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# About us



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## Board of Directors Meetings

The Detroit Region holds Board Meetings every second Wednesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend. Information about the meetings is on our [website](#). Minutes of the meetings can be [downloaded here](#).

## Membership

The Detroit Region of the Sports Car Club of America is one of the larger regions with about 1400 members. It has something for every taste, including some of the country's best organized Rallycross, Autocross, and TSD Rallies.

Membership includes a subscription to [Sports Car magazine](#), discounts and savings, schools and classes, experts and information and insurance while participating at SCCA events.

Long Service Awards are listed at the end of the newsletter.

You can join SCCA [online or by mailing the Application form](#).

## Photograph Credits

Many of the photos were found on the internet. If the photographer was known, credit was given. If you want credit for any of your photos, please [contact us](#).

## Links

Remember to click on all the links in Red for videos and still photos on the web. Some of the photographs are also clickable for more detail.

## Open Exhaust Articles

Articles are always needed and members will get one worker point for every article published. They can be about anything automotive but a priority will be given to articles about Detroit Region events and/or members. The Editor reserves the right to trim articles to fit the available space!

Comments about the newsletter are also welcome, particularly about article accuracy, distribution method and readability.

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# Long Service Awards



Congratulations to the following long service members who celebrated anniversaries January through May 2019

## 50 Years

Russell A Theus  
Jack H Broomall  
Robert W layman

## 45 Years

David A Finch  
H F Hostetler  
Jim Winkelman  
Lon G Hake

## 40 Years

Steve Meyers  
Russell J Wakeman  
James Termote  
Richard W. Topping  
John J Gagioch  
Robert J Garner  
Michele Jeanette Grimm  
Jack C Bennett

## 35 Years

Barry L Dewitt  
Susan M Dewitt  
Thomas J Shaver  
Mike Starwas  
Dirk Vanveen  
Cynthia Hodges  
Krolikowski

Edwin W Maklenburg  
Gerald P Shiloff  
Mary E Shiloff  
Davis S Vestrand  
Norman Anderson  
John W Heinricy

## 30 Years

Mark D Henderson  
Robert L Varcoe

## 25 Years

James A Crider  
Georgia M Beckwith  
Rodney J Beckwith III  
Michael Devins  
Carl F Galeana  
Nathan D Drummond  
Carlos Franca  
Eric Penn  
John A Turzewski

## 20 Years

Michael L Bennett  
Raymond E Huffmaster  
Robert W Kay  
Kimberly Lindberg  
Richard E Robinette  
John R Buttermore

Rachel C Chan  
Sally Chan  
David R Harkcom  
Geoffrey Grimm  
Adam Spieszny  
V Paige McClintock  
Scott Schweitzer  
Grant Bennett

## 15 Years

Dr Gina Marie Leininger  
Duane A Leininger II  
Joan Goppold  
Scott Goppold  
Eric M Hill  
Michael H Rodriguez  
Steve Balanecki  
David Richard Bednarz

## 10 Years

Lewis Dean Clason  
Ross Harvey  
Sean Grogan  
Colene Allen  
David Doehler  
Daniel R Harkcom  
Karla J Wallace  
Mark Womack  
Brian Anthony

Tamara Barber  
Bruce Hammond  
Eric Malone  
Hunter Napieralski  
Landon Napieralski  
Peggy Napieralski  
Craig Joseph Rice  
Patrick Risse  
Gregory Brian Valade  
Roger Wyatt  
Timothy Drotar  
Mathew Spicuzzi  
Cynthia F Wisner

## 5 Years

Matthew John Chojnacki  
Jr  
Luis Goncalves  
Annette Moorman  
Garry L Moorman  
Philip A Yaccarino  
Terrance W Burrows  
Alex Phillip Doss  
Carl Ambrose Davis  
Matthew Michael Davis  
Brian Peasley  
Keith Armitage  
Adam Baines  
Neil Britton

Michael Alexander Davis  
Alejandro Della Torre  
Col. Saylor X Frase  
Clayton W Knorr  
Larry Pannemann  
Mary Pannemann  
Kevan Bates  
Alex Clute  
Matt Clute  
Zora Clute  
Robert Christopher Diemer  
Evan Kardiff  
Rob Metcalfe  
Sean O'Shea  
James L Prostell Jr



# Annual Business Meeting

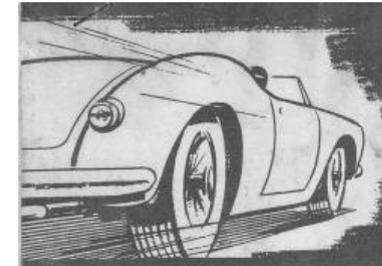


According to the Club's By-Laws, an Annual Business Meeting of Members shall be held each year, during the month of March. The purpose shall be to allow the members to hear annual reports by officers and committees concerning business conducted during the previous fiscal year as well as other business that may come before the meeting."

The meeting was held on March 19 at the Michigan Beer Company in Novi, where a good selection of craft beers helped maintain a festive atmosphere!

Our Assistant Regional Executive, Cindy Wisner, put together a comprehensive presentation covering our activities during 2018. Those of you who were unable to attend can see the presentation here:

[Annual Business Meeting Presentation](#)



## 2019 Annual General Membership Meeting

Assistant RE – Cindy Wisner

RE- Frank Putman

3/19/2019



Race!

Rally!

RallyCross!

Solo!



