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



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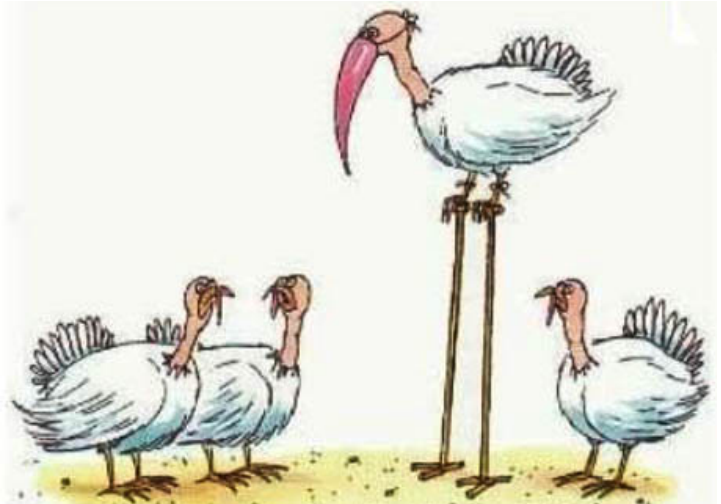
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"He's got a point. Nobody eats a flamingo on Thanksgiving."



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Membership News

WMR welcomes our new or returning members

- Alicia Boatman - Brighton, MI
- Cameron Boatman - Brighton, MI
- Connor Boatman - Brighton, MI
- Justin Ignas - Grand Rapids, M.

Congratulations to the following who celebrated membership anniversaries last month

- 27 years Lee Brouwer
- 19 years Paulis Austrins
- 19 years Marc Henry
- 16 years Alice Burnside
- 16 years Gary Burnside
- 8 years James Washburn
- 5 years Kenric Rose
- 4 years Richard Gaiera
- 2 years Timothy Wetherbee
- 2 years Kimberly Wetherbee
- 2 years Philip Wetherbee
- 2 years Taylor Wetherbee
- 1 year Barb Nicholson
- 1 year Jeff Nicholson
- 1 year Maxwell Nicholson
- 1 year Mary O'Blenes
- 1 year Gregg Elhart

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Our General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting Location

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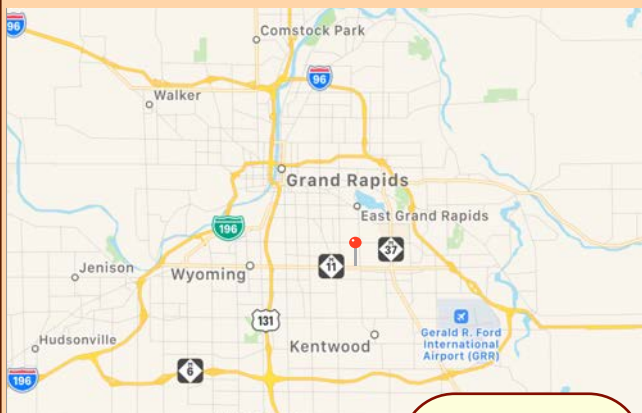
Pietro's Italian Restaurant
2780 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI



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 November 17, 2018.



Pietro's Italian Restaurant
12780 Birchcrest Dr SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 452-3228

Region Calendar

November 17, 2018

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

December 8, 2018

General Membership / Board of Directors Meeting — Location to be determined

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

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Competition Manager and Service Awards Program Committee Member

MARY ELLEN SICKLES
Secretary

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 10-22-2018

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 (11/10)	GLDjv 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				
Wandell, Verne	1150	1275	1150	0	0	100		100	75	200						100	100																						
Ferris, Dave	1100	400	1000	100	0			100	75		100	75	200	100	75	100	100				25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25					
Frame, Dayle	1075	970	1050	25	0		200			200		75	200		75						25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25					
Yonkers, Brad	850	925	850	0	0		200											200	200	200																			
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Gaunt-Wandell, Lorrie	325	750	325	0	0				75			50		50	75								25	25								25							
Barnes, Ray	300	100	250	50	0				75			50		50	75																								
Basaj, Lenny	275	425	275	0	0	100										25						25	25	25	25	25	25												
Hansen, Debbie	275	450	275	0	0				75			50		50	75								25																
Maklenburg, Ed	275	275	275	0	0						100	75		75																									
Redlon, Larry	250	0	150	50	50							50		50		50																							
Basaj, Carola	225	0	125	50	50							50		50																									
Boris, Jeff	225	275	225	0	0				50							100	75																						
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Basaj, Elijah	200	0	100	50	50							50		50																									
Henry, Marc	200	275	200	0	0							50		100	50																								
Henry, Vicki	200	0	100	50	50							50		50																									
Van Camp, Tom	200	0	100	50	50							50		50																									
Ensing, Gordy	183	150	158	25	0			25				50		50		33	50																						
Andrews, Sue	175	100	150	25	0							50		50		50																							
Frame, Melinda	175	400	175	0	0							25		25									25	25	25														
Gyulay, Jason	175	225	175	0	0											100	75																						
Steencken, Barb	175	175	175	0	0							75		75										25															
Basaj, Anna	150	100	125	25	0							50		50		25																							
Dalziel, Irene	150	150	150	0	0							50		50													25	25											
McCormick, Nathan	150	0	75	25	50											75																							
Burnside, Alice	100	0	25	25	50																		25																
Burnside, Gary	100	0	25	25	50																		25																
Secor, Jeff	100	200	100	0	0							50		50																									
Walters, Allison	100	0	25	25	50																																		
Walters, Dave	100	0	25	25	50																																		
Basaj, Alex	50	225	50	0	0										50																								
Cull, Phil	50	175	50	0	0										50																								
DeLoof, Steve	50	150	50	0	0							50																											
Lublow, Ed	50	150	50	0	0																																		
Woods, Thomas	25	25	25	0	0																																		
Woods, Tyler	25	25	25	0	0																																		

