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# Welcome to the 28th!

Dear Visitors:

Welcome! We are celebrating the 28th anniversary of the very first Grand Prix Festival this year! Many of the original volunteers and attendees will be on the streets during the event helping to celebrate the racing heritage of our beautiful Community. It's been just a mere 25 years for me – I remember that event like it was yesterday!

Alfa Romeo is this year's feature as we honor the 73rd anniversary of the first post-World War II road race in the United States – held right here in Watkins Glen. To see an impressive collection of Alfas, be sure to visit Lafayette Park – one block east of Franklin Street between Fourth and Fifth streets. The cars should arrive from their Tour de Marque rallye at around 2 p.m. to park on display.

The Tour de Marque rallye is one of five that will arrive in the village throughout the day. You'll also see displays of memorable cars at the Concours d'Elegance at Watkins Glen State Park and the Concorso Speciale at Community Bank.

We are honored to announce that the legendary Brian Redman will be serving as this year's Grand Marshall. A partial list of his wins includes five times at the Spa-Francorchamps, three wins each in the SCCA Formula 5000

Championship, Nurburgring and the Daytona 24 Hours, as well as twice at Sebring, Österreichring and the Monza 1000, and many other wins including the Watkins Glen 6 Hours, the Targa Florio, and on and on!

Always a favorite with the fans at Watkins Glen, the Legends Speak, presented by the International Motor Racing Research Center, will give you an opportunity to spend an hour "Up Close and Personal" with the great Brian Redman. It will once again take place from 3-4PM in the gazebo in Lafayette Park.

The SVRA vintage race cars will roar into town at 4:45 p.m. to park on display on Franklin Street. "Pre-Race" ceremonies will be held at 5:45 p.m. in front of the courthouse and the Grand Prix Race Tribute cars will fire up their engines at 6 p.m. The rest of the action for the evening is throughout the village as our local pubs and eateries welcome you to their establishments.

Experience a day filled with memories – from racing's earliest days in Watkins Glen to the new ones you'll be building with us.

Welcome and enjoy!

In the Spirit of the Sport,



Marianne Marts

Management Team Leader



Peter Giddings in Nuvolari's Alfa Romeo

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# GENEROUS SPONSORS FUEL OUR FESTIVAL

The Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival, presented by Chemung Canal Trust Company, would not “return to the streets” without our family of sponsors. We hope you will help celebrate their dedication by visiting their businesses and thanking them for their support!

- **Chemung Canal Trust Company**, headquartered in Elmira with branches in Watkins Glen and Montour Falls, is the presenting sponsor of the festival. Chemung Canal Trust Company is the oldest locally owned and managed community bank, dating back to 1833.
- **Corning, Inc.**, and the **Corning Museum of Glass**, located just off Route 414 in Corning, sponsor the Corning Concours d’Elegance. The Corning Museum of Glass is an area “must-visit,” with new exhibits and lots of hands-on fun!
- **Cayuga Health System**, uniting Schuyler Hospital in Montour Falls and Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca, provides integrated health services and advanced care for the Central Finger Lakes Region. Cayuga Health sponsors the Stone Bridge Driver Laps of the Old Course.
- **Watkins Glen International**, on County Rt. 16, sponsor the Tour de Marque and Opening Ceremonies for the Grand Prix Tribute. WGI hosts the U.S. Vintage Grand Prix on the weekend following the festival and helps the festival with great logistical support! The present world-class racetrack grew directly from the Watkins Glen street racing we celebrate with this event!
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- **Community Bank**, with a branch at Fourth and Franklin Streets, sponsors the Community Bank Concorso Speciale and hosts the Lane’s Yamaha Motorcycle Rallye, presented at Community Bank. Community Bank provides friendly, full-service banking!

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- **Hagerty Classic Car Insurance**, located in Traverse City MI, is the Official Classic Car Insurer of the Grand Prix Festival. Hagerty also offers classic boat insurance. Stop by and see their booth on the Courthouse Lawn!
- **Lotus of Western NY**, located in Amherst, sponsors the Lotus Owners of NY (LOONY) Lotus Rendezvous. They have beautiful new and pre-owned Lotus vehicles ready to roll!
- **Glenora Wine Cellars**, north of Watkins Glen on Rt. 14, sponsors the very popular Glenora Run. Glenora helped start the festival as its very first sponsor! Visit the winery, the Inn At Glenora, and Veraisons Restaurant for a gourmet meal and view of Seneca Lake!
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- **Top Of The Lake Restaurant**, Penn Yan, the gathering place for the Lakewood Vineyards Trip To The Top event.
- **Schuyler County**, for our use of the Courthouse Lawn and other strong support.
- **Village of Watkins Glen**, for the use of Franklin Street and other important help.

