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2008 UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Sep 11 **Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Uptown Sports Bar & Grille
6601 Uptown Blvd NE
- Sep 5/6 CVAR—TWS
- Sep 27/29 RMVR—Pueblo Enduro, Pueblo, CO
- Oct 9 **Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Uptown Sports Bar & Grille
6601 Uptown Blvd NE
- Oct 18/19 RMVR—High Plains Raceway, CO
- Oct 30/Nov 1 CVAR—TWS
- Nov 1-2 SWMS—SMP (Albuquerque)

2008 SWMS EVENT SCHEDULE

SWMS Road Race at Sandia Motor Speedway

November 1 & 2, 2008—SWMS

GENERAL MEMEBERSHIP MEETING & BOARD MEETING

Future SWMS Board of Directors and General Membership meetings will be in the rear meeting room at the **Uptown Sports Bar & Grille, 6601 Uptown Blvd NE** (a block or so west of Louisiana on the north side of the street), 6:30 p.m., second Thursdays of each month.

The next meeting will be on **September 11th**

Ramblings from the registrar

What a GREAT race we had in August!!! ProAutoSports came over from Phoenix and the Karters were there (total of 33 for both days, and 3 for one day only, and SWMS had a record number, also...we had a total of 78 vehicles on Saturday, and 82 on Sunday!!! WHEE!!!

If there is ANY possibility that you might be able to join us November 1 - 2, please sign up...it is easier and faster to pull your packet if you can't make it, than having to stop and make out one at registration, and slow everything down... which in turn slows down tech inspection, and keeps timing and scoring from being as accurate as it can be.....

Now we have some time off until our next race , so get those cars fine tuned!!!

Marci Luders
SWMS registrar

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Volunteers, stand proud and be noticed. Do you realize it takes up to 30-35 minimum volunteers to help support a regular SWMS race weekend. These positions cover **Flag and Comm**, out on the corner stations flagging during all race sessions, best seat in the house; **Pit and Grid** organizing the cars for their outlap and, during the race, unusual situations requiring attention; **Head Communicator**, from the tower covering all aspects of communication for the event with **Stewards** and **Flag and Comm**.

Also we have **Tech** where before the races the tech inspectors ensure each and every car meets the safety requirements of their track session, be it race or lapping.

Let alone there is **Registration**, a very big(**huge**) job ensuring everyone has paid and gets their credentials for the weekend. Volunteers, you have to visit Registration for your lunch ticket/dinner ticket and volunteer Worker Bucks and, last but not least, Volunteer Awards! Total power!

Think about **Timing and Scoring(T/S)**. Did you ever wonder how we can keep track of the leaders with a 30 car field? We have a computer system that keeps track of each car with a transponder. (Computers are great but still need "human" intervention, so T/S helps watch a computer, along with and a great race) Then T/S ensures Pit and Grid knows the grid layout for the races.

Consider being a **Steward** having control over rule enforcement as the race progresses, and as the race progresses, supporting the **Head Communicator** with track assignments for safety, ambulance and corner safety.

How about that **Announcer "dude"**. Someone has to ensure all race groups get adequate time to report to their grid. Someone needs to ensure the sponsors are mentioned. Someone needs to ensure that everyone in the PADDOCK is grinning!

Lastly consider being a **Race Chair**. WOW, what a job! All the authority/responsibility for a race weekend WHOA, it isn't that difficult. What are REWARDS? The REWARD is 2 race sessions paid on the track. Everyone should jump at this opportunity! Work with the great SWMS volunteers

to develop a "theme" race weekend and with the sponsors to ensure a good time for everyone. Work with a delegated crew to ensure dinner is on time and beers are cold. NO PRESSURE. Smile, you have a great group of SWMS volunteers to ensure everyone is appointed to their tasks.

Please consider that to have Vintage Racing in Albuquerque we need to have a lot of race volunteers and OH, by the way, we need the **RACERS**. Volunteers want to watch quality racing, SO DRIVERS....! Volunteers let me know what you can do to help support the best Vintage Racing in NM.

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Track Sputtering by Bob McNeill

The recent DeutschMarque Classic is in the history books as a great event! Thanks to all those who helped make it a success and especially to our generous sponsors, [Maurer's Collision](#) and [Porsche of Albuquerque](#), and associate sponsors [Russ Kelso's PMCI, Inc.](#), [Visions of Power Web Design](#), [The Unser Racing Museum](#), and [Grubb and Ellis Property Solutions](#). We had a record car count and enough participants to put SWMS on the road racing map with many open wheel, vintage, and contemporary cars and large run groups in each category. We even had a sizeable number of shifter karts. Over the past eight years, SWMS has encountered some difficult times that are largely due to our sparsely populated region. But our club is now more of a presence in road racing circles, and the August event brought more participants from outside our immediate area than we've seen since the joint SWMS/RMVR event at Sandia in the year 2000. Racing great Bobby Unser joined us Saturday afternoon, and an article about our event is planned for an upcoming issue of *Victory Lane*.

Considerable efforts have been made since the 2000 SWMS/RMVR joint event at Sandia to attract RMVR members to return to Albuquerque. Rising fuel costs haven't helped, of course, and the Sandia road course requires more than the usual track time and practice. Some of the RMVR folks haven't stopped grumbling since the 2000 event that included a few serious incidents resulting from inexperience on the road course. But our members continue to race at other tracks and encourage drivers in those events to come to Albuquerque. An upcoming RMVR event is now going to be held at the recently reopened Pikes Peak International Raceway (PPIR) on October 18-19, and a number of SWMS members are planning to participate and continue to spread the word about SWMS.

The Sandia road course does have some issues, as does every track, and financial limitations have made needed improvements difficult. Our board is discussing ways to strengthen Sandia and to contribute to needed track improvements by working collaboratively with other clubs and groups that use the road course. One such alliance

involves SWMS and SCCA, and an event now in the planning stages for May 2-3, 2009, with the Rocky Mountain Division of SCCA would include both SCCA rules governed run groups and SWMS run groups. Larry Haynes, a leader in both SCCA and SWMS, is spearheading the event, and the effort has objectives that go beyond the May event. A New Mexico road racing organization that includes SWMS and SCCA will strengthen both groups, and will increase our collective ability to assist Sandia improve its road course and allow the full 1.7 mile road course at Sandia to meet SCCA requirements.

The next SWMS event will take place November 1st and 2nd at Sandia, and the weather and temperature will be perfect for racing. Be there!

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