris made a motion to change our website services from Joe Perri to Cloudy Mouse and complete Joe Perri's contract at a cost not to exceed \$700.00. Lenny Basaj seconded, motion was approved.

Long Term Race Trailer Storage: Wayne Rogers will contact Sam regarding the exact location of our shipping container and lean-to. He will get estimates for a cement approach, the rail road ties or cement under the container, & lean-to for approval.

# Meeting Minutes for the WMR Annual Meeting

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## Old Business - continued

**New or replacement equipment:** Our race trailer needs work on the roof, axles and tires. We will have an estimate for next month's meeting. At the convention in Las Vegas we will check with other regions and divisions what their policy is for the use of Lithium batteries in the Formula E cars.

**March Awards Banquet:** The consensus of the attendees is to have the choice of 11 oz. sirloin steak, baked salmon, BBQ chicken or the 10 oz. prime rib dinners, including pop, tea, coffee, salad, baked potato and roll. The cost would be \$25.00 for attendees or the earned banquet tickets can be used from this year and last year.

## New Business:

We have had interest in sponsorship for our Majors event. We were unsure of what other regions do. Our representatives at the convention in Las Vegas will ask other attendees.

The Detroit Region is considering a restricted regional at Waterford Hills at the end of June.

## Announcements:

A motion was made on Dec. 27, 2018 by email by Mary Ellen Sickles to increase the maximum amount for advertising in Grattan's flyer from \$400 to \$800 for the larger ad. Seconded by Jim Washburn, and approved. Dave Ferris and Dayle Frame will discuss with the printer the format needed for the ad.

## Adjournment:

Lenny Basaj made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Ferris approved at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Sickles,  
Recording Secretary







*For Immediate Release*

**SCCA Creates GT-X Class Focused on Homologated GT Cars for 2019**

**TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 6, 2018)** -- Sports Car Club of America's Board of Directors approved the rule set to create GT-X, a new Summit Racing Equipment Road Racing class designed to capture internationally-homologated cars and tube-frame cars outside of the current available classes. Eligible cars will include those homologated to FIA GT3, SRO GT4 and TCR specifications.

The GT-X class will be eligible at all Regional, Majors and Hoosier Racing Tire SCCA® Super Tour events in 2019. That will not include the 2019 SCCA National Championship Runoffs®, although it could be considered for future Runoffs events.



"There is a huge movement worldwide for homologated GT and Touring-style racecars, but there hasn't been a clear way for all of these cars to race with SCCA," SCCA Vice President and COO Eric Prill said. "The Club Racing Board's introduction of the GT-X class is a very simple and elegant solution for people to enjoy these spectacular cars with SCCA."



In addition to the FIA GT3, SRO GT4 and TCR classes, which will follow international vehicle regulations, GT-X will also welcome tube frame cars currently classified in SCCA GT-1 that wish to add additional aerodynamic, wheel, brake and fuel delivery modifications, as well as cars built previous to Grand-Am tube-frame specs.

"The purpose of GT-X is to provide a place for these cars to race within SCCA, not necessarily balance performance of each car or one specific class rule set to another," SCCA Club Racing Board Chairman-Elect Peter Keane said.

Because it is not a class that will be actively managed with balance of performance adjustments once the season has started, GT-X will race for event awards and contingency prizes, but for 2019 will not recognize Majors Conference or Hoosier Super Tour championships.



SCCA has obtained permission to use the current rule sets through their respective organizing bodies, including the Federation Internationale de L'Automobile (FIA), Stephane Ratel Organization (SRO) and World Sporting Consulting (WSC).

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