- **International Motor Racing Research Center** on Decatur Street in Watkins Glen sponsors and produces "The Legends Speak" in Lafayette Park.
- **Smalley's Garage**, on Franklin Street, the location of the Technical Inspection Reenactment.
- **Specchio Motors**, on Franklin Street, generously donates space for our Festival Headquarters each year.
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By **TERRIE SAUTTER**

The Grand Prix Festival offers free shuttle bus service and parking for spectators again this year. Use the shuttle and simplify parking and accessing the excitement downtown!

Free parking is available at the Clute Park Community Center on Route 414, just east of downtown Watkins Glen. Spectators and volunteers can park and board the shuttle to get closer to the event sites along Franklin Street and reduce walking and downtown traffic. This is the only location for shuttle parking.

Additional passenger drop-off and pick-up sites along Porter Street will be located on the east side of Lafayette Park, site of the Tour de Marque display featuring Triumph and near the Middle School Apartments. These sites are for bus passenger pick-up and drop-off only, with no parking. Spectators can get on or off at any location. Programs are available on the shuttle bus.

Utilization of this service helps to reduce traffic flow in the village and make parking and road traffic easier for everyone.

The free shuttle will run from 1:30 p.m. until the streets re-open at 8 p.m. The last run will be at 9 p.m.

Watch for yellow signs directing traffic to parking areas and at pick-up and drop-off points.



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The relationship between Chemung Canal Trust Company and Watkins Glen goes back more than 185 years with the completion of the Chemung Canal, “the waterway.” The canal allowed barges to move coal, lumber, and agricultural products from the Chemung River in Elmira to Seneca Lake at Watkins Glen and then northward to the Erie Canal, so the goods could make their way into the world market. The waterway contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of the Southern Tier.

The New York State Legislature approved the formation of our bank in 1833, in an effort to assist businesses and residents with their accumulation of wealth resulting from the opportunity to ship goods to a larger and more diverse market through the canal system.

At that time, land transportation was just beginning to gear up. Stagecoach lines were still thriving. The steam-propelled locomotive had made its maiden voyage from Albany to Schenectady only two years earlier. It was 27 years before the pony express reduced mail delivery from months to days. And the first gasoline-powered automobile was still 52 years down the road.

Today, as we celebrate more than 70 years of racing in Watkins Glen, Chemung Canal Trust Company has grown from humble beginnings into a \$2.4 billion, full-service financial institution. With 31 offices located in 13 counties in New York and Bradford County, Pennsylvania, Chemung Canal is meeting the financial needs of families, businesses and organizations in the cities, towns, and villages within our footprint.

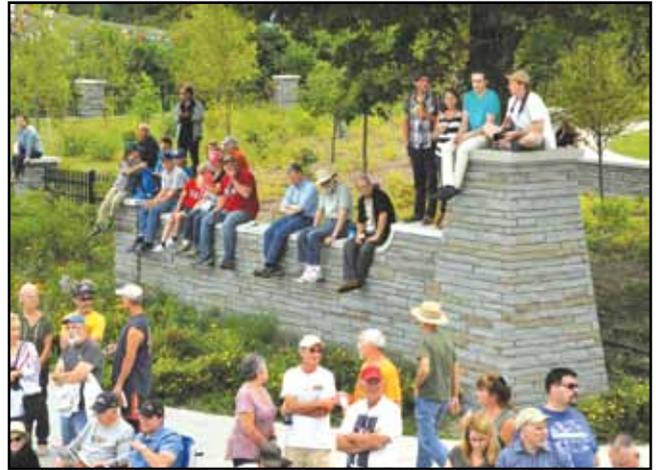
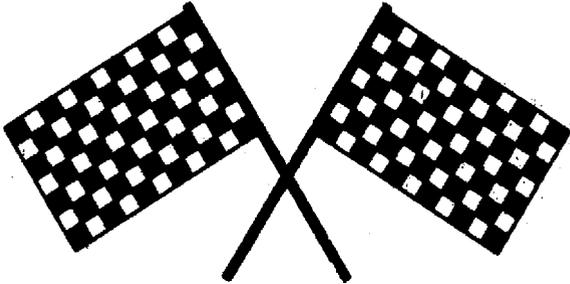
While much has changed since our founding, one principle has remained the same—the importance of providing quality products and services, combined with superior customer service to our clients and communities. This “high touch,” personal service philosophy is what sets us apart from our competition.

