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



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OPEN at this time

Due To Our Heavy Racing Involvement, Our Monthly General Membership Meetings Will Be On Hiatus For The Summer

Please Join Us Again In The Fall
At

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



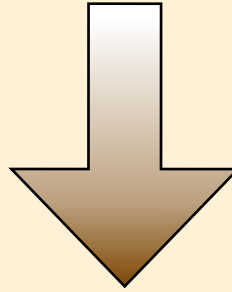
For the "off season" September thru April, we typically meet the 2nd Saturday of the month with an optional dinner at 6:00pm followed by the meeting at 7:00pm.

Our next meeting will be September 14, 2019.

Region Calendar

May, 2019

LET THE RACING SEASON BEGIN !
(No Meetings until the end of the Racing Season)



September 14, 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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Membership News

WMR welcomes our new or returning members

- Scott Barber - Bitely, MI
- Michaela Burciaga - Adrian, MI
- Karl Heath - Jonesville, MI
- Edward Ricklefs - Lake City, MI

Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 40 years David Ours
- 35 years Jeffrey Boris
- 35 years Edwin Maklenburg
- 35 years Wayne Rogers
- 33 years Susan Green
- 32 years Mary Jo Ours
- 29 years Ric Green
- 26 years Stephen Zelent
- 23 years Richard Bolt
- 12 years John Ruhman
- 10 years Patrick Risse
- 10 years Maria Basaj
- 6 years William DeBoer
- 5 years Jon Adams
- 5 years John Adams
- 4 years Brian Harvey
- 4 years James Doombos
- 3 years Kenneth Grabowski
- 3 years B Clark Cambern
- 3 years Paul Gentilozzi
- 3 years Dr Paul Chovaz
- 2 years Amy Harvey
- 2 years Nicholas Harvey
- 2 years Samantha Harvey
- 2 years Charles Thomas
- 1 year Kurt Rotman
- 1 year Matthew Walters
- 1 year James J. Warbritton
- 1 year James P. Warbritton
- 1 year Benjamin Warbritton
- 1 year Greg Kooienga
- 1 year Roger Johnson
- 1 year Matthew Randall
- 1 year Andrew Nienhuis
- 1 year Ron Nienhuis

AWESOME

SOME PEOPLE DRIVE IT FOR A LIVING. SOME PEOPLE LIVE TO DRIVE IT.

THE LEGENDARY DATSUN Z-CAR.

To its competitors, it's a bad dream. It won the Sports Car Club of America National Championship 10 years in a row. Just took the IMSA GTU class for the fourth year. Ontario, Laguna Seca, Avondale.

0-55 in 8.1 seconds. Some people do very well racing the Datsun Z-Car. Awesomeness is what it's all about. For its owners, it's the stuff dreams are made of. Five gears to fly through. Four radiators to run on. Four power windows to hold it back. And a fuel injected 2000 cc 4-cylinder engine. Tachometer, time-date quartz clock, 4-speaker stereo, Computer Sensor System... even optional genuine leather bucket seats. And now there's a new way to "get up a Z" - the new Datsun Z-Car with optional F-Bar roof!

So catch the Z of your dreams... from pure sports car models to grand luxury editions. Whether you drive it for a living, or live to drive it, the results are unmistakably... **AWESOME!** For purchase or lease at your Datsun dealer now.

DATSUN WE ARE DRIVEN



'70 Boss 302 - Son of Trans-Am.

The Mustang Boss 302 is what comes from winning Trans-Am races year after year. It's designed to go quick and hang tight. The standard specs sound like a \$9,000 European sports job instead of a reasonably priced, reliable American pony car. Boss 302 comes in just one body style—the wind-splitting SportsRoof shape. The engine is Ford's high output 302 CID V-8, with new cylinder heads to permit canting the valves for better gas flow and larger diameter. That's what gives you a big 290 horsepower from a small, lightweight 302 CID engine.

Choose either close or wide ratios on Boss 302's buttersmooth, fully synchronized 4-speed. We've made it an even quicker box by adding a T-Handle Hurst Shifter.

