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The official newsletter of the Winnipeg Sports Car Club

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Gimli Motorsports Park Asphalt Resurfacing Project

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Club Information

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Welcome

This edition of The Aficionado summarizes our 2018 club events and collects together information from our club forums. Thank you to everyone that contributes to and maintains the forums. Check them regularly for the most up-to-date information on club activities: <http://forums.wscc.mb.ca>.

Please distribute this newsletter to anyone that is interested in joining, participating or volunteering with the Winnipeg Sports Car Club. Please email any updates, corrections or suggestions regarding this newsletter to: khilash@mac.com.

Our first event of 2019 is Ice Racing that starts now in January and continues on into early March. Then, in April, look for our cars in the Winnipeg Sports Car Club booth at the 45th Annual World of Wheels from April 12 to 14, 2019 in the RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

This year we will continue the asphalt resurfacing of the road race track and autoslalom area at the Gimli Motorsports Park. See the details inside of how you can help.

Thank you to all the volunteers that spend their time running the club and our events. Also, thank you to the sponsors that provide funding to help us put on our events. Please support the sponsors you see in the newsletter.

Club Sponsors

Thank you to all the organizations that sponsored the club in 2018, your support was very much appreciated!

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Club Memberships

For membership applications and renewals, the following link will take you to the 2019 WSCC membership page at MotorsportReg.

This is the same website used by the majority of the clubs in our region for memberships and event registrations:

www.motorsportreg.com/events/wscc-annual-membership-2019-winnipeg-sports-car-club-617935

If you have any questions regarding your membership, please email: membership@wscc.mb.ca

2018 FIRE ON ICE RACING TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

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MURDOCK ROAD WATER SKI POND - WINNIPEG
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH,
 PRACTICE / QUALIFYING @ 11AM
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH,
 RACING @ 12PM - RACE #1

MURDOCK ROAD WATER SKI POND - WINNIPEG
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH,
 PRACTICE / HOTLAPS @ 12PM
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST,
 RACING @ 12PM - RACE #2

MURDOCK ROAD WATER SKI POND - WINNIPEG
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD,
 PRACTICE / HOTLAPS @ 12PM
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH,
 RACING @ 12PM - RACE #3

CRESCENT LAKE - PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
 DOUBLE HEADER RACING WEEKEND
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH,
 RACING @ 12PM - RACE #4
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH,
 RACING @ 12PM - RACE #5

GIMLI ICE FESTIVAL - GIMLI
 DOUBLE HEADER RACING WEEKEND
 SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD,
 RACING @ 12PM - RACE #6
 SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH,
 RACING @ 12PM - RACE #7
 (RUBBER AND STUDDED ENDURO)

Volunteers are always needed, please contact cstewart9653@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

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2018 Ice Racing Results

Ice Racing held events in 2018 on Lake Shirley (water ski pond) in Winnipeg, Crescent Lake in Portage la Prairie and Lake Winnipeg in Gimli.

2018 WSCC Ice Racing Results			
Class	1 st	2nd	3 rd
Studded	Lee McRae	Mat Léveillé and Al Marcoux (co-drivers)	Bill Langner
Rubber to Ice	Damon Surzyshyn	Mike Demchenko	Jared Halpin
Rookie of the Year	Trevor Hudey		

2018 Autoslalom Results

Autoslalom held events in 2018 at the St. Andrews Airport and at the Gimli Motorsport Park on the area just south of the road race track and on the road race track itself.