Remember...

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

2018 Runoffs Race Videos Now at SCCA.com

TOPEKA, Kan. (Nov. 2, 2018) -- It was a fantastic three days of competition Oct. 19-21 at Sonoma Raceway in California during the 2018 SCCA® National Championship Runoffs®. For those who couldn't make it to the track or missed the live online broadcast of races, it's now possible to catch up on all the action with free [2018 Runoffs race videos](#) available for viewing at SCCA.com. Later this year, certain 2018 Runoffs races will also air on CBS Sports Network.

With nearly 500 entries across 28 different car classes, this year's 24 events featured exciting competition, close racing throughout the fields, a handful of surprises and some great storylines. Video coverage, presented by Mazda, was again anchored by Greg Creamer with guests Ryan Myrehn (SportsCar365 writer), Tom O'Gorman (pro driver), Heyward Wagner (pit reporter), Andy Hollis and Larry MacLeod (SCCA Solo Nationals announcers) providing additional insight and commentary.



The SCCA National Championship Runoffs has evolved into what is now commonly agreed to be the pinnacle of American motorsports. Since 1964, the SCCA has crowned Road Racing's National Champions at the winner-take-all, single race Runoffs format through dozens of separate races over three days. As host of the 55th Runoffs, Sonoma Raceway became only the third California track to host SCCA's National Championship, joining Riverside International Raceway and WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

October Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2018, 7:04 pm
Pietro's Italian Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI

Board Members present: Fred Hawley, Lenny Basaj, Mary Ellen Sickles, and Wayne Rogers.

Board Members absent: Jim Washburn, Verne Wandell and Bruce Beauvais.

Other Members Present: Dayle Frame, Dave Ferris, Rod Sickles and Irene Dalziel.

Secretary Report:

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

Regional Executive's Report:

Jim Washburn: (not present) given by Fred Hawley, Assistant RE: - No Report

Treasurer's Report:

Verne Wandell: (not present) - no report was given as Verne's Father-in-law has just passed away.

Competition Director's Report:

Dayle Frame: On November 3 he will be meeting with Bruce Beauvais and Irene Dalziel. Our dates have been reserved with Grattan Raceway, but need to be scheduled with Jude at GL Div. Our regional will be June 22-23 and our National will be August 10-11, 2019.

Solo Report:

Brad Yonkers: (not present). Dayle Frame reported that a profit and loss sheet has been developed for Solo to use. The loss for 2018 is less than the loss from 2017.

Newsletter Report:

Jim Washburn would like any information and the minutes by October 29th for the November 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: - We have no needs at present.

Sound:

TBA: - Nothing new to report

Course:

Wayne Rogers: - No Report

Old Business:

New Website Status update: Joe Perri was sent the information by Lenny Basaj earlier this week, will call Joe regarding all of our concerns later this coming week.

Long Term Race Trailer Storage: Wayne Rogers brought in an ad for storage containers. We would be able to have an attached car port type cover for our race trailer. It would be portable and much less expensive. Wayne will call and investigate this option.

Michigan International Auto Show participation: The consensus is to not pursue this. The man hours is considerable and it did not have a measurable benefit before our MIS event.

Location for our December 8 Board of Directors meeting. Bruce Beauvais had said he would look for a location.

Awards Banquet: Wayne Rogers made a motion to move our Awards Banquet to March 9, 2019 (from January) Lenny Basaj seconded, it was approved. It was decided to ship any championship trophies directly to the recipients.

Nominees slated for the 2019 WMR Board of Directors:

- Wayne Rogers has been nominated for Regional Executive
- OPEN - Assistant RE
- Dave Ferris has been nominated for Treasurer
- Mary Ellen Sickles has ben nominated for Secretary
- Lenny Basaj has been nominated for Member-At-Large

October Meeting Minutes

— Continued —

New Business:

Advertisement in Grattan's Flyer: There was a discussion about placing an ad about our club in the 2019 Grattan Raceway flyer. Wayne Rogers will call Sam to find out costs.

Facebook and Twitter: We need a manager to oversee these accounts and develop a communication plan. Brad Yonkers has posted Solo Racing results to Facebook that were possibly auto filled to Twitter. Club Racing results need to be posted also.

New or replacement equipment for 2019: Specialty Chiefs and the Solo Manager need to provide a list (at or by our Nov 17 meeting of potential new or replacement equipment needed for the 2019 race season.

