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Become Involved



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It has come time for the changing of the seasons. Saturday night was our last official meeting before the race season begins in earnest. There were eight of the regulars and a new member in attendance. We took care of a lot of the pre-race business for the upcoming double national and had a pretty good time. It comes to mind, though, that the eight that were there, plus a few others, are the same ones we always see. They come to the meetings, work the solos, run the races, put out the newsletter and, basically, bear the weight of the whole club on their shoulders.

Through the years our club has waxed and waned in numbers and

activities. Like most clubs this is because, once the leadership assumes a roll, much of the membership is content not to have them lead, but for the leadership to actually carry the ball. Our high point was during the years of the West Michigan Grand Prix. It was easy to recruit and retain members and everyone wanted to be involved. The WMGP was a proud moment for the club but it certainly doesn't stand alone. We have a long and proud history of road racing and our solo program was once one of the strongest in the division.

The real difference between the successful and the trying years is membership involvement. If

each member would challenge themselves to personally get involved in one thing, small or large, it would lessen the burden on the current leadership and present the opportunity for the club to do more. PDXs have been popular and fruitful for many regions. The Street Survival program provides an opportunity for regions to interact with the community and provide valuable services to high school drivers, at the same time introducing them to SCCA. None of this can occur now because the leadership has its hands full. Please consider making that personal commitment. Come out, see what we're doing. Become Involved.

Cheap Points Double National

This will be the inaugural year for the Cheap Points Double National race at Grattan on May 29-31. This three-day event, which we are co-hosting with our friends from Fort Wayne Region, is a first for WMR and for Grattan. We are hopeful that the points available, combined with the low registration fees, will bring in the best car count we have seen in a number of

years. We are providing some new services for this event. Online registration and payment is being handled by MotorsportReg.com. We will be offering Express Check-In for the first time as well. Eligible drivers can present themselves, clean logbooks and helmet to a special line at registration where they can sign in and get their tech sticker. Grattan has

thrown in some bonuses too. They have repaved almost a mile of track from the top of the straight to turn 4. In addition to the great Saturday dinner party there will be another on Sunday with different fare. This is a huge undertaking for our region and there are still support slots to fill so contact one of our chiefs-of-specialty and sign up to lend a hand.



SCHEDULES

Club Racing

- **April 29–May 2**
Spring Brake driver school and Race, VSCDA at GingerMan
- **May 29–31**
Cheap Points Double National, WMR at Grattan
- **July 10-11**
Bert Olson National/Regional, SBR at GingerMan
- **August 14-15**
WMR Double Regional at Grattan
- **August 20-22**
VSCDA AuGrattan XXIV
Vintage races at Grattan

Solo

- **May 8-9**
Furrin' Group at WMAA
- **May 15-16**
WMR & MSURC Sat Solo school and Sun Solo at MSU Lot 89
- **June 5**
WMR & MSURC at MSU Lot 89
- **June 27**
FG at US 131 Dragway
- **July 3-4**
FG at GVSVU
- **August 14-15**
FG at MSU
- **August 22** (tentative)
WMR at Reed City
- **Sept 6** (tentative)
WMR at Grattan Raceway
- **September 18**
FG at My Auto Imports Ctr

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