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Happy Holidays



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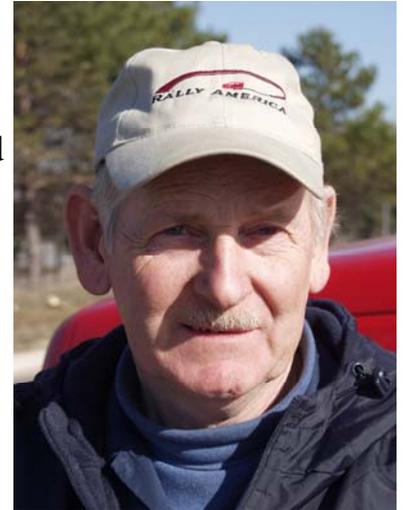
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RE Report: Wayne's World

I want to thank everyone for another wonderful year as your RE of Western Michigan Region. Things this year were trying at times and with the help from a few members we made it. I want to thank all of you that worked with me doing the things this year that I could have never done without their help. I also want to thank those that started off the year on the board and Chiefs of specialties that left us before the season got started. I wish you could have been there to do the jobs that you did so well for many years before leaving. I missed you and I am sure that many others did also. Maybe with some help from the new RE coming in next year for 2008 we could try to mend the bad feelings that come from a few that never had any idea of what you really did for this region. I personally think you all did a great job and there were no better people in those positions that could have done it better. I am sorry for what happened!



There will be fewer races this next year for 2008. We will not have a race at Grattan on Labor Day weekend. We can not compete with the Detroit Grand Prix taking away most of the workers we have. Also this is going to be a really big problem for 2008. The cost of gas and expenses will make it a real factor with races at GingerMan and maybe even Grattan. I will hope that some of you will let the Chiefs of specialty know before the season gets started if you think you will not be coming to any of our races. This way we can try to find a way to make the best of it by moving other workers around to help out. So "PLEASE" Let us know if you plan on working ahead of time.

I hope every one had a good Thanksgiving dinner with your families. I also want to wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be sure to travel to and from your destinations safely and be careful out there. We all want to see every one back next year at one of the events if it be a Race, Solo, Rally or just a meeting.

I also hope to see some of you at the Banquet coming up soon. I hope to bring back some interesting pictures from China to show every one in March. I hope I have a lot more to talk about also.

Until next year, this is it. Take care.

You're RE of WMR
Wayne I. Rogers

Letter from the Director at Large

As you may know, the Director-at-Large position on the Board is responsible for being a direct conduit between the membership and the board. Typically it has been my job to listen to the concerns of the membership and pass those concerns along to the rest of the board. This time it's my turn to speak to you. I am not speaking for the Board but only for myself.

For those who may not know, the WMR region has had a very long history in the SCCA. The WMR region is region number six. This means we were the sixth region chartered by the SCCA. This occurred way back in the 1950's, and gives us a racing history that we can be very proud of. Over the years we have had several Club Racing national champions. We have also have the well-earned respect of both drivers and workers who come to our events and view the events as well run and a lot of fun. As current members of WMR, we should do everything we can to carry on that history of racing success.

But to carry on this tradition takes effort. Right now is a critical time in our region's history. If only a few members are willing to carry that effort, then it becomes very taxing. I know you've heard this before but it bears repeating. This region needs your help. At this time, our Club Racing and Solo programs are being run by a very dedicated, and very over worked, few. If the regional membership continues to speak by its inaction, these programs will suffer.

Thanks for your time,
Dayle Frame

2008 Annual Meeting / Banquet Information

The 2007 WMR annual meeting will be held January 12, 2008 at the Corner Landing, Ionia, Michigan. Dinner and cocktails will precede it. The cash bar will open at 6pm, dinner at 7pm and the annual meeting at 8pm. We will be having a prime rib buffet. The menu will also include baked ham, fried chicken, garlic mashed redskin potatoes, and vegetables. Coffee, tea and sodas will be provided. The cost for the dinner will be \$25.00 per person. You can expect to see a reservation form mailed to you in about a week.

The Corner Landing, our new meeting place, is located at the north west corner of West Grand River Avenue and M-66. For the Lansing folks, that Grand River Avenue. Cascade Road for the Grand Rapids group. It is one street north of I-96 on M-66. M-66 is the Ionia exit. The address for Tom-Tom, Garmin, Magellan, Mapquest, and all the other navigation choices is 128 West Grand River Avenue, Ionia, Michigan.

Bruce Beauvais

November General Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by RE Wayne Rogers at 7:51 pm. There were 14 members present.

Secretary Sue Beauvais reported that the minutes from the last general meeting had been printed in the last Backfire, so the reading of those minutes was waived.

The Member-At-Large report was referred to a later point in the meeting.

Asst. RE not present.

Past RE: Bruce Beauvais reported that he, Dayle Frame, Verne Wandell and Lorrie Wandell attended the Roundtable in Ft. Wayne. Bruce passed out copies of the submitted race schedule.

Treasury: Wayne reported that as of 10/31/07 there is \$6,408 in the region checkbook. There is still one outstanding bill for 1/6th of the losses from the driver's school in June.