Brakes are power boosted, ventilated floating-caliper front discs. When we tell you the sus-

pension is competition type with staggered rear shocks to combat rear wheel hop on takeoff, don't take our word for it, give it a try. We glue the Boss to the road on 15-inch wheels shod with F80-15 superwide fiberglass belted, bias ply tires. All this leaves you little to option but the fun things—like Magnum 500 chrome wheels, and those great Sport Seats for the fitted backlite. That's Boss 302. Your only problem... deciding whether to drive it or "Trans-Am" it.

For the full story on all the performance Fords for 1970, visit your Ford Dealer, and get our big 16-page 1970 Performance Digest. Or write to: FORD PERFORMANCE DIGEST, Dept. CL-7, P.O. Box 747, Dearborn, Michigan 48121.

MUSTANG

Paint a name like on your Boss 302, put a big gas tank in it, and call yourself Farnelli Jones.

WMR SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

Available Credits and Redemption Information

Credits earned with our Service Award Program may be carried over for the most recent two consecutive years.

SOME OF OUR MEMBERS (see below on the next page) have **unused banquet tickets and credits earned in 2017 and 2018**. The 2018 banquet tickets may be used for our next Banquet and the both 2017 and 2018 credits can be used in 2019 for SCCA Merchandise or applied to your 2019 membership renewal fees.

To use your credit for merchandise.

Review and note the item(s) at sccagear.com, then contact Dave Ferris, our club Treasurer, at 1988irocz28@gmail.com with the product information. He will verify your available credit, ask you to confirm the item number, size, color, etc, and ask you to send a check to him for the balance. He will then place the order to be shipped directly to you.

To use your credit for membership renewal.

When you receive your membership renewal information in the mail, contact Dave at 1988irocz28@gmail.com to verify the amount of credit available. Then mail the renewal form and a check for the difference between your renewal amount and the available credit to Dave. He will forward it to SCCA where it will be processed.

WMR Service Award Program - Available Credits as of 5-01-2019

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 5/1/2019	\$ Credits Available as of 5/1/2019
Andrews, Sue	0	\$25.00
Barnes, Ray	0	\$50.00
Basaj, Anna	0	\$10.00
Basaj, Carola	0	\$25.00
Basaj, Lenny	0	\$25.00
Beauvais, Bruce	0	\$100.00
Beauvais, Sue	0	\$50.00
Boris, Jeff	0	\$50.00
Burnside, Alice	0	\$10.00
Burnside, Gary	0	\$10.00
Crider, Karen	1	\$100.00
Cull, Phil	0	\$35.00
Dalziel, Irene	0	\$10.00
DeLoof, Steve	0	\$20.00
Doane, Marty	0	\$10.00
Doane, Nancy	0	\$0.00
Ensing, Gordy	0	\$35.00
Ferris, Dave	1	\$50.00
Frame, Dayle	0	\$35.00
Frame, Melinda	0	\$25.00
Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	1	\$75.00
Green, Ric	1	\$25.00
Gyulay, Jason	0	\$50.00
Gyulay, Mary Beth	0	\$0.00
Hansen, Debbie	0	\$0.00
Hansen, Lydia	0	\$50.00
Hansen, Pete	0	\$0.00

Member Name	Banquet Tickets Available as of 5/1/2019	\$ Credits Available as of 5/1/2019
Hawley, Fred	1	\$85.00
Henry, Marc	0	\$25.00
Henry, Vicki	0	\$0.00
Lublow, Ed	0	\$10.00
Maklenburg, Ed	0	\$25.00
McCormick, Nathan	0	\$10.00
McCue, Michael	0	\$0.00
Orr, Bobbe	1	\$50.00
Redlon, Larry	0	\$25.00
Rogers, Wayne	0	\$50.00
Secor, Jeff	0	\$0.00
Sickles, Mary Ellen	0	\$63.10
Sickles, Rod	0	\$50.00
Smolenski, Tom	0	\$75.00
Stachelek, John	0	\$10.00
Steencken, Barb	0	\$25.00
Trotter, Bob	0	\$0.00
Walters, Allison	0	\$10.00
Walters, Dave	0	\$10.00
Wandell, Verne	1	\$95.00
Washburn, Jim	1	\$0.00
Williamson, Aric	0	\$10.00
Williamson, Sara	0	\$0.00
Woods, Thomas	0	\$10.00
Woods, Tyler	0	\$10.00
Yonkers, Brad	1	\$50.00

April Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2019, 7:20 pm
Pietro's Italian Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI

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

Board Members absent: Jim Washburn and Verne Wandell

Other Members Present: Rod Sickles, Irene Dalziel, Tom Smolenski, Suzy Beauvais, Bruce Beauvais, Pete Hansen, and Debbie Hansen.

Secretary Report:

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

Regional Executive's Report:

Wayne Rogers: Welcome to all members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ferris: - Our financial situation is strong for continuing ongoing operations. Our checking balance as presented in this month's treasurer's report is reconciled and equal to our most recent bank statement. A copy of our monthly treasurer's report is available to our members upon written request. Mary Ellen Sickles moved to accept the report, Lenny Basaj seconded, it was approved.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: (not present) - No report

Solo Report:

Brad Yonkers: (not present) - No report

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn would like any information and the minutes by April 24, 2019

Chief of Specialty Reports:

F&C - Flagging:

Pete Hansen: - He made some new corner packets.

F&C - Communications:

Lydia Hansen: (not present) - Dave Ferris gave her a used computer.

Radios:

Bruce Beauvais: - No Report

Start:

Bruce Beauvais: - No Report

Grid & Pit:

Rod and Mary Ellen Sickles: - No Report

Timing & Scoring:

Dave Ferris: - He wants to test the equipment at Gingerman & Grattan before the racing season starts.

Sound:

Carola Basaj: (not present)

Course:

Wayne Rogers: - No Report

Old Business:

New Website Status update: Cloudy Mouse was given more information to put on our website.

Long Term Race Trailer Storage: We have a signed paperwork from Grattan for the cement slab at corner 9. Plans include wire mesh in the cement and posts placed at all four corners. The estimate for the cement is about \$4,000. The estimate for the erection of the building is about \$10,000.

Race Trailer Repairs: Repairs have been done. The roof was completely resealed, the brakes replaced and the wheel bearings were repacked. The new tires, which will have a higher load weight rating need to be purchased next.

Lithium Batteries and Fire Suppression: The CAFS fire system has not been ordered as Kent County and the State of Michigan are requiring expensive cleanups of 80 parts per Trillion. Dave Ferris is still exploring alternative foams that do not have an environmental issue.

Sponsorship for Our Majors Race: We have not heard anything.

April Meeting Minutes

— Continued —

Old Business - continued

Oil Dry for Synthetic Oils and Gasoline: 40% of race cars have synthetic oil that is impossible to clean up. The white powder type oil dry is what we are looking at and are waiting to hear back from them.

Solo Schedule Update: We are looking to do a second solo at Grattan on October 26. Dave Ferris made a motion to move ahead with this date. Mary Ellen Sickles seconded, the motion was approved.

Status Update for Insurance Coverage for Our Race Trailer: The policy for Hired and Non-owned Auto Coverage will be renewed 4-30-19.

Status of Eaton Corporation Solo Event: No further info is available.

New Business:

Creating a Newsletter/Website Ad or Ads For Our Upcoming Events: The topic was tabled for the present time.

Announcements:

We need and are waiting for our sanction numbers to open the registration site at MSR.

Adjournment:

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

E Mail Votes Between Meetings:

Dave Ferris made a motion to replace the corner packs at a cost not to exceed \$150. Lenny Basaj seconded, the motion was approved.

