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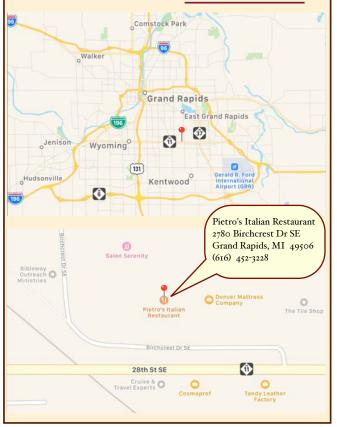
Our General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting Location --- Please Join Us At ---Pietro's Italian Restaurant 2780 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI



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.

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Our next meeting will be January 12, 2019.



Region Calendar

January 12, 2019

Our Annual Meeting will be 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 12, 2019

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

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2019 GREAT LAKES DIVISION
SOLO SERIES SCHEDULE

۰	TBA	TBA #1

- TBA TBA #2

- 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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2019 WMR SOLO SCHEDULE

TBA WMR at Michigan Adventure, 1198 W Riley-Thompson Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445
September 2 WMR - Labor Day Event at Grattan
TBA WMR at Michigan Adventure, 1198 W Riley-Thompson Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445

> Contact Brad Yonkers at bradyonkers@gmail.com

for more information.

2019 GREAT LAKES DIVISION CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

- April 13 GLDiv/WHRRI Driver's School (classroom) at Waterford Hills
- April 27 28
 GLDiv/WHRRI Driver's School (track time) at Waterford Hills
- May 2 5 VSCDA "Gingerman Spring Brake Drivers School & Races" at Gingerman

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- 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 <u>www.motorsportreg.com</u>



Membership News

WMR welcomes our new or returning members

Patrick Grace - Brighton, MI Pieter Vanderlaan - Byron Center, MI

Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 37 years Edward Magner
- 16 years Martin Doane
- 7 years Mike Miller
- 6 years Ike Keeler
- 4 years Joshua Cypher
- 3 years Earl Bezesky
- 3 years Harley Boeve
- 3 years Thomas Woods
- 2 years Trent Furr
- 2 years Scott Swanson
- 1 year Joe Legatz
- I year Timothy Westenburg

Zero to sixty, 5.5 seconds. Top speed, 157 miles per hour.

Since 1974, the tace-bool, reas-origi 90 Tarbo you see below has stood alone as the fastest, most powerful production Porsche ever built.

The altimate expression of Prolessor Bancheli philosophy Bat now turn your attention to the

But now turn your attention to the car next to it. The new 5285.4. With its liquid-cooled V-8 engine and Porsche passeered transaole drivetrain sergiese in front, transmission in

train-(engine in front, transmission in rear) th as different from the % Tarbo as it could possibly be

A fact which did not go unsortioed by surprised Porsche mthusiants aften the first 928 was introduced in 1972

But, like the 90 Tarbo, the 9285.4 started as a breakthrough in sports car design. In this case, one that promised a totally new driving experience. Different from the challenge of the 90 Tarbo, yet every bit as researding.

every bit as rewarding. Over the years, it has evolved to higher and higher levels of performance,



If you've wanted a Vette since you were a kid, you've waited long enough.

Remember the first t you saw a Corvette? How looked? How you felt?

you got a ride in a Vette? Any remember (i you ever really lucky) the first time you actually got to drive one and discoverse bow it performed and handled. If the kid in you still get a little bug-eyed every time of Vette goes by, maybe it's time the adult in you started paytin are a lot of good solid reasons for buying one.



And now there are a not more convincing reasons lass owning America's only true duction sports car. Reasons the stronger front bumper th covered with realisant urethane. The new demad hood with carburetor air induction. New steal guard beams in the doars. New body mounting and insulation that help give you a smoother, quieter ride. New GR70.15 steel belted radials to give you improved handling and thre strength. And new versions of the 330 and 454 V8.

By now you probably realize you'll never get that Vette urge completely out of your system. So go tell your Chevy dealer you want to pat a new one through its paces. Then, price one out. Then, take one home.

After all, if the kid who always wanted a Vette doesn't deserve to own one, who does?





December Meeting Minutes

December 08, 2018, 6:50 pm Irene Dalziel's Club House, Wyoming, MI

Board Members present: Lenny Basaj, Mary Ellen Sickles, Fred Hawley and Bruce Beauvais. Board Members absent: Jim Washburn, Verne Wandell and Wayne Rogers. Other Members Present: Irene Dalziel, Rod Sickles, Dave Ferris, Karen Crider, Dayle Frame, Tom Smolenski, and Suzy Beauvais.