2018 WSCC Autoslalom Results		
Class	1st	2nd
Novice Division	Roberto Ercole	Jason Tran
Street Division	Curtis Janzen	Chris Magne
Mixed Division	Corey Dyck	Allan Ball
Modified Division	Benjamin Vander Zaag	Shawn Clarke
Volunteer of the Year	Rob Rurak	
Cone Killer	Brian Wiebe	

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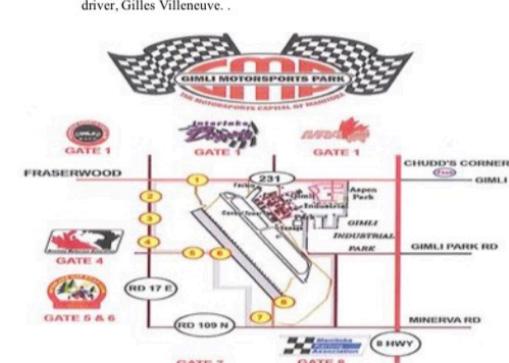
2018 Road Race Results

Road Racing held events in 2018 at the Gimli Motorsport Park in Gimli, Manitoba.

2018 Echelon Cup (Mazda vs Honda Challenge)	
Class	1st
Team	Team Torque Nut
Individual	Al Marcoux

2018 WSCC Road Racing Results			
Class	1st	2nd	3rd
Formula Ford	Murray Burkett	Doug Friesen	
Formula Continental	Wayne Schellekens		
ST5	Damon Hill	Bill Langner	Pete Loewen
PTE	Don Schmidt	Mike Demchenko	Jordan Sharples
PTF	Al Marcoux	Clint Sharples	Damon Surzyshyn
ST2	Sean Gyuk		
Vintage	George Abrahams	Johnny Armatas	

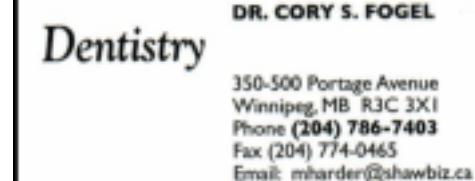
2018 WSCC Road Racing Awards	
Worker of the Year	Dane Demarco, Jeff Bergen, Chris Hudson
Garbage Can	Steve Leiding
Club Champion	Al Marcoux
Rookie of the Year	Kelly Volsky
Lawn Maintenance	Wayne Kehler
Best Engineered	Billy Langner
Long Service Award	Chris Boettcher
Driving Skill	Johnny Vandorp



2018 Time Attack Results

Time Attack in 2018 held events on both Saturdays and Sundays of the road race weekends at the Gimli Motorsport Park and more than doubled the number of entrants to previous years.

2018 WSCC Time Attack Results			
Class	1st	2nd	3 rd
Time Attack	Gary Cummins	Martin Wasik	Phil Duaduadua
Rookie of the Year	Daniel Mohart		
Fastest Lap	Chris Boettcher (1:00.933)		