Dave Ferris made a motion for the repairs to the race trailer to proceed for a cost not to exceed \$1800, given the items they found that needed to be repaired once it got into the shop. Wayne Rogers seconded, the motion was approved. (Note: \$1,000 had been approved previously.)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Sickles,
Recording Secretary



2019 GREAT LAKES DIVISION

SOLO SERIES SCHEDULE

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

For more information and to Register for a specific event go to

www.soloseries.org

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2019 WMR SOLO SCHEDULE

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

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

2019 GREAT LAKES DIVISION

CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

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

For more information and to Register for a specific event go to

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2019 WMR

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Double Regional

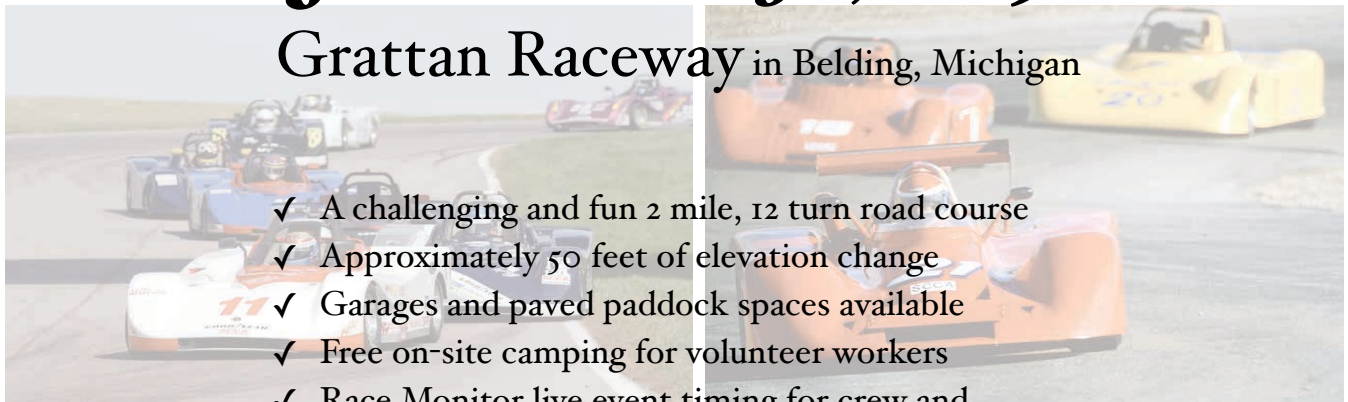
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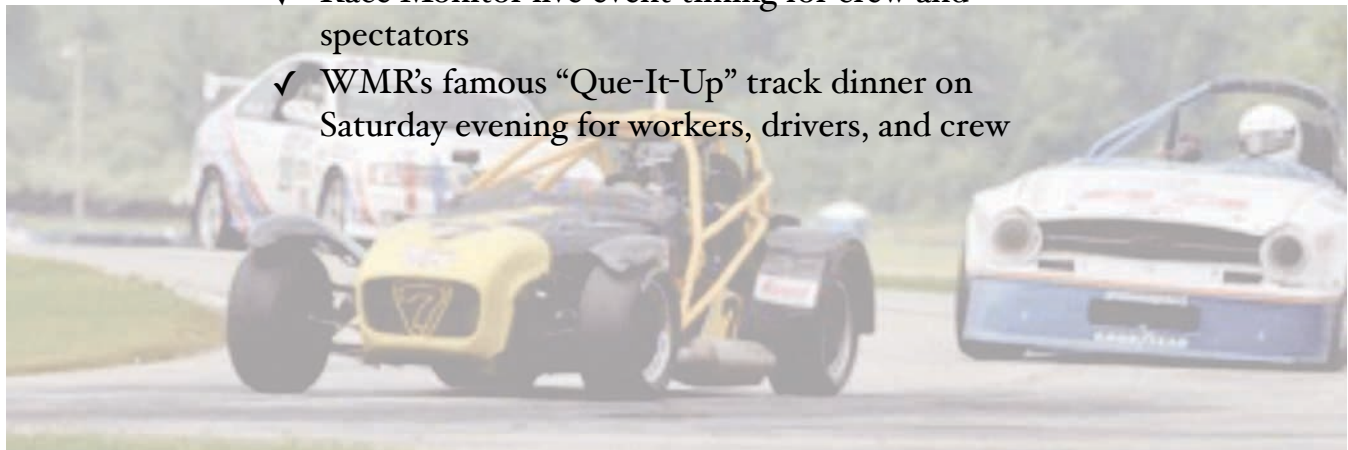
Western Michigan Region

