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## RE Report: Bruce Beauvais

I've just return after a long weekend in Atlanta. No, the other one. I-75 to Gaylord and turn right. A great weekend for a Motorsports event. Temps in the mid-twenties and only a dusting of snow. Time for the 42<sup>nd</sup> running of the Sno\*Drift rally.

While no longer an SCCA event, most of the organizers are long-time members of Detroit Region. Several fellow WMR members joined me. I was head of one of the spectator areas and Sue was my communicator. Chris and Sue Peet were Stage Captains, in charge of the operation of one rally stage. Jeff Secor, one of my start crew, usually sits right-seat for a number of drivers but he was without a ride this weekend. He worked as part of a control crew. Ed Maklenberg drove a safety car to open the course and insure stage safety. Wayne Rogers supervised the operations of the service areas (the paddock to all the racers). Unlike the confined spaces of a racetrack, I only saw most of these friends at registration and then the ending party. We were spread over most of Montmorency County doing our jobs. I never did see Wayne all weekend as we were on opposite ends of the county.



We all spent a weekend standing out in the cold. We all stepped up and volunteered time and money because we wanted the event to succeed. We knew that we were chosen for those jobs because we were trusted to make the event happen, as it should. Jeff Secor and Jim Brandt, usually competitors, took the time to drop back to the grunt level when they could not compete. The event was better for that. Their knowledge got passed on to new people to the sport.

WMR has long been a racing region. We usually organize more races than most regions. We provide substantial support for all SCCA races that happen in this state. Wayne has talked about what he sees as a looming crisis in the region. Last year, we contacted a number of members about their level of commitment to the region and what they saw good (and bad) about the region. I can remember a quote from one driver. The driver is not a WMR member but had been asked about helping his region out. His reply was "He didn't care as long as the racing continued." Which got me to thinking, what would happen if it went away? I urge you to attend the February meeting at the Corner Landing, as we will discuss that very subject.

Bruce Beauvais  
RE: WMR



# Great Lakes Division Spring Training

Steward/Workers Seminar

March 3, 2007

Clarion Hotel & Suites

2340 South Reynolds Road

Toledo, OH 43614

(866) 865-2026

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Room rate: \$65.00 + \$2.50 + tax

Ask for the SCCA rate. Rooms held till 2-09-07

## 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 (national)
5/31, 6/1		OVR@MO(R)	OVR@MO	
6/7, 6/8				
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				
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

## Letter from the Editor

One measure of the success a region has with putting on its races is how many specialty chiefs are supplied by that region. We are extremely fortunate to have valuable team members like Verne Wandell (F&C), Lorrie Gaunt-Wandell (T&S), Bruce Beauvais and Bobbe Orr (Starter), Wayne Rogers (Course Control) and Tom Smolenski (Paddock) who can not only work our events but are sought after by other regions to work their events. They are members of a team that works well together. In addition, Registrar is a vital cog in the success of our events. Sue Bailey and Kendra Green shared this task and did a great job for many years. Now we need somebody else to step up and share this responsibility.



All that being said, this region desperately needs a couple of volunteers to be trained as a Registrar for our Club Racing program. Melinda Frame has volunteered to be one of these students but she can't do it alone. Melinda already has some experience working registration and is willing to be part of a team to prep for WMR events. However, there will be times when she is not available and we will need a second person qualified to be a Registrar for our events. We can use this season to properly train our new students and then incorporate them into being Chief at our events next season (2009).

Please contact me ([frameh@msu.edu](mailto:frameh@msu.edu)) or Bruce Beauvais ([bsbeau@pathwaynet.com](mailto:bsbeau@pathwaynet.com)) if you are interested or have any questions.

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## Welcome to Our New Members

Please welcome our newest members to WMR family, joining in December and January:

Paul Zube; Eric Mattis; Robert, Annette and Michael Gaines; Hubert Erb

## Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following WMR members who celebrated membership anniversaries in December and January:

One Year: none

Five Years: Marty Doane

Ten Years: Phil Green; Kendra Green; Dayle Frame

Fifteen: Hank Fairchild

Twenty Years: Jerome Bush

Thirty Five Years: none

# Western Michigan Region of the Sports Car Club of America

## Next Meeting:

- Date: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 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.

## Happy Valentine's Day

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

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