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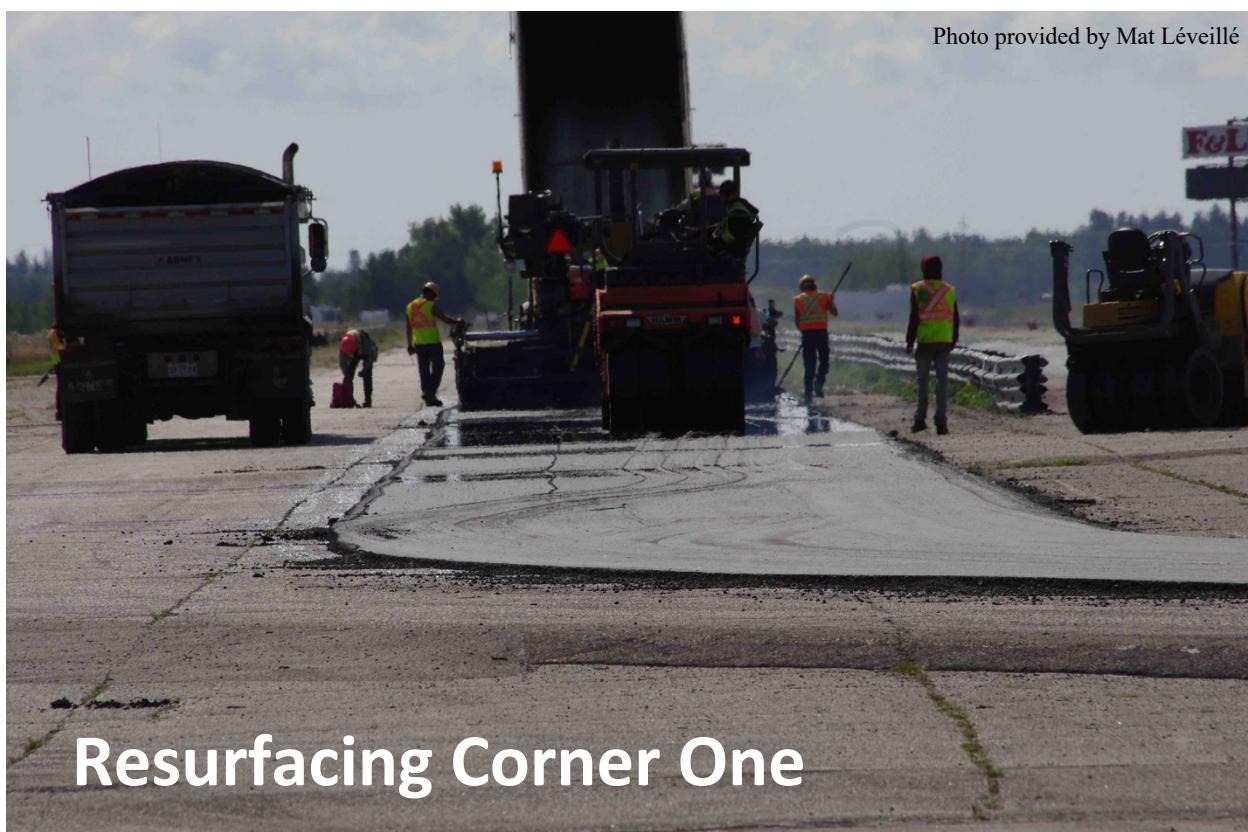
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GMP Asphalt Resurfacing Project

In 2018 the Winnipeg Sports Car Club (WSCC) initiated a project to begin resurfacing the asphalt at the Gimli Motorsports Park (GMP) road race track using funding from the WSCC's capital improvement fund, the Province of Manitoba Community Places Program as well as borrowing funds from the Gimli Community Development Corporation.

This funding allowed us to complete the repair and resurfacing of corners one and three from the beginning of the braking zones right through to the end of the corners. In these areas the existing track surface was prepared by grinding down the bumps, filling in dips and cracks and cutting out and repacking the base to permanently fix problem areas. The surface was then sprayed with bonding agent and two inches of fresh asphalt was laid over top. The result was an enormous success with the racers and it is now desired to resurface the remaining portions as soon as possible. A big thank you to Superior Asphalt Paving Co. Ltd. for working with us!

In 2019 the plan is to continue the project and at a minimum repair and resurface corners six, seven and eight, the main straight bump as well as make repairs to the area just south of the road race track that is used for autoslalom and race schools. Additional work will be done depending on the amount of funding that is raised. Last year the Community Places Program matched the amount of money the WSCC put into the project. We can apply to this same program again in 2019 and if we are successful and they match the money we raise then this potentially doubles the amount we have to spend on the repairs and resurfacing.