June 22nd & 23rd, 2019

Grattan Raceway in Belding, Michigan



- ✓ A challenging and fun 2 mile, 12 turn road course
- ✓ Approximately 50 feet of elevation change
- ✓ Garages and paved paddock spaces available
- ✓ Free on-site camping for volunteer workers
- ✓ Race Monitor live event timing for crew and spectators
- ✓ WMR’s famous “Que-It-Up” track dinner on Saturday evening for workers, drivers, and crew



ATTENTION

— Club Racing Drivers —

If you need an annual technical inspection, please contact the Chief Scrutineer, Ed Maklenburg at emaklenburg@frontier.com or call him at (248) 685-2773 well in advance of coming to the track so we can minimize your wait time and the wait time of others.

Get Involved

A Call for Volunteer Workers

for the Upcoming Racing Season

How can I help? Don't worry, there are lots of ways!

Motorsports is more than just driving, and there are a million-and-one ways to get involved. Running an event requires the talents of a wide variety of dedicated individuals. Our members enjoy serving in all types of exciting positions. If you ever thought you might like to give racing a try... working races can give you valuable insights into driving, preparation, and the race tracks themselves. Getting involved as a race worker or an official is as easy as going to a local event and volunteering to help. There are lots of jobs to do... One of these might be just for you.

Those wanting to lend a hand are welcomed with open arms, and are rewarded with adventure, camaraderie, and friendship. Volunteers can register at any event even if they have no prior experience. We will provide the basic training and pair you up with an experienced worker. Over time you will grow into the position you like. Of course, if your first choice doesn't meet your expectations there are many more to choose from.

Workers are issued a license just like the competition drivers, and can work their way up through the four levels of licenses by participating at different events and gaining the knowledge and experience necessary to hold a National License. In addition to local events, SCCA licensed workers help staff most of the professional motor-sport events held in the United States including SCCA Pro Racing, IndyCar, IMSA, NASCAR, and Formula One.

If you are still unsure about which type of volunteer work you would like to do, just contact one of our Specialty Chiefs. The brief summary below is aimed at shaping your impression of what may fit your style and desire.

Registration

The Registrar is the intake person for our Club Racing events. The Registrar is responsible for checking in drivers, crew and workers for the event. The registration team work just outside the track



entrance at a registration station or desk where race credentials are verified, insurance waivers are signed, entry fees are collected, and information and schedules for the race weekend are distributed. Be the first official face they see, point them to where they need to be and make sure everyone gets started on the right track. If you have good organizational skills this could be the place for you.

For more information on this Specialty please contact: Marilyn Russell, Chief of Registration, at (rotaryracer@comcast.net) or call her at 260-338-0134.

Scrutineer / Tech

If you have interest in inspecting race cars and poking around under the hood, this might be an ideal place for you. There are two primary functions of tech. The first entails a complete pre-race visual inspection of all the safety equipment including driver suits, helmets, seat belts, shoulder belts, the roll cage, the fire system, and the general integrity and race worthiness of the car.

The second function is to impound cars at the end of a race to determine their legality with respect to the General Competition Rules and the specifications for their class (often times, the car's minimum weight). The Scrutineer is also responsible for post-race inspections possibly including mechanical teardown's due to a competitor protest

For more information on this Specialty please contact: Ed Maklenburg, Chief Scrutineer, at (emaklenburg@frontier.com) or call him at 248-685-2773.



Start

All eyes are on the Starter holding the flag at the beginning and the end of the race, but waving the green and the checker flags is just a small part of what Starters do. The Starter communicates the Chief Steward's instructions to the drivers through a series of colored flags, beginning with the green flag to start the race. In addition, the Starters maintain the lap count, the elapsed time for the session, and must follow the race order by charting the race as it unfolds. Throughout the race, the Starter also uses other flags, including: blue, black, red, yellow, white, and of course, the flag every leading driver eagerly awaits, the checkered flag!