# Son of Sno\*Drift TSD Rally by John Fishbeck



The 21st running of Son of Sno\*Drift was run out of Aubree's Pizzeria in South Lyon on Saturday January 12. A recent record of 31 entries made for a big field. That was not quite as large as the 2003 run, which had 46 entries and some quite memorable stories. Rallymaster Scott Harvey Jr. allowed as how while this field was not a record breaker, it was quite more than enough for him.

Scott's intention is always that Son of Sno\*Drift be a winter rally. Ah, but if only Mother Nature would cooperate. In fact we've seen a wide range of conditions over the years – 6" of snow falling during the day of the rally, glare ice covered by a thin layer of water, slop and mud, frigid blowing and drifting snow. Ya just never know. This year we had cool weather, gray skies and dry, dusty, pot holed and rutted roads. Scott has no choice but to make speeds appropriate for anticipated slippery conditions, so when we get dry conditions instead the speeds are more conservative than would be typical for those conditions. Makes no difference. Thirty one cars entered, and thirty one cars finished, and everyone was treated to an entertaining and contested TSD road rally event.

Equipped class honors went to David Stone and Rob Moran in David's 2011 Subaru WRX, taking just 11 penalty points over 19 scored controls, an average of under one half second error per control! David has chased a win at Son of Sno\*Drift for years, so he was a very happy boy. Ken and Dennis Wiedbusch, in their 2007 Chevy Cobalt, and John Fishbeck and Laurie Dawson, in their 2011 Subaru WRX, tied in points at 15 for second, but Ken and Dennis scored more zeros than John and Laurie and so won the tie. Bob Kay and Mike Bennett (who's returning after being absent for several seasons) came in with a respectable 25, albeit disappointing to the two of them.

Limited class saw the always sharp team of Dan Harkcom and Greg Lester nail the win with just 25 points – these two regularly challenge equipped class contenders, and this run was no exception. Long time region rallyists Adam Spieszny and Piotr Roszczenko piloted their '93 Eagle Talon TSI to second in class with 102, followed by Gary Kowalski and Art Kaser (the two came up from Indiana to run) with 198 in Art's 2016 Honda CR-Z.

Stock class saw pitched competition for the win, with Sarah Tellas and Tristan Koivisto (the 2018 stock class and overall champion) driving their '06 Honda Accord to a points tie with Jordan Nizza and Kevin Loughlin in their '03 Dodge RAM pickup at 150 points. This was Sarah's first rally drive, and she accounted for herself nicely. Tellas and Koivisto scored more zeros than did Nizza and Loughlin, so they took the tie breaker win. Mason Koon and Nic Evans in their 2011 Lexus GX460 weren't far behind at 208.

For whatever reason, Son of Sno\*Drift is frequently a big draw for novices, and this year was no exception. There were 12 novice class entries, so folks in this class had lots of opportunity for contests. In the end Ryo Okuma and Jessica Riffe, in a Mad Max look '94 Miata, pulled out the victory with a very respectable 349, followed by Alex Steinhoff-Arnot and Juan Osorno just 10 points behind at 359 running in their '03 Honda Element. Safadyn Ramahi and Taylor Parks drove their '06 Saab 9-2X Aero to a third place finish with 446.

As always, thanks and a huge shout out to rally organizers and rallymasters Scott Harvey Jr and Jennifer Glass. And to the tireless Mary Shiloff for registration and scoring duties, plus Ken Wiedbusch for ensuring all the checkpoint equipment was available and functional, and Tom Woodside who helped the novices get the fundamentals of TSD rallying in hand before running. And of course, to those many volunteers who ran our timing controls, without which this just wouldn't work.

A final shout out to Rich Line, who has provided sweep duties for Son of Sno\*Drift since its inception. Thanks Rich, and well done!

You can view complete results and leg-by-leg scores at <https://bit.ly/2HeiwDH>

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# Son of Sno\*Drift Photos



Mad Max  
Miata



Tom Woodside giving novices advice.



This doesn't belong here!





# Sno\*Drift Stage Rally



Sno\*Drift is a 2-Day, performance car, stage-rally event warmly welcomed each January by the residents and businesses of Montmorency County, Michigan. The rally is sanctioned by the American Rally Association (ARA).

This high performance racing event is comprised of prepared two and four wheel drive, road legal cars, racing on snow and ice covered sections of closed forest roads, in a time based competition. The event attracts upwards of 50 competition cars each year from all across the United States and Canada.

The 2019 event was held on January 25 and 26. [Here are the final results.](#)

Congratulations to the Detroit Region entrants, some of whom actually made it to the finish! Scot Banes/Brian Arpke; Mike Engle; Mariana Usher/Emily Schumacher; Kevin Schmidt/Jay Anderson; Robert Kassel and other friends of DRSCCA.

[Scott Banes](#) - My turbo locked up on stage 5, but the car is still running well, so we're going to Press On Regardless tomorrow without any boost.

We started 30th and ended up in 13th. Not bad for having some issues, including being stuck in a snow bank for 5 minutes while I dug us out.