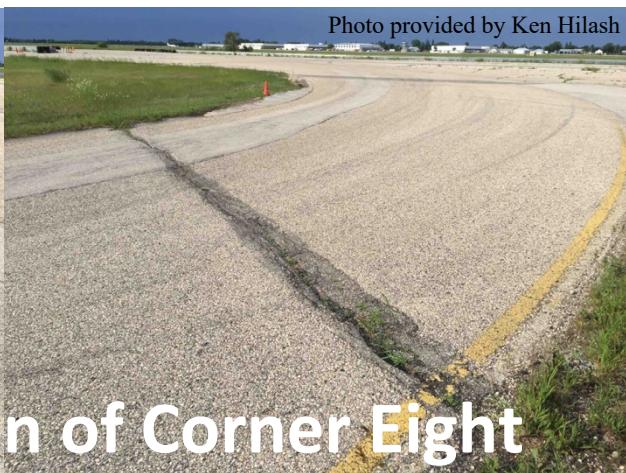


The Gimli Motorsports Park is located in Gimli, Manitoba, Canada. Gimli is on the shore of Lake Winnipeg and is a popular summer tourist destination. The GMP is the only sports car road race track in Canada between Alberta and Ontario and this combined with its extensive heritage attracts drivers from long distances. Many world-famous drivers have raced at the GMP during their careers including Canadian racing legend Gilles Villeneuve, Indy 500 winner Bobby Rahal and F1 World Champion Keke Rosberg and the list goes on and on. The GMP has recently hosted cars and drivers from six Canadian provinces, four US states and Europe at WSCC events.

Repairing the GMP race track will preserve the heritage of the track. In addition to legendary drivers that have raced there over the years, the GMP is also where the famous "Gimli Glider" landed in 1983 when an Air Canada passenger plane ran out of fuel and glided to a landing at the GMP during a Winnipeg Sports Car Club race weekend.

The GMP road race track is 1.3 miles long and currently has two configurations allowing for 8 or 9 corners. Built in 1973 the GMP is 46 years old and the race track and facilities are now showing their age. Over the years, the WSCC have patched and repaired portions of the track to maintain it however after more than four decades it is time to repair and resurface the entire track. Portions of the race track surface are very bumpy and abrasive with drop-offs at the track edge in some corners. The bumps and cracks need to be repaired, the entire race track resurfaced and curbs added to the corners. The curbs and track edges then need to be painted using specific race track paint that has the same grip level as asphalt even when it's raining.

The Winnipeg Sports Car Club is a non-profit corporation and at 67 years is Canada's oldest continuously operating sports car club. Since 1952 the WSCC has organized motorsport events in and around Winnipeg and since the 1970's primarily at the Gimli Motorsports Park. These motorsports events are sanctioned by the Western Canada Motorsport Association in affiliation with ASN Canada FIA and includes road racing, time attack, autoslalom, track days, high performance driving education (HPDE) race schools as well as ice racing in the winter. From May to October every year the WSCC brings thousands of visitors to Gimli for sports car racing while the GMP also hosts motorcycle racing, drag racing, private rentals and kart racing that bring thousands more.



Current Condition of Corner Eight

The GMP road race track was designed in 1972 by three people: George Chapman (an original founder and first president of the WSCC, also the 1966 Canadian Racing Driver Champion and inducted into both the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame and the Manitoba Motorsports Hall of Fame), Bob Hanna (at the time the CEO of Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs) and Ron Lyseng (at the time the WSCC Race Director). Two government officials, Barry Waller from Manitoba Highways and Bob Gemmel from the Gimli Industrial Park, were also there to offer advice and approve the design.

Ron Lyseng said "In actual fact, much of the track designed itself. The agreement we negotiated with the province stated they would only lay asphalt on the runway and pre-existing gravel sub-base remaining from the old RCAF pilot basic training triangle. They would not excavate or lay new base."

"From the middle of Corner One to the middle of Corner Eight, all track asphalt is installed on pre-existing gravel base. You can easily see the vegetative difference between pure prairie soil and gravel base if you look at Google or any aerial photo or walk the track perimeter."

"We swerved from one side to the other and pushed the limits of those narrow gravel strips as much as possible, and that's the track we ended up with. It's really not too bad, considering the circumstances."