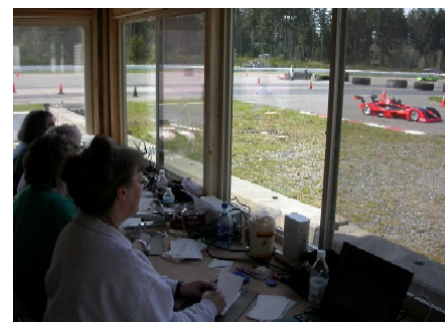
For more information on this Specialty please contact: Jeff Secor, Chief of Start, at (jdsecor@charter.net) or call him at 616-662-9154.

Timing and Scoring

If you want to have the best viewing seat on the course, stay out of the weather and have first hand knowledge of whose who and whose winning, then, Timing and Scoring is for you. The function of Timing and Scoring (T&S) is to report the race by recording each competitor's speed, scoring him/her according to the number of laps completed and the order in which the car crossed the start/finish line; and to produce accurate results of the race. In earlier days stopwatches were used to track driver's lap times. Each timer was assigned one or more cars to record lap times on time cards. Things have changed a lot since then and now this is tracked electronically with computers and in-car transponders.

Join us and be a part of a great team that documents and generates the official results for the race. You will find working in Timing and Scoring is both fun and rewarding.

For more information on this Specialty please contact: Dave Ferris, Chief of Timing and Scoring, at (1988irocz28@gmail.com) or call him at 517-290-7128.



Flagging and Communications

Workers in F&C are the eyes, ears and hands of those in charge. One of the most visible specialties, these are the corner workers whom you see dressed in white at every race track in the United States. This specialty is actually made up of three subspecialties. Flagging, Communications, and Safety. The F&C worker takes a position along the course and uses flags and hand signals to communicate track conditions to each driver. They use an array of colored flags to communicate to the drivers about the condition of the track, and radio's or land lines to communicate with Race Control about incidents on the portion of track for which they are responsible. The third part of this specialty is Safety and as such they are the first responders to most incidents on the track. They are the first ones to arrive at an incident and help the unfortunate driver get out of harm's way. They also lend a hand and assist in cleaning up the mess left behind.



For more information on this Specialty please contact: Pete Hansen, Chief of Flagging, at (hansens@altelco.net) or call him at (616) 895-7661. or contact: Lydia Hansen, Chief of Communications, at (liddyhansen@gmail.com) or call her at (616) 633-8923.

Grid Worker's and Pit Marshal's

Grid worker's line up cars at the beginning of each session and are responsible for insuring that the race cars are placed in the proper order for the beginning of the race. They also check the driver's safety gear, and make sure they have their belts fastened, their helmet strapped, their gloves on, their window net is up, their arm restraints are on, and that they're ready to go. Lastly, they are responsible for traffic control as cars are released to the track.



For more information on this Specialty please contact: Mary Ellen Sickles, Chief of Grid, at (rmsickles@comcast.net) or call her at 517-372-1477.



The Pit Marshal's control action in the Pit lane... they serve as traffic cops and fire control personnel during practice, qualifying, and the race. They ensure that conditions in the Pits are safe at all times and make sure all personnel in the Pits follow the rules and procedures outlined in the General Competition Rules book. During the racing event, the Pit Marshal's are there to ensure the competitor's entry to and exit from the Pit area is done in a safe manner and to oversee the safety of car crews servicing the car.

For more information on this Specialty please contact: Duane Belisle, Chief of Pit, at (mazdaman86@msn.com) or call him at 574-875-9868.

Course Control

The Course Marshal's main responsibility is the clearing the track of disabled and stopped vehicles. Some of these cars may have a mechanical problem or they may simply have run out of gas and they need to be towed back to their paddock area. Course Marshal's may also assist in clean-up of the track during and after events in the event of fluid spills or other situations that may leave debris on the track surface.

In addition, the Course Marshal's may assist in the distribution of corner equipment and the maintenance of corner equipment, including fire extinguishing equipment between events.

For more information on this Specialty contact: Wayne Rogers, Chief of Course Control, at (wrogers280z73@netzero.net) or call him at 616-238-6186.