Autoweek staffer, [Jimmy Pelizzari](#), who was first place in the Regional section, wrote this article about the Sno\*Drift Rally:

[RALLY TIME: AT THE ICY SNO\\*DRIFT RALLY, IT'S ALL ABOUT KEEPING IT OUT OF THE TREES](#)

Complete results along with another [Autoweek](#) article are here:

[Piotr Fetela and Dominik Jozwiak open ARA season with win in Atlanta, Michigan](#)

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# Sno\*Drift Stage Rally Photos





# Sandblast Stage Rally



Sandblast Rally, run on March 2, 2019, is a car and motorcycle race run primarily in the Sandhills State Forest and H. Cooper Black Recreation facility in Chesterfield County, SC. All of the racing is against the clock to see which vehicle can complete the course in the lowest cumulative time.

## Ian Kessler

I finally got back on stage after a few years break. Sandblast 2019 is in the books. I had a hell of a time. It went very smoothly. I purchased my rally car sight unseen, so with that being the case there were quirks/ issues. TurboTime and Amanda Skelly went above and beyond in a very small time line to get this car to a condition to where it would be reliable/safe for a great day of racing and a finish. There wasn't anything that could keep me down, so elated to be back on stage. My car was in 'limp mode' for the majority of the day, which means I could only rev to 4200. With a 2.2 for power and 4200 rpms means not a whole lot of pick up, BUT that forced me to utilize proper driving techniques to make a slow car go fast! I ended up 5th in class and 6th overall for the event. I have a couple buddies help out with crew and they knocked it out of the freaking park!!! They not only put on a flawless service all day, but they also spectated in between each one! Rafael Rodriguez. The pictures attached were taken by them from this event.

I would like to give special thanks to:

TurboTime / Ryan AtTurbotime / Amanda / Steven Larson / Mike Butler / Chris Olivares / and anyone else who has helped along the way that I didn't mention. Watermark Imaging

## Amanda Skelly

I am SO proud of my team and all that we have accomplished this past weekend! I know I couldn't do this without all of you and all of your hard work! It does not go unnoticed or without appreciation!!!

4 of our 5 cars finished and Sarah kicked butt for her first time co driving and we landed our first podium together! 3rd in OAL and 4th overall!

SO grateful for all the hard work the crews put in and for everyone that made the rally happen! My heart is full right now. ☐ I'm still in awe and will hopefully get some time to do our recap before we leave for 100AW in just 9 short days!

## Results



# Saginaw Valley Ice Race

Saginaw Valley Region always excels at putting on Ice Races on Ross Lake, Beaverton, MI, but, increasingly, the climate does not cooperate. Below freezing temperatures are needed for long periods of time to get the required 8 or so inches of ice on the lake, as well as low winds during the initial freeze. This years only event was held on March 3.



Check out these shots courtesy of Aaron Stich, with plenty of Detroit SCCA Rally-cross regulars were on the grid :





# Rallycross



Results of Rallycross events so far this year are as follows:

[Round 1 - January 5, 2019 at Crystal Motor Speedway, Crystal MI](#)

[Max Lupfer photos](#) ; [Artur Stepanov photos](#) ; [Trent Manken photos](#)

[Round 2 - February 3, 2019 Rallycross at Bundy Hill, Jerome MI](#)

It was a muddy mess allowing only 6 runs in total in a front loaded day. Everyone likes the site and it will be kept as long as weather conditions allow. Here are a few [photos by Tate Heller](#). More [photos by MP3 Photography](#). [Adam Xia photos](#).

Here is a link to [all Rallycross results](#) and this will be updated as we progress through the year, thanks to Andie Albin. Check the tabs at the bottom of the sheets for specific events.

Thanks to Alexandra Piltz and Nate Muncie for stepping up in a big way for the Rally-Cross program this year. Alex and Nate have agreed to serve as our new Worker Chief and Grid Chief respectively.

Alex has been making our grid sheets for a long time now and, because she likes our large dysfunctional family for some reason, has volunteered to take on setting work assignments as well. Meanwhile, Nate will be the man in charge of herding all you crazy cats in grid.

Matt will be formalizing several critical positions within the program. The goal is to have qualified people in a position to run various aspects of our events and to train more people to perform them, such as tech, safety and timing.

If there is a work assignment you'd be interested in volunteering for training in, drop Alex or Matt an email and we'll try to get you with someone to start learning .

## 2018 Rallycross Champions

Trim	Class	Position	Competitor
Stock	FWD	1	Dominic Hill
	RWD	1	Eric Anderson
		2	Noah Simone
		3	Jay Anderson
	AWD	1	Jon Yanca
		2	Adam Spieszny
	Prepared	FWD	1
2			Andrea Albin
RWD		-	None Eligible
AWD		1	Burke Davis
		2	Tristan Koivisto
Modified	FWD	1	Matt Wolfe
		2	Greg Mercier
		3	Sean Grogan
	RWD	1	Sean Murphy
		2	Jon Armstrong
		3	Scott Beute
	AWD	1	Bob Martin
		2	Mason Verbridge
		3	Matt Price

The event took place on May 18 after being postponed from May 4 due to inclement weather. Seems like that is becoming the norm these days and has resulted in the club not running Rallycross events in March and April.

Rain was predicted for early morning, but it didn't stop us this time. The early runs were quite soggy, so the Modified AWD and FrontWD cars were sacrificed first to "clean up" the track. As the morning wore on, dry patches appeared and elapsed times began to fall. By run group 3 (PA and ), there were barely any mud thrown up. The only red flag of the day was when photographer, Pat Burke, ran to pick up a fallen cone and fell flat on his back in the mud. The green protégé of Matt Wolfe was within sight and, prudently, the red flag was waved.

In the afternoon, a loop in the infield near the start was included. Even though it was slow and added to the course length, the times were about the same as in the morning, showing how conditions had improved.