Original Gimli Track Design

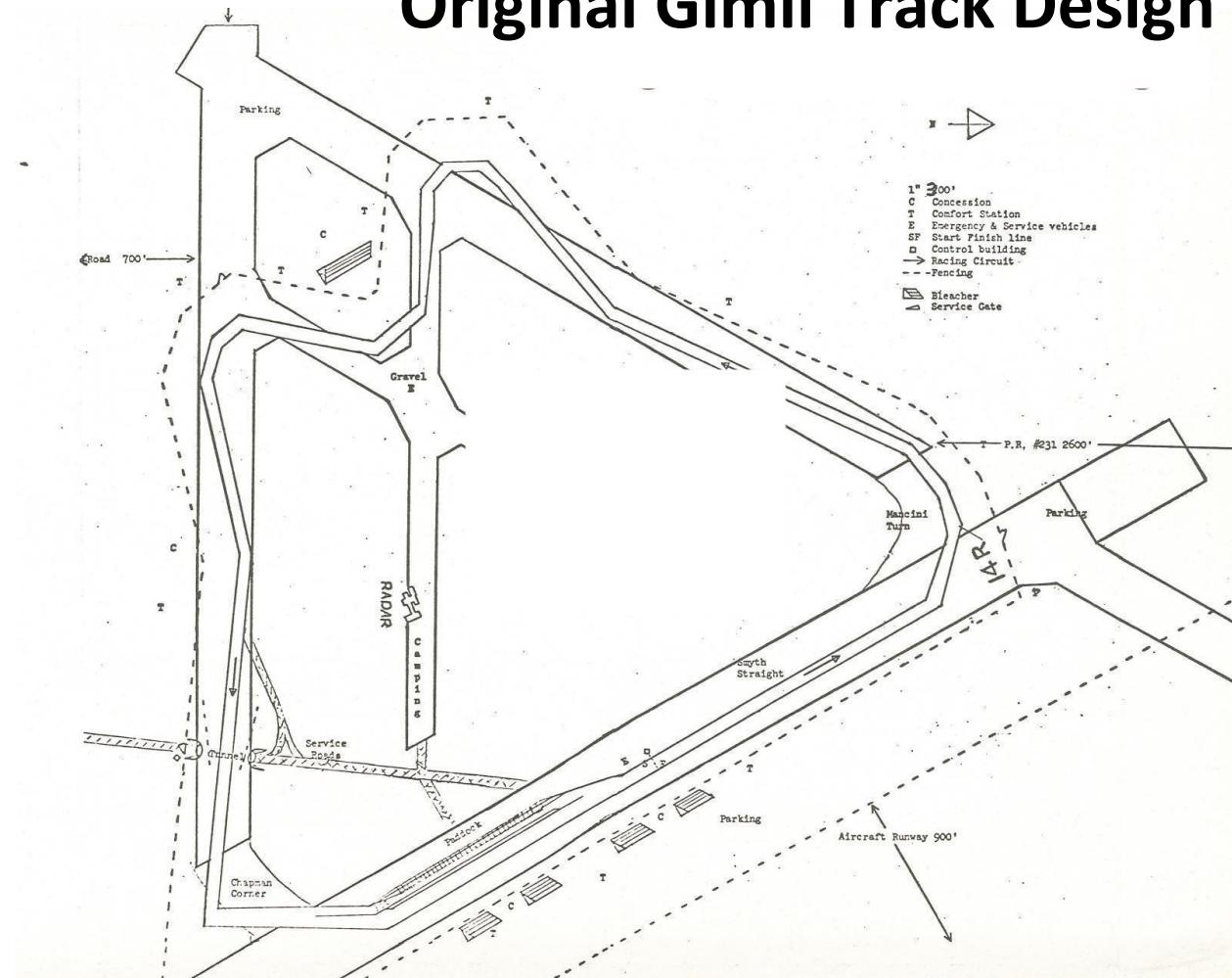


Diagram provided by Mike Adams

The GMP is very important to the WSCC as approximately 75% of the revenue required to run the club is generated by events held at the GMP. After over four decades it is time to bring the road race track back up to the condition it deserves as a premier road race track. The permit for the WSCC to use the GMP has been extended to 10 years until 2029 and increased from 6 to 8 events per year. This long-term commitment means the WSCC will be able to use and enjoy the track repairs and resurfacing for at least the next decade.



Photo provided by Mat Léveillé

Resurfacing Corner Three

The WSCC would like to ask all current and former members to each donate \$1,000 to the GMP road race track asphalt resurfacing project. Usually the only costs associated with being a club member are your annual membership dues and event entry fees. This is a one-time special request where you can make a difference in preserving road racing in Manitoba and allowing the club to continue to attract local and out-of-town racers for many years to come.