We take our responsibility as a community leader seriously and are pleased to continue our support of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival, highlighting the importance of racing within the history of our region.

As you enjoy the sights and sounds of this one-of-a-kind event, we encourage you to experience the life we live every day in the beautiful Finger Lakes—tour the wineries, sample the food, visit museums, take a walk through the state park, stop at our local businesses and enjoy the friendly hospital-

ity that makes our region one of the premier tourist destinations in the world!

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# Young Man's Dream Puts Glen on Racing Map

The story is well-known: A young man from Youngstown, Ohio, who spent summers with family in the Watkins Glen area, looked at the village and the surrounding countryside and envisioned a European-style sports car race through the streets and on nearby rural roads.

Local community leaders listened and liked what they heard. So, too, did national sports car owners.

Seventy-one years ago, on Oct. 2, 1948, Cameron R. Argetsinger's vision was fulfilled when a green flag signaled the start of a venture that would evolve over the decades into the International phenomenon of racing in Watkins Glen. A field of 23 cars entered the first race of the day, a qualifier for the highly anticipated feature race, the Watkins Glen Grand Prix. They raced on a challenging 6.6-mile circuit made up of village, state, town and park roads made of asphalt, cement and dirt.

The Junior Prix was a four-lap race. Fifteen cars would make it to the starting grid for the 8-lap, 52.8-mile Grand Prix. Ten cars finished the race.

Frank T. Griswold Jr. of Wayne, PA, driving a 1938 Alfa Romeo 2900 B, won both races.

Racing continued on the streets, attracting ever-increasing crowds, through 1952. Tragically, a young Watkins Glen resident was killed and several people were injured when a

car hit spectators at the start of the second lap. The race was stopped.

Competition moved to a temporary course in 1953, and a 2.3-mile permanent road course was built in 1956. The following year, the Glen hosted its first professional race, a NASCAR Grand National Stock Car event won by Buck Baker over Fireball Roberts.

True international competition, one of Argetsinger's foremost goals, began in 1958 with the running of a Formula Libre race.