[Results are here.](#)

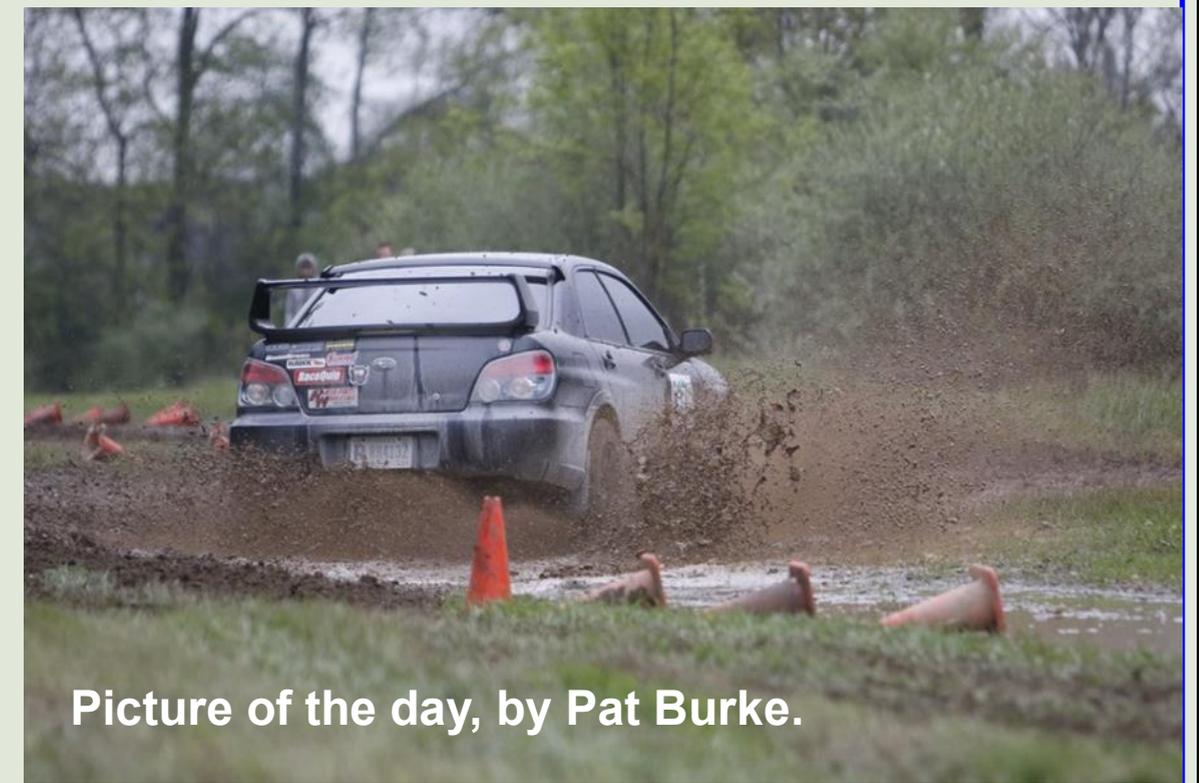
Videos are [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

[Pat Burke photos.](#)

[Brian Thorpe photos.](#)



Host, Scott Harvey, on his soap box.



Picture of the day, by Pat Burke.

Michigan Turn Marshals Flagger School was held on April 27 and 28 at Waterford Hills Track.

Classroom training for new Flaggers took place on Saturday morning, with on-track hands-on training in the afternoon and all day Sunday.

New Flaggers were highly encouraged to attend both days to gain the necessary safety training and experience.

Driver's training took place on Saturday with practice races on Sunday.

Here were the requirements:

- An SCCA license is not required at Waterford Hills.
- Plan to arrive by 9:00am and check-in at the base of the tower.
- Bring your usual F&C gear plus a folding chair.
- Lunches and drinks will be provided each day.
- The race days end no later than 6:00pm.
- Free on-site camping is available.

If you are between 16 and 18 years of age, you will require a notarized minor consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian in order to participate.

Contact Chip Bliem, WHRRI F&C Co-Chief at [kaychipinmi@aol.com](mailto:kaychipinmi@aol.com)

For a complete description of Flagging and Communication, check out the [SCCA F & C page](#).





# Twilight Tour TSD Rally by John Fishbeck



Twas a very gray and rainy Saturday in south central Michigan. A perfect day for seventeen teams to tackle the wet back roads of Detroit Region's second TSD road rally of the year, Twilight Tour. Organizers Ken Wiedbusch and Dennis Wiedbusch put on another fine rally, enjoyed by all. The rally was mileage on a 60 degree day with dry roads. Needless to say, the wet conditions with temps in the 40s provided endlessly entertaining distance measurement opportunities throughout the rally for equipped and wheel-driven odo limited teams. Zeroes were hard won and infrequent.

First overall and in limited class was the always excellent pairing of Daniel Harkcom and Greg Lester. The duo won the rally outright with just 20 points for 15 controls under difficult conditions, an excellent performance - and beating the first equipped class finisher by 2 points!

Mark Henderson and Aaron Conner celebrated their return to Detroit Region rallying after several years' absence with first in equipped class and second overall win, collecting just 22 points for the 15 controls. Pretty fine outcome for what most would think should have been a bit of a rusty return. Ron Johnstonbaugh, up from Ohio and whom we haven't seen recently, came up with his grandson Caleb Abbott to nail second in equipped with 26 points. John Fishbeck and Laura Dawson pulled out a third with a 34.