Secretary Report:

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

Regional Executive's Report:

Jim Washburn: (not present) - No report. Fred Hawley, Assistant RE. - No report.

Treasurer's Report:

Verne Wandell: (not present) - No report. There was a discussion about the process of moving the region's financial responsibilities to a new treasurer. It was noted that it has been many years since the region has had anyone review our accounting system and process. Bruce Beauvais made a motion: In the process of transitioning treasurers WMR requests assistance from an accountant to aid in the transfer process and do a brief financial review, with a cost not to exceed \$1000.00. Lenny Basaj seconded, approved.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: - No Updates

Solo Report:

Brad Yonkers: (not present). Given by Dayle Frame. We will meet with Eaton Corporation in January or February to discuss details of their Solo. We discussed options for our 2019 Solo racing schedule.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn would like any information and the minutes by December 26th for the January newsletter.

Chief of Specialty Reports:

Flagging & Communications:

Karen Crider: Karen is retiring as F & C Chief as of December 31, 2018. Pete Hansen will chief Flagging and Lydia Hansen will chief Communications.

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:

Carola Basaj: (not present) - No report

Course:

Wayne Rogers: (not present) - No report

Old Business:

New Website Status update: Lenny Basaj reported on his brief contact with Joe Perri since the November meeting. Dave Ferris presented preliminary information on other web hosting options and was asked to gather more information to discuss at the January meeting. Dayle Frame volunteered to be a contact person and supply our webmaster with race results. Fred Hawley suggested that we have a communications plan to include website, email, Facebook and newsletter.

Long Term Race Trailer Storage: Wayne Rogers (not present) The board is looking for the total cost of the project, the container, railroad ties, car port for trailer so we can vote on approving the project. We should have a letter of agreement with Grattan before we place it there.

Advertisement in Grattan's flyer: Dave Ferris showed us the advertisement on his computer. Fred suggested a banner on the top of Grattan's page, if they would be willing to condense their material to allow room for it.

Facebook and Twitter sites: Karen Crider reports that Twitter is a mirror of Facebook. Brad Yonkers will do the Solo updates and Karen will do the road racing updates. They will be appointed as authorized users.

New or replacement equipment: Dave Ferris may need another storage case. He will let us know.



December Meeting Minutes

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Old Business - continued

Election results for the 2019 WMR Board of Directors:

- Regional Executive: Wayne Rogers (unopposed nominee)
- Assistant RE: OPEN at this time
- Secretary: Mary Ellen Sickles (unopposed incumbent)
- Treasurer: Dave Ferris (unopposed nominee)
- Director-at-Large: Lenny Basaj (unopposed incumbent)
- Past RE: Verne Wandell
- Past RE: Jim Washburn

March Awards Banquet: Irene Dalziel will finalize the arrangements in the next two weeks so it can be published in the January newsletter. Bruce Beauvais made a motion to invite the GLDiv Champs drivers and provide their dinners. Lenny Basaj seconded and it was approved.

WMR Incentive Award Program: Dayle Frame said points will not be awarded until the specialty chiefs let the points keeper know. Banquet tickets will be carried over for one year.

The National Convention is in Las Vegas January 17-19, 2019: Dave Ferris and Lenny Basaj will be representing WMR.

New Business:

Solo schedule for 2019 was discussed.

Announcements:

It was commented that the Board needs to know our membership better, and take them under our wing and welcome and show appreciation for them.

Adjournment:

Bruce Beauvais made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lenny Basaj, approved at 9:35 pm.





2018 WMR SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

Point Redemption Information

The WMR Board of Directors has approved the rewarding of worker points, based on the points shown on the chart published for the program's fiscal year ending ending November 30, 2018, as follows:

- Members who have the top 10 points totals will be awarded a free ticket for the annual banquet on March 9 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.
- Adjustments to these rankings will be made in event of any ties in the point totals.

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 <u>rmsickles@comcast.net</u> 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 Dave Ferris, our club treasurer (<u>1988irocz28@gmail.com</u>) to verify the amount of credit available. Then mail a copy of 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.

How to use your credit for merchandise.

Select item(s) at <u>sccagear.com</u> and contact Dave (<u>1988irocz28@gmail.com</u>) 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 simply the procedure.

SOME MEMBERS have **unused credits from 2017**. You will be contacted by email and a list will be published in the February Backfire. This credit carried over from last year my be combined with credit earned this year and applied to banquet reservations for members or their guests.