Also, making a donation will actually save participants money. We have already seen that the repairs and resurfacing at corners one and three have eliminated the excessive abrasiveness of the track surface and significantly reduced tire wear. This means you will save significant money on your annual tire budget. Also, the repairing of the bumps and cracks and having a smooth track surface means less wear and tear on your cars saving additional money on repairs.

Donations can be made by cheque and given to the club Treasurer, Chris Boettcher, at any of our events or meetings. Cheque can also be mailed to the club at WSCC Box 672, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2K3. Please make all cheques payable to "Winnipeg Sports Car Club".

If you are willing to donate an amount that has five or six digits (\$10,000 and over or \$100,000 and over) then the club president will drive to your location and pick up your cheque making it as easy as possible for you to donate.

Many sporting clubs will apply a special assessment on club members however with this request there is no obligation. This is a big ask and not everyone can afford \$1,000 but that is not a problem. Please donate any amount that you can as it all adds up.

Alternatively, you can ask your employers if they are willing to donate in exchange for an advertising sign at the GMP that will be viewed by thousands of car enthusiasts. Another option is to ask any companies that you do business with as they may be willing to sponsor \$1,000 or more in exchange for advertising signage. The GMP is a large facility and there are many options for large and small advertising that we can consider. Please feel free to provide a copy of this article to any potential sponsors to let them know about the project and the donation opportunities.

If you have any questions about the GMP asphalt resurfacing project or would like your cheque to be picked up then please contact the club President, Ken Hilash at president@wscc.mb.ca or 204-952-3001.

Donations to the Gimli Motorsports Park Asphalt Resurfacing Project can be made by cheque and mailed to:

**Winnipeg Sports Car Club
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**Or give them to the club Treasurer,
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- January 5th - Winter HPDE, Test and Tune, Lapping
- January 6th - Ice Race #1
Lake Shirley, Water Ski Pond - Winnipeg MB
- January 19th - Test and Tune, Open Lapping
January 20th - Ice Race #2
CPTC Complex - Beausejour, MB
- February 2nd - Test and Tune, Open Lapping
February 3rd - Ice Race #3
Crescent Lake - Portage La Prairie, MB

- February 16th - Ice Race #4
Wonderful Winter Weekend - Winnipeg Beach, MB
- March 2nd - Ice Race #5
March 3rd - Season Finale, Ice Race #6
Gimli Ice Fest - Gimli, MB

Location and dates are
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for schedule and
updates.



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2019 Ice Racing HPDE

Unleash your inner speed demon at Winnipeg Sports Car Club's Ice Racing Competition Licensing School! Spend a weekday evening of classroom instruction, and a full day of track time at Lake Shirley learning how to take yourself and your car to the limit on ICE in a safe, controlled environment!

Whether you intend on doing open ice track days or ice racing, or just want to learn advanced car control techniques, this is the event for you! This event is also a prerequisite for attaining your Ice Race License. A 2019 Winnipeg Sports Car Club annual membership is included with registration:

www.motorsportreg.com/events/2019-wscc-ice-competition-license-school-hpde-lake-shirley-winnipeg-248450

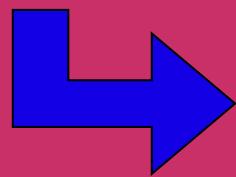
2019 WSCC Ice Racing High Performance Driving Education (HPDE)		
Classroom	Track Day	Classroom Content
<p>Wednesday, January 2, 2019 6:00pm to 9:00pm Aalto's Annex Canad Inns Transcona 826 Regent Avenue (at Plessis Rd.) Winnipeg, Manitoba</p>	<p>Saturday, January 5, 2019 9:00am to 3:30pm Lake Shirley Water Ski and Wakeboard Pond 365 Murdock Rd. Winnipeg, Manitoba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Car Control – Cornering – Basic Car Prep – Appropriate Driver Gear – Flags and Related Visual Aids