Long time team Adam Spieszny and Piotr Roszczenko took second in limited with 58 points, followed by father/son team Steve and Sean Riddell.

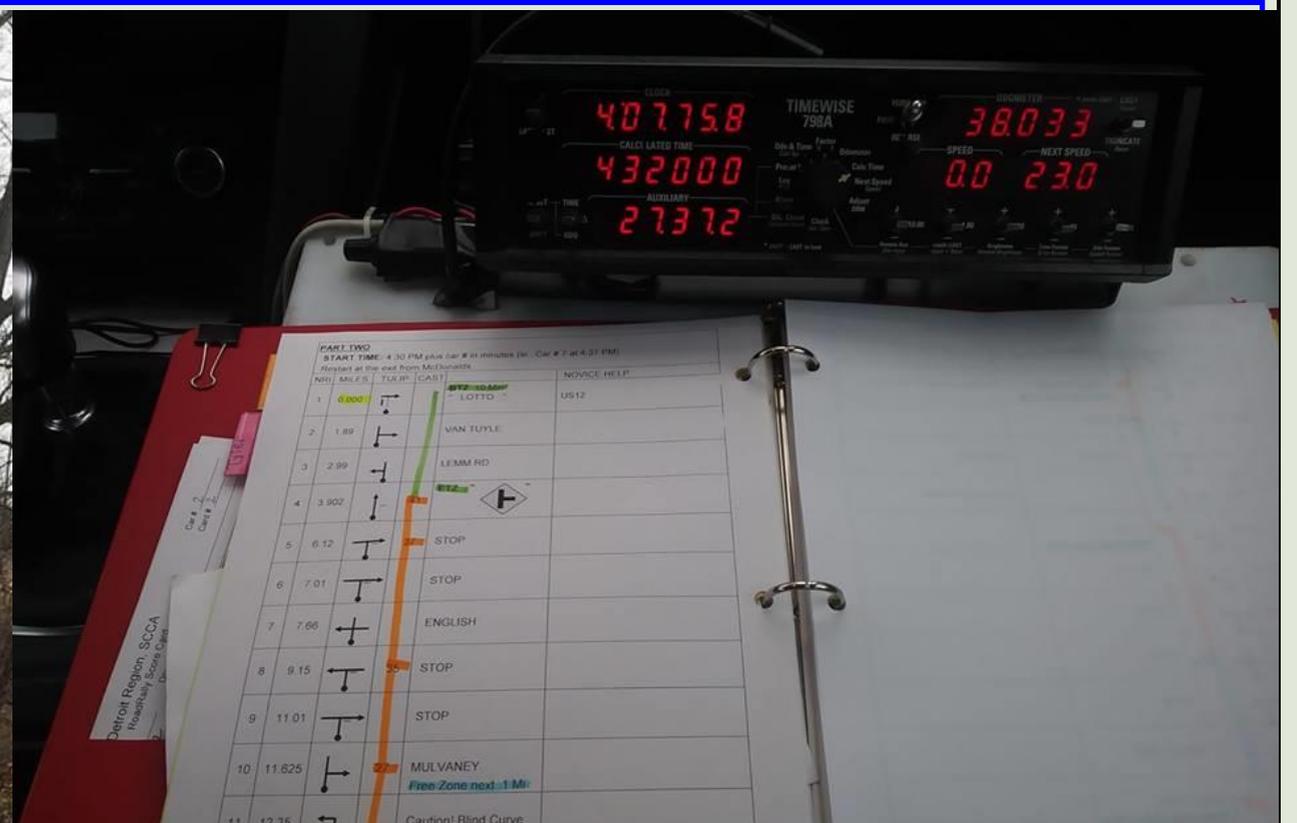
Stock class was won handily by last season's stock class and region overall champion Tristan Koivisto and his driver Ryan Vindua. They took the class victory with 99 points, for an average of just under 4 seconds error per control - a highly respectable finish given the conditions. John and Diane Thomson took second to fill out stock class.

Novice class saw an outstanding win from recent Detroit Region rally school attendees Micky Monroe and Alexander Rink, who incurred only 194 points for the 15 controls in their first event. That's an average of under 8 seconds variance per control for the 15 controls - well done Mickey and Alexander! Raven Rotsaert, Alex Skedel Chris Zimmerman pulled out a second in class, followed by Patrick Burke and Joseph Kennedy.

As always big thanks to all those who contributed their time and skills to put on another excellent Detroit Region road rally. See ya at Lazy Daze on Saturday, July 20! [Full results and scores are here.](#)

[Photos on next page](#)

# Twilight Tour TSD Rally Photos





## Pavement Ends TSD Rally by John Fishbeck



Saturday November 10 was your prototypical November day - cold, gray, a tad raw. The back roads had surprising little greasy patches here and there, and some intermittent smallish craters, but were otherwise fine. Well all right then, let's run the Pavement Ends TSD rally!

Eighteen teams did just that and enjoyed the efforts of rally chair John Kytasty and co-rallymaster Adam Spieszny and Piotr Roszczenko who organized this year's Pavement Ends rally. The rally traversed 184 miles of mostly secondary roads in Livingston, Washtenaw, Ingham and Jackson counties. There was a roughly 50/50 mix between scenic paved stretches, used mostly to connect entertainingly paced segments of unpaved. Road conditions were actually pretty good for November, but still proved challenging at times on the more lightly traveled unpaved roads. Many of the equipped class teams were struggling with erratic mileaging issues, the source of which was not entirely clear.