Sound Control

Want to get close to the action, but don't want to be in the action? If so, Sound Control could be for you. Those who staff Sound Control get to be out near the track and the action, but since their duty is to read the sound meter, they don't go out on the track like the F&C workers do.



Racing noise may be music to a fans ears, but to the nearby landowner it may not be so pleasant. On a race track with noise regulations, SCCA Sound Control officials monitor the sound level of passing race vehicles during all practice, qualifying and race sessions. The sound output of the cars is recorded during practice, qualifying and the race to ensure compliance with a set level, usually 103 decibels. These readings are logged by car number and class every lap when the car is clear of traffic that could interfere with the reading. Cars that exceed the maximum allowable level are reported to the operating Steward so that appropriate action can be taken to correct the problem and allow the car to return to the track.

Regular sound level meter calibrations as well as various weather conditions such as temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction, and barometric pressure, are checked and recorded. As weather conditions change, they are again recorded and adjustments are made as necessary.

For more information on this Specialty contact: Carola Basaj, Chief of Sound, at (lenny.basaj@gmail.com)

We are asking all volunteers to sign up in the (workers) section at (wmr-scca.motorsportreg.com) before coming to the event.

This gives us a better idea of staffing levels for each of the specialties and allows us to better plan for the provided lunches, worker gifts, and the Saturday dinner party.

However, volunteers, especially first time volunteers, can alternatively sign up at the Registration desk at the race event.

The Hoosier Shop Manual Series

B-Spec, B Street, American Sedan, Classic American Muscle, Prepared All-Wheel Drive, E Street Prepared, GT-1, Touring 1 Admittedly, participation options within the Sports Car Club of America® can be varied, confusing and daunting for newcomers. Be it road racing, autocross, RallyCross®, RoadRally or other SCCA® activity, the immense complexity of motorsports itself sometimes acts as a barrier to entry.

But thanks to support from Hoosier Racing Tire, the SCCA is producing the Hoosier Shop Manual series -- a set of videos taking a quick look at some of the ways Club members have fun with cars. Each short video provides a glimpse into a competition activity and a specific way to get involved. Videos will be rolled out early in 2018 and can be viewed at SCCA.com.

Mike Cobb, SCCA President and CEO, said the videos are being created to help automotive enthusiasts gain a better grasp of the SCCA member experience. The first set of videos focus on specific car classes across several Club. In the future, the Hoosier Shop Manual series also hopes to explore various volunteer specialties.

"We want SCCA Regions to use these Hoosier Shop Manual videos as a tool for explaining just what this Club is all about and what we offer to those who want to have fun with cars," Cobb said. "I'm sure many current Club members have experienced a time when they've tried to explain the SCCA lifestyle to someone outside the Club and it just becomes a little confusing. With these videos, regions now have an online destination where prospective members can learn more from those actually taking part in specific SCCA motorsport pursuits."

The first Hoosier Shop Manual video is now available for viewing [here](#) and focuses on Beth Aquilante and her SCCA road racing American Sedan Camaro. Check back to SCCA.com frequently as new videos are uploaded in the coming months.



VSCDA kicks off its 2019 Race Season with its Driver's School followed by a weekend of racing at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, Michigan. GingerMan is a safe, 2.2 mile challenge, designed by Alan Wilson and with a growing national reputation. It rewards excellent technical driving skill with two long straights and lots of complex turns, incorporating camber and elevation changes.

The weekend starts with VSCDA's highly-regarded Driver's School on Thursday afternoon, May 2nd, with a required classroom session. May 3rd is an all day on-track school-very busy, very exciting and very fun! We try to have a 1 to 1 ratio of experienced racer/instructors for each student. That evening, driving privileges are awarded and accomplishments celebrated at a great barbecue. Upon graduation, you gain racing privileges recognized by VSCDA, as well as most other vintage groups in the VMC Organizations (3 race events with an "X" on your car, incident free required).

When

Thursday, May 2, 2019 - Sunday, May 5, 2019

Where

Gingerman Raceway
 61414 County Road 388
 South Haven, Michigan 49090 USA

Registration Deadline

Friday, May 3, 2019

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