2018 WMR Service Award Program Results

		Total 2018	Participation	"First	Free Banquet	Earned Credit
		Points with	-	Timer"	Dinner	for
#	Member Name	Bonus(es)	Bonus	Bonus	Ticket	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



	Member Name	Total 2017 Points with	Participation Increase	"First Timer"	Free Banquet Dinner	Earned
# 27		Bonus(es) 200	Bonus 50	Bonus 0	Ticket	Credit \$25
	Secor, Jeff					
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
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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:

- **<u>Regional Executive</u>**, Wayne Rogers (unopposed nominee)
- Assistant Regional Executive, OPEN at this time
- <u>Secretary</u>, 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: Wayne Rogers, at <u>wrogers280z73@netzero.net</u>.

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





For Immediate Release:

2019 Tire Rack Time Trials National Tour Schedule and SCCA Time Trials Website Launch

TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 12, 2018) -- On a big day for the SCCA® Time Trials program, the schedule for the 2019 Tire Rack Time Trials National Tour presented by Hagerty has been released, the new Time Trials website is being launched and there will be a Time Trials question-and-answer session on GRM Live! tonight at 9:00 PM – the Grassroots Motorsports weekly webcast.

2019 is the first year of the Tire Rack Time Trials National Tour presented by Hagerty, and it will kick off April 13-14 at Thunderhill Raceway Park in Willows, California, visit Pittsburgh International Race Complex two weeks later and Carolina Motorsports Park in May. The summer stops of the tour are Portland International Raceway, High Plains Raceway and Heartland Motorsports Park in June followed by stops at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park and GingerMan Raceway in July. The 2019 National season will come to a close at the second annual Tire Rack Time Trials Nationals at NCM Motorsports Park September 27-29.

On the digital front, the all-new SCCA Time Trials website - <u>timetrials.scca.com</u> - creates a standalone space for drivers and officials of the program, becoming the home for Time Trials news, events, National Tour registration and Rules.

Included in the site are the proposed 2019 rules, which members and enthusiasts may comment on through January 10, 2019 and the updated Time Trial Rules will be made official at the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas Jan. 17-19, 2019.

If you still have questions, SCCA's Heyward Wagner is going on GRM Live! at 9:00 PM Eastern to answer your questions and talk about the continued efforts of launching the National Tour, the NATA Council, making NCM the home of Time Trials Nationals for 10 years and the final steps of the 2019 rules process.

GRM Live! can be found on the Grassroots Motorsports Magazine YouTube Channel or by visiting Grassroots Motorsports on Facebook.

2019 Tire Rack Time Trials National Tour presented by Hagerty is comprised of the following:

April 13-14: Thunderhill Raceway; Willows, California

April 27-28: Pittsburgh International Race Complex; Wampum, Pennsylvania

May 25-26: Carolina Motorsports Park; Kershaw, South Carolina

June 8-9: Portland International Raceway; Portland, Oregon

June 15-16: High Plains Raceway; Deer Trail, Colorado

June 22-23: Heartland Motorsports Park; Topeka, Kansas

July 5-6: Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park; Thompson, Connecticut

July 28-29: GingerMan Raceway; South Haven, Michigan

September 27-29: NCM Motorsports Park; Bowling Green, Kentucky. (Tire Rack Time Trials Nationals)

The Sports Car Club of America®, Inc., founded in 1944, is a 67,500-member motorsports organization that incorporates all facets of autocross, rally, time trials and road racing at both Club and professional levels. With headquarters in Topeka, Kansas, the SCCA annually sanctions over 2,000 events through its 116 Regions and subsidiary divisions. Much of the SCCA's activities are made possible with support from the following Official Partners: Chevrolet, the Official Truck of the SCCA; Hawk Performance, the Official Brake Products of SCCA; Mobil 1, the Official Oil of SCCA; Sunoco, the Official Fuel of SCCA; and Tire Rack, the Official Tire Retailer of SCCA. To learn more, please visit www.scca.com.

Western Michigan Region Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet



Saturday, March 9, 2019

Cash bar at 6:00pm Dinner 6:30 followed by the Meeting starting at 8:00

Brann's Steakhouse 4157 Division Avenue S, Wyoming, MI (see map)

Banquet Tickets are \$25.00 per person or use your Free Banquet Ticket from the WMR Service Award Program

RSVP via email or phone to Mary Ellen Sickles by March 1, 2019 <u>rmsickles@comcast.net</u> or (517) 372-1477







January 25 – 26, 2019 Montmorency County, Michigan



Volunteers, Ham Radio Operators and Medical Personnel

Contact Leslie Engle at SnoDriftworkers@gmail.com For general information go to: www.sno-drift.org

*Real Cars *

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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 the ARA., 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. In 2019 the sanctioning body was transferred to the ARA.

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: <u>www.sno-drift.org/</u>



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WHATEVER YOUR MARQUE...



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