Solo: R.J. Pruitt reported that for 2008, SCCA will require membership for ALL participants at SCCA auto-crosses. Discussion followed. Bruce Beauvais sat in on that discussion at the Roundtable, and he gave a short recap of that discussion. The main motivation for this action is the large insurance outlay. R.J. also received an email from Bill Pruitt in Reed City about the possibility of using the defunct Reed City Airport as a site for an autocross. R.J. will follow up on that lead.

Banquet: Bruce Beauvais reported that the Annual Meeting would be Jan. 12 at the Corner Landing.

Old Business: The committee is working on revisions to the by-laws.

Elections; The 2 people who pushed the hardest for an election committee are no longer members. There are three attending committee members at this meeting, and they will meet after tonight's meeting.

Roundtable Report: Dayle: The National Race schedule will include a dual National race at Nelson Ledges on Memorial Day weekend. The regional schedule has been drastically trimmed back. Many regions have resorted to restricted regionals. Bruce did approach South Bend region on the possibility of sharing a national race. The combined driver's school will be April 19/20 at Nelson Ledges. Bruce: TireRack is sponsoring a new program: "Street Survivor" is aimed at drivers age 16-21. Ft Wayne has already hosted two of these programs at \$60 per head. Drivers use their own cars. SCCA Foundation will reimburse losses for regions that host programs. Verne: The workers meeting had about 30 attendees. Talk about recruitment was encouraged, but Verne was more concerned with reciprocation. Verne is now Divisional Administrator. No great ideas came out for retention of workers, although there was some chatter about cross-training.

PDX: Dayle would like to know when Grattan needs a deadline for putting a PDX event on their schedule. Wayne will find out.

Job Search: Dayle reported that we need to get a registrar trained for '08. Dayle will personally pay out \$100 to any member who brings in a willing trainee!

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted
Sue Beauvais

GLDiv Club Racing Schedule (tentative)

Date	Driver Schools	Regionals	Nationals	Other
3/1		Steward Training in Toledo, OH		
4/19, 4/20	GLDiv @ NL (D)			
4/26, 4/27			INR @ GIN	
5/3, 5/4		Indy @ ORP (D) (C)		
5/10, 5/11			DET / FWR @ GRA	
5/17, 5/18				
5/24, 5/25		WMR @ GRA (D) (C)	NEO @ NL	MVR @ NL (nat)
5/31, 6/1				
6/7, 6/8		OVR @ MO (R)	OVR @ MO	
6/14, 6/15				
6/21, 6/22				
6/28, 6/29				
7/5, 7/6		Indy @ ORP (R)	Indy @ ORP	
7/12, 7/13				
7/19, 7/20				
7/26, 7/27		NEO @ NL (D) (C)		
8/2, 8/3				
8/9, 8/10		CIN @ MO (R)	WMR @ GRA	CIN @ MO (PDX)
8/16, 8/17				
8/23, 8/24		SBR @ GIN (R)	SBR @ GIN	
8/23, 8/24		NEO @ NL (R) (24hr)		
8/30, 8/31				
9/6, 9/7		OVR @ MO (D) (C)		
9/13, 9/14				
9/20, 9/21				
9/27, 9/28		Indy @ ORP (D) (C)		
10/4, 10/5		WOR @ MO (D) (C)		WOR @ MO (PDX)
10/6 to 10/12			Runoffs	

C = Champs Series Event; D = Double; R = Restricted; T = Tentative

GM - GingerMan Raceway / GRA - Grattan Raceway / ORP - O'Reilly Raceway Park

MO - Mid Ohio / NL - Nelson Ledges / WAT - Waterford Hills

SpeedTV Runoffs Broadcast Schedule

Formula 500	12/5 @ 12PM	Grand Touring 2	1/2 @ 1PM
Touring 3	12/5 @ 1PM	Touring 2	1/9 @ 12PM
Formula Atlantic	12/12 @ 12PM	E Production	1/9 @ 1PM
American Sedan	12/12 @ 1PM	Formula V	1/16 @ 12PM
G Production	12/19 @ 12PM	Spec Racer Ford	1/16 @ 1PM
Spec Miata	12/19 @ 1PM	F Production	1/23 @ 12PM
Formula Continental	12/26 @ 12PM	D Sports Racing	1/23 @ 1PM
Showroom Stock B	12/26 @ 1PM	Formula Mazda	1/30 @ 12PM
Grand Touring 1	1/2 @ 12PM	-	-

Welcome to Our New Members

We had no new members in November

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following WMR members who celebrated membership anniversaries in November:

One Year: Chris Magsig

Five Years: none

Ten Years: John Palazzolo; Leisa, Jameson and Holly Savage; Richard Plank

Fifteen: none

Twenty Years: none

Thirty Five Years: Jan Downey

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Next Meeting:

- Date: December 8th, 2007 at 7:30PM
- Site: Corner Landing
- Location: 128 West Grand River Avenue / Ionia, MI 48846 (northwest corner of M-66 and Grand River Avenue; on M-66 just north of I-96) / 616.527.2169
- We'll supply the soda pop and snacks; come on out for the fun and visit with your friends.

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Don't forget to visit the WMR web site at <http://www.wmr-scca.org>

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