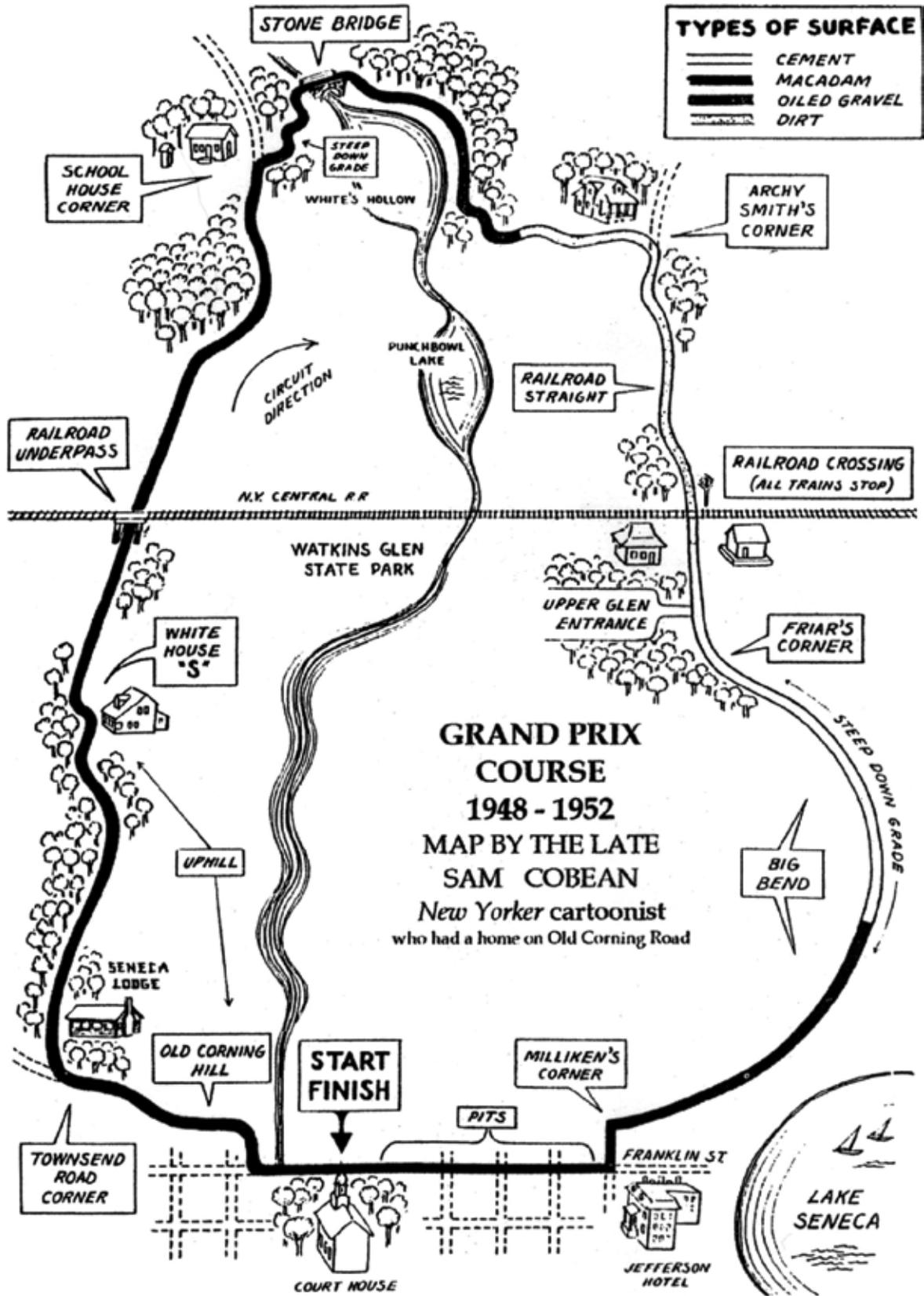
Formula I was among the many racing series thrilling race fans over the years. Watkins Glen would be the home of the U.S. Grand Prix for 20 years, from 1961 through 1980.

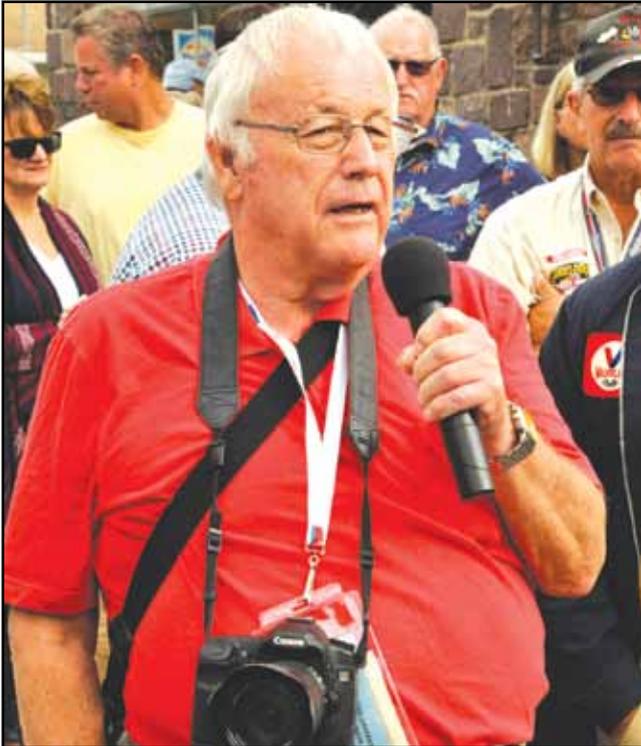
Facing financial problems, from 1981 through 1984 only a few SCCA events, which were not open to the public, were run at the track.

A renovated and renamed race track opened in 1984. As Watkins Glen International it has hosted a variety of professional and amateur racing competitions, including SVRA, NASCAR, SCCA, IMSA and IndyCar.

Watkins Glen International three times has been selected by fans as the best track in NASCAR's Monster Energy Cup series and just a few weeks ago once again hosted the Go Bowling at the Glen NASCAR race.







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# Lotus Cars Gather for ‘Something Magical’



It's this same community that brings us together each year to join other motor racing enthusiasts at the base of Seneca Lake in early September for the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival. We rejoice in renewing our friendships from past years while forging new ones on top of sun-soaked asphalt.