Special Solo event in 2019: Eaton Corporation would like to do a Solo for their employees next summer. We will contact headquarters regarding the possibility for doing it for them, and requirements needed for the insurance.

Announcements:

It was suggested that we look at our current by-laws and possibly modify and update them.

Adjournment:

Lenny Basaj moved to adjourn, Mary Ellen Sickles seconded, approved at 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Sickles,
Recording Secretary



2018 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

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2018 WMR SOLO SCHEDULE

- April 21 WMR at Michigan Adventure,
1198 W Riley-Thompson Rd,
Muskegon, MI 49445
- September 3 WMR - Labor Day Event at
Grattan
- September 22 WMR at Michigan Adventure,
1198 W Riley-Thompson Rd,
Muskegon, MI 49445

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

2018 GREAT LAKES DIVISION
CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

- April 21 GLDiv/WHRRRI Driver's School
(classroom) at Waterford Hills
- April 28 - 29 GLDiv/WHRRRI Driver's School (track
time) at Waterford Hills
- May 3 - 6 VSCDA "Gingerman Spring
Brake Drivers School & Races"
at Gingerman
- May 19 - 20 SBR/DET/WOR Double Regional at
Gingerman
- June 1 - 3 OVR "Race of Champions" Majors
Double Event at Mid-Ohio
- June 9 - 10 NeOhio Double Regional at Nelson Ledges
- June 23 - 24 SVRA Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio
at Mid-Ohio
- June 23 - 24 WMR "Unrestricted" Double Regional
at Grattan
- July 7 - 8 SBR / DET "Bert Olson" Majors
Double Event at GingerMan
- July 14 - 15 OVR Double Regional at Mid- Ohio
- August 3 Cincinnati Region PDX at Mid-Ohio
- August 4 - 5 Cincinnati Region Double Regional at
Mid-Ohio
- August 11 - 12 WMR "Last Chance" Majors Event at
Grattan
- August 17 - 19 VSCDA "Vintage Grand Prix Au
Grattan XXX" at Grattan
- October 5 OVR PDX at Mid-Ohio
- October 6 - 7 OVR Double "Sprint Classic" Regional
at Mid-Ohio
- October 16 - 21 2018 SCCA National Runoffs at
Sonoma Raceway

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In Memoriam

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William R. Gaunt

December 5, 1929 ~ October 17, 2018

We are all saddened to here that Lorrie Gaunt-Wandell's father has recently passed away. Lorrie was our past Chief of Timing and Scoring and her husband, Verne Wandell, is our current Treasurer and served as a Race Chair for a great many of our Club Racing events.

William Richard Gaunt, 88 of Midland died Wednesday morning, October 17, 2018 at his home. He was born December 5, 1929 in Detroit, the son of the late William and Vera (Elphick) Gaunt. He attended high school in Detroit and, after graduation, he went on to receive a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan's School of Business. Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. During the war, Bill took his place among the many US servicemen who founded, funded and served as mentors to the orphanages and orphans of Korea.

Bill was a kind, generous, thoughtful and loving person who continued his service to the community when he returned from the war. He served for over 50 years in various capacities at the Arnold Center; as a board member, on the financial committee, as their treasurer and was a member of their Emeritus Board into 2018. Bill also volunteered his time with "Lunch Box Learners", a Midland County partnership between the school and business communities formed to foster learning and increased self-confidence through reading in first through third grade students.

Bill was employed by Dow Corning as an auditor until his retirement after forty years of service. He married Lois Entenmann-Gaunt in 1982 and she preceded him in death on April 14, 2015. Together they had many happy years and enjoyed traveling the world. In his younger years he enjoyed handball. Bill was always voracious reader, appreciating all subjects but especially science fiction. He was also an avid bird watcher who delighted in looking for all species, especially his favorite the elusive snowy owl.

Bill is survived by his children Debbie Gaunt of Gladwin, Lorrie (Verne) Wandell of Kalamazoo, and Amy Gaunt (Tim Hill) of Woodridge, IL; stepchildren Brad (Nanette) Entenmann of Midland and Blair (Nancy) Entenmann of Rockford; grandchildren Michelle (Derek) Entenmann-Krupp of St. Louis, Claire Entenmann of Midland and Alexandra Hill of Woodridge, IL; and one great-grandson Greyson Krupp. In addition to his parents and wife, Bill was preceded in death by a step-daughter Pamela Entenmann.

Funeral services for Bill took place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday October 27, 2018 at the Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home, 1200 W. Wheeler Street. Pastor John Pohanka officiated. Following the services, was laid to rest in Midland City Cemetery. Bill's family received friends at the funeral home on Friday from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

The family has asked that those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider The Arnold Center - 400 Wexford Ave, Midland, MI 48640 (<https://arnoldcenter.org/DONATE/> Memorial Donations Honoring William Gaunt) or The Midland Community Foundation - 76 Ashman Circle, Midland, MI 48640 (www.midlandfoundation.org/Donate Now!)

In Bill's memory, our club has made a memorial contribution to the Arnold Center in Midland.

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WHATEVER YOUR MARQUE...



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