All 18 teams finished the event, winding up at Aubree's Pizzeria in South Lyon, where the rally started earlier. Father/son team Ken and Dennis Wiedbusch took first overall and first of the seven equipped class teams with just 17 points over 18 controls, an average of just 0.5 second error per control! This was Ken and Dennis' first victory since they began competing in equipped class last season. Looks like the lads have the Timewise figured out... Current region rally director John Fishbeck and wife Laurie Dawson ran a respectable event, slipping in second place in class just behind Wiedbuschs with 25 points. Gary and Sharon Stone, who have come from Minnesota to run Detroit Region rallies numerous times, took third in class with 28.

Limited class was taken by the always strong team of Dan Harkcom and Greg Lester, who not only won limited class but also took second overall with the excellent score of 23.

Stock team competition has been strong in recent seasons. Ryan Vindua and Tristan Koivisto have added another first to their record with only 172 points for the 18 controls. Ryan and Tristan have only been competing a couple of seasons now but have demonstrated skill and savvy in quickly becoming a team to beat. Kevin Loughlin and Jodran Nizza pulled out a second in class with 418.

Pavement Ends saw 6 novice teams competing - and we always like to see new and beginning folks out joining us. First place in novice class went to Jake Rosio and Nick Kuehmichel with just 188 points! Incredible - their novice class win score was just 16 points off the stock class winning score! Well done. Alison Lee and Sawyer Stone claimed second with 415 points. Sawyer brought to bear his experience with Great Race rallying, as he has competed in several Great Races with his granddad.

As always, big thanks to rally organizers John, Adam and Piotr. Plus, the ever indefatigable Mary Shiloff who does our registration and scoring, and Ken Wiedbusch who nurses our timing and other equipment and sees to it all the stuff makes it to every event. Last, but most certainly not least, thanks to all the control workers, without whom this rallying thing wouldn't work worth a hoot.

[You can view full results for the 2018 Pavement Ends rally here.](#)



# VIR Hoosier Super Tour—April 13



While many Hoosier Super Tour events are well attended, the more than 500 drivers at VIR made this the biggest Hoosier Super Tour weekend ever. But why is the VIR event so massively interesting to SCCA racers this time around?

The answer: VIR is the venue for this year's 56th SCCA National Championship Runoffs®.

Inclement weather played a role during the first of two days of Hoosier Racing Tire SCCA Super Tour activity on the 18-turn, 3.27-mile Virginia International Raceway. Friday practice and qualifying sessions at the event hosted by SCCA's North Carolina Region were wet, with threatening storms bringing an early end to the opening day.

For the nearly 500 drivers competing across 28 classes in nine different race groups, Saturday morning brought hope as sunshine poked through scattered clouds. However, the rain came back with a vengeance in late morning, though it slowly diminished as Saturday races came around.

Early in the afternoon, the 70-car Spec Miata field also took to the track in wet conditions. Several competitors spun into the grass on the first lap, bringing out a full-course yellow. Polesitter Nicholas Bruni had the lead, followed by Brian Henderson and a host of skilled, proven drivers. But at the restart, Bruni pushed wide going into Turn 1, and Henderson grabbed the lead.

In keeping with what has become a tradition on the Hoosier Super Tour, volunteers, competitors, crews and families gathered on Saturday night at the All-Participant Party to share a meal and good comradery. It was a pleasant respite prior to a second day of Hoosier Super Tour racing.

Following on the Rain Soaked Hoosier Super Tour Event at VIR this past weekend, one of the things that Danny Steyn would love to see changed is to improve visibility in rain races. Unlike SCCA, NASA mandates that every car has a bright red central light on the rear of the car. During the qualifying sessions in low viz conditions, it was so easy to see the cars with the NASA rain light, compared to our SCCA cars that were almost invisible unless they went to the brakes. I almost ran into the back of a car going slowly through the uphill esses. Maybe others will agree.



# Street Survival Volunteers Needed



The Tire Rack Street Survival school is a safe teen driving program designed to go beyond today's required driver's education minimums and give teens across the U.S. the driving tools and hands-on experience they need to become safer, smarter drivers. Schools are designed to give each student trained, qualified in-car driving instruction as well as valuable classroom experience.

Volunteer Trainers are needed for the September 21 Tire Rack Street Survival which will be hosted by the Detroit Region SCCA at the [Fowlerville Proving Ground](#). By the end of the day, you can be proud that you have helped pass along your driving experience to a group of new drivers giving them a greater safety margin when they return to the road.

If you would like pass along your driving experience to a group of new drivers, [please click here](#) to volunteer as an instructor.

Students are paired with an experienced instructor who will help them learn the application of driving physics, how to make good driving decisions and react more quickly, how to be more aware behind the wheel, and how to anticipate the actions of other drivers.

By the end of the program, each student will have more confidence in their own ability behind the wheel and a greater safety margin when they return to the road.

## Solo Season Opener, April 14, 2019

Thanks to Patrick Barber, Marcus Merideth, Greg Anthony, Ken Weidbusch, Ed Arthur and Jeremiah Mauricio for setting up today. (Aldo Parodi).