We encourage you to find out, in person, what it's like to be a Lotus owner. Stop by our lot next to the Elmira Savings Bank, and start building some lifelong friendships with a bunch of fanatics devoted to "adding lightness" and great conversation.

And if you could bring some quick dry for our oil spills, we'd be doubly appreciative to meet you!

## By BRIAN VACCARO

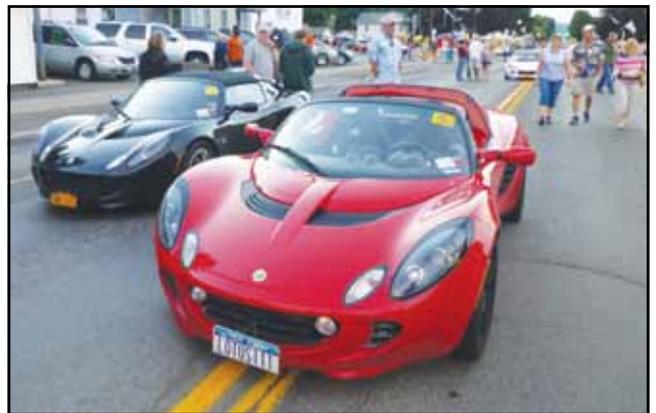
Lotus owners often joke about the unreliability of their cars. One joke, in particular, states that a club only exists because the cars need to travel in a pack to help with the eventual breakdown. While Lotus may have earned that reputation back in the 1960s through the '80s, today's cars couldn't be further from that truth. The Toyota-powered cars are as reliable as their donor cars. So, why get together in a club and attend breakfasts and other events?

It's the people.

There's a certain unassuming humbleness that comes from a person who chooses to buy a niche car assembled by turnip farmers in England. Most of us aren't outwardly proud to own them, and most of us don't discuss our Lotus fueled addiction with non-Chapman enthusiasts. That's not to say we don't own a plethora of Lotus-branded clothing, because we certainly do!

But there's something magical when a group of Lotus owners come together. The conversation always starts with the usual jokes founded on the inevitable suffering we each endure to own the cars we love so much. But, eventually, conversation turns towards camaraderie.

This camaraderie is the foundation of the Lotus Owners of New York (LOONYs) and Lotus, Ltd. We show up each weekend at an unremarkable diner, just to spend time with one another. Or we travel hours upon hours, each year, just to renew our vows of friendship at our annual national meetup.

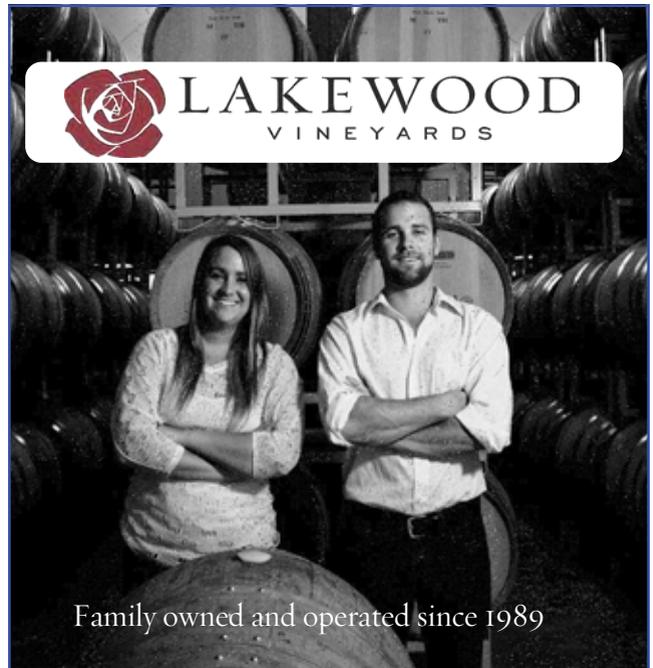


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By **TERRIE SAUTTER and CARL D. BENSON**

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The event is open to sports and classic cars that represent automobiles aimed at the spirit of sports car driving. A cross-country grand tour featuring pretty roads, great twisties, beautiful vistas, the occasional waterfall and stops to view the beautiful views is highlighted by three dynamic pace laps of the Watkins Glen International race track's long course. Drivers cap the day at Grist Iron Brewing Co. by

enjoying the Gears and Growlers Sports Car Rendezvous evening experience.