2019 Ice Racing

Five different venues in 2019 will be used for ice racing including the ice oval at the Canadian Power Toboggan Championship venue in Beausejour, MB:

2019 WSCC Ice Racing Schedule			
January 5, 2019	Saturday	Winnipeg, MB	Water Ski Park: Race School and Test n Tune
January 6, 2019	Sunday	Winnipeg, MB	Water Ski Park Race Day
January 19, 2019	Saturday	Beausejour, MB	Cdn Power Toboggan Championship Venue
January 20, 2019	Sunday	Beausejour, MB	Cdn Power Toboggan Championship Venue
February 2, 2019	Saturday	Portage la Prairie, MB	Crescent Lake
February 3, 2019	Sunday	Portage la Prairie, MB	Crescent Lake
February 16, 2019	Saturday	Winnipeg Beach, MB	Lake Winnipeg, Wonderful Winter Weekend
March 2, 2019	Saturday	Gimli, MB	Lake Winnipeg, Gimli Ice Festival
March 3, 2019	Sunday	Gimli, MB	Lake Winnipeg, Gimli Ice Festival

For more information on ice racing see the club website <http://www.wscc.mb.ca/ice-racing/> and the ice racing section on the club forum: <http://forums.wscc.mb.ca>.



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2019 Road Race Schedule

The 2019 Winnipeg Sports Car Club road race schedule at the Gimli Motorsports Park has already been set. Please use the following dates to plan your racing season:

2019 WSCC Road Race Schedule	
May 3 to 5, 2019	High Performance Driving Experience (HPDE), Race School, Test & Tune
May 24 to 26, 2019	Road Race #1
June 21 to 23, 2019	Road Race #2
July 26 to 28, 2019	Road Race #3 WCMA Runoffs
August 16 to 18, 2019	Road Race #4 CMW Vintage Weekend
September 20 to 22, 2019	Road Race #5 Season Finale

For more information on road racing, please visit the road race website <http://www.wscct.mb.ca/road-race/> and the road race section on the club forum: <http://forums.wscct.mb.ca/index.php?/forum/9-road-race-general-discussion/>

2019 Track Day Schedule

We are very excited to offer another split discipline event on May 3rd, 2019. One full day of open lapping on the road course and a chance to challenge an Autoslalom course all in the same day at the same venue. For only \$100 participants are free to come and go between courses as they please all day. Instructors will be present on both sides of the track. This a great opportunity to try something new!

2019 WSCC Track Day Schedule		
May 3, 2019	Friday	Track Day #1
May 24, 2019	Friday	Track Day #2
June 21, 2019	Friday	Track Day #3
July 6, 2019	Saturday	Track Day #4
July 7, 2019	Sunday	Track Day #5
July 26, 2019	Friday	Track Day #6
August 16, 2019	Friday	Track Day #7
September 20, 2019	Friday	Track Day #8
October 5, 2019	Saturday	Track Day #9

For more information on track days and their requirements please visit the hot lap section on the club forum: <http://forums.wscct.mb.ca/index.php?/forum/51-hotlap-discussions/>

2019 Executive

The Winnipeg Sports Car Club held its Annual General Meeting on November 22, 2018 and the following are the Officers and Directors for 2019:

2019 Winnipeg Sports Car Club Officers and Directors		
President	Ken	Hilash
Vice President	Jennifer	Bell
Secretary	Brian	Wiebe
Treasurer	Chris	Boettcher
Past President	Darin	Wach
Race Director	Mat	Léveillé
Race Deputy Director	Scott	McDonald
Ice Race Co-Director	Jordan	Sharples
Ice Race Co-Director	Stephen	Leiding
Time Attack Director	Ian	Stecyk
Time Attack Deputy Director	Brooke	Tuchscherer
Autoslalom Director	Corey	Dyck
Autoslalom Deputy Director	Tim	Robinson
Rally Director	Jared	Halpin
Drift Director	Vacant	
High Performance Driving Education (HPDE) Director	Darin	Wach
Steward	Jay	Funke
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