Thanks to the people who braved the rain and cold to autocross at MIS yesterday. I'm still not sure why live timing isn't showing all times, so hopefully that can be figured out for future events, but they're all here in the final results:

Final: <http://drscca.org/livetiming/final>

PAX: <http://drscca.org/livetiming/pax>

A couple of videos: <https://youtu.be/jt99JoTq0Co?t=32>

<https://youtu.be/jcL81YVR-lk>

## Drive into Spring, April 27, 2019, Schoolcraft College

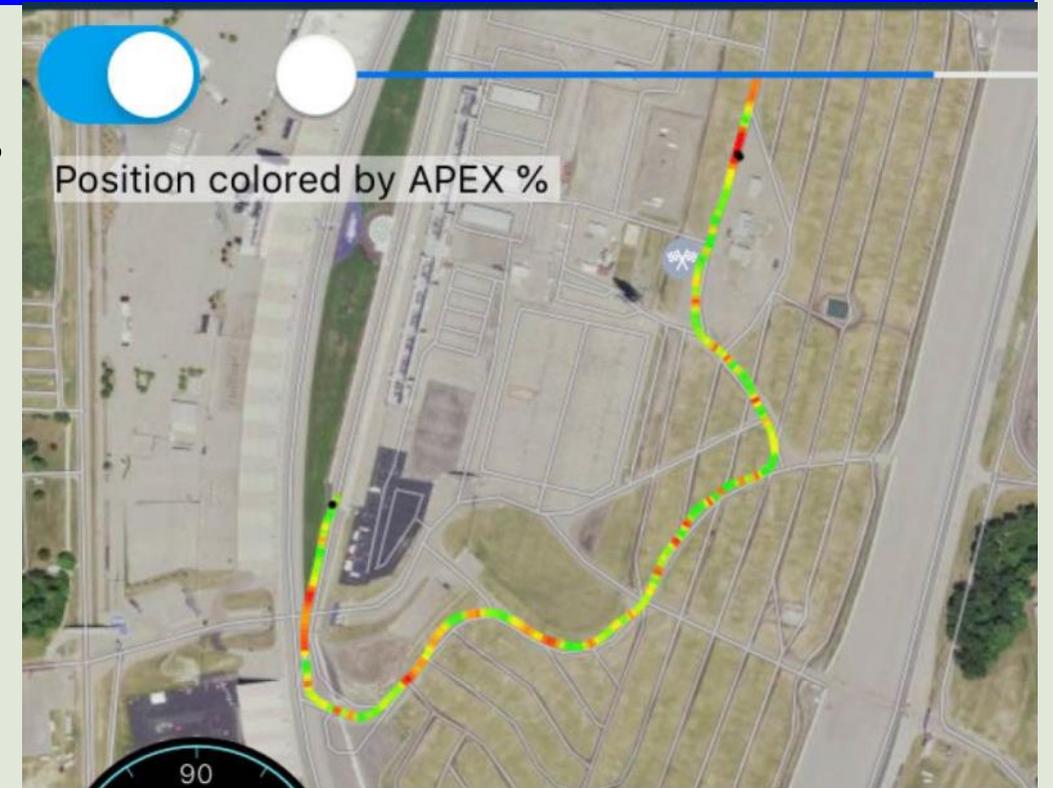
Photos by Garrett Gloceri

## Memorial Day Solo, May 27, 2019, MIS

Results

Photos by Morgan Dykshorn

[Solo Season Calendar with past results.](#)



**Required inside wheel up photo!**





# Solo School Instructors needed



I'm looking for instructors for this year's Solo School! The Solo School is at the end of June this year (6/28 - 6/29), so I'm making the call for instructors very early in the hopes of getting onto people's calendars now. I'm looking for at least 30 instructors.

There is a Friday classroom session for the students, followed by driving exercises on the pad on Saturday. I'll need your presence for Saturday, though I do encourage you to come to the Friday classroom session too. Like last year, Saturday will be run like a little mini-solo with 60 drivers with four heats in the morning and four heats in the afternoon. Each instructor will have two students, either in Groups A/C or B/D. Each heat is 50 minutes, and you will have time to relax in the off heats. Every instructor will get 2 worker points worth \$10.

Most of these students are going to be very green, so don't worry if you're not the kind of driver who is fighting for top PAX at all of our events. If you're the kind of person who would be willing to hop into a novice's car at a regular event and give a few pointers, you're the kind of person I'm looking for! Students will be matched up with instructors familiar with their type of vehicle, and there's enough flexibility that we can shuffle instructors around if need be.

If you would rather not instruct (I know some folks get motion sickness when riding in the passenger seat) but would still like to help out with event setup, teardown, and generally running the Saturday driving session, I could use your help too. The MSR page has a signup for volunteer workers in addition to driving instructors.

[Sign up here on MSR](#)

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me—[John Li](#)

The school is followed on June 30 by the Summer Heat Solo.



# 2019 Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo Event Schedule



The schedule is subject to change, but the complete [2019 Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo](#) calendar rundown is as follows:

- March 29-31:** [Tire Rack Crows Landing ProSolo](#); Crows Landing, California  
*NASA Crows Landing Airport*
- April 5-7:** [Tire Rack Fontana ProSolo](#); Fontana, California  
*Auto Club Speedway*
- April 12-14:** [Tire Rack Grenada ProSolo](#); Grenada, Mississippi  
*Grenada Municipal Airport*
- May 3-5:** [Tire Rack New Jersey ProSolo](#); East Rutherford, New Jersey  
*MetLife Stadium*
- May 23-25:** [Tire Rack Spring Nationals ProSolo](#); Lincoln, Nebraska  
*Lincoln Airpark*
- May 31-June 2:** [Tire Rack Texas ProSolo](#); Mineral Wells, Texas  
*Mineral Wells Airport*
- June 14-16:** [Tire Rack Peru ProSolo](#); Peru, Indiana  
*Grissom Aeroplex*
- June 28-30:** [Tire Rack Blytheville ProSolo](#); Gosnell, Arkansas  
*Arkansas Aeroplex*
- July 19-21:** [Tire Rack Packwood ProSolo](#); Packwood, Washington  
*Former Hampton Lumber Mills Packwood*
- August 2-4:** [Tire Rack Oscoda ProSolo](#); Oscoda Township, Michigan  
*Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport*
- Aug 30-Sept 1:** [Tire Rack ProSolo Finale](#); Lincoln, Nebraska  
*Lincoln Airpark*



# Michigan Turn Marshals Schedule for 2019



MTM Event	Dates	Event	Venue / Location	Region / Group	F&C Contact
	Mar 30 – 31	F&C and Safety Training	I.M.S.		
	Apr 6	LEC Seminar & Safety Day	Mid-Ohio	LEC	Bill Armitage
√	Apr 13 – 14	Open Track Day (OTD)	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Apr 20 – 21				
√	Apr 27 – 28	Drivers/Flagging School	Waterford Hills	SCCA_DET, WHRRRI	John Lisiecki
√	May 3 – 5	Driver's School & Race	GingerMan	VSCDA	
√	May 4 – 5	Race Weekend #1	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	May 8 – 11	Formula SAE ®	M.I.S.	SAE Intl, SCCA_DET	Cindy Wisner
√	May 18 – 19	SCCA Majors	GingerMan	SCCA_SBR/DET	John Lisiecki
√	May 25 – 26	Race Weekend #2	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	May 31 – Jun 2	Detroit Grand Prix	Belle Isle	IndyCar, IMSA, TA, Trucks	John Lisiecki
√	Jun 9	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jun 15 – 16				
	Jun 22 – 23	Longest Day of the Year	GingerMan	NASA_Great Lakes	
√	Jun 22 – 23	SCCA Double Regional	Grattan	SCCA_WMR	Karen Crider
√	Jun 23	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Jun 29 – 30	Race Weekend #3	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jun 29 – 30	The Cure for Gingervitis	GingerMan	24 Hours of LeMons	

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√	Jul 14	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Jul 20 – 21	SCCA Double Regional	GingerMan	SCCA_SBR/DET	John Lisiecki
√	Jul 26 – 28	Vintage Weekend	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jul 27 – 28	Time Trial Nat'l Tour	GingerMan	SCCA	
√	Aug 3 – 4	Race Weekend #4	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Aug 10 – 11	SCCA Majors	Grattan	SCCA_WMR	Karen Crider
√	Aug 16 – 18	Vintage Weekend	Grattan	VSCDA	
	Aug 24 – 25	ChumpCar Endurance	GingerMan	ChumpCar	
√	Aug 25	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Aug 31 – Sep 1	Race Weekend #5	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Sep 7 – 8				
	Sep 14	Empire Hill Climb	Empire		
√	Sep 22	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Sep 28 – 29	Race Weekend #6	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Oct 5 – 6				
	Oct 8 – 13	Natl Championship Runoffs	V.I.R.	SCCA	
	Oct 12 – 13	Where the Elite Meet to Cheat	GingerMan	24 Hours of LeMons	
√	Oct 13	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem



# Time Trials Program



In case you missed it, SCCA has launched a new [Time Trials Program](#), with a new philosophy aimed at delivering a “best of” motorsports experience. Last year we piloted the concept and having gotten a 98% “I would do this again” rating from participants at Time Trials Nationals, we decided to take the show on the road.

[Read about TT Nationals here.](#)

The show is the Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials National Tour and our second stop will be at Pittsburgh International Race Complex, April 26 - 27 - [click here](#) for event details, registration information and more!

But wait, who is this for? In short, you. If you have done a few Track Nights and want to see how you do against a clock, or if you have autocrossed and always wanted to get on track, or if you just want a fresh motorsports challenge, this event is for you. You don't have to have a race car, you don't have to have a special license, you just need an SCCA full or weekend membership, a driver's license, a track-worthy car, an approved helmet, and \$275.

Not ready to take the wheel just yet? This event is still for you. The SCCA Time Trials program is all about creating access to motorsport, whether you want to drive, help out or just check it out, our gates are open to you. Bring friends, bring family. We encourage camping and, of course, everyone is invited to the Saturday Night Party, present by Hagerty.

Speaking of, The SCCA TT National Tour is approved for on-track insurance from our friends at Hagerty! Always a good idea, but particularly if you are going to be driving your daily driver, Hagerty coverage protects the car you love, should things on track not go 100% according to plan. More info here: <https://www.hagerty.com/Insurance/Track-Day-Insurance>

We are super excited about this program, not just because it is a ton of #funwithcars, but also because we believe that SCCA Time Trials can and will be a part of a greater change in motorsports. A change that can bring more access to tracks and events, more fun to drivers, friends and fans and more connection between programs, Regions and cultures. If you want to be a part of the community that drives the sport, we have a seat for you.

Heyward Wagner—Sr. Director of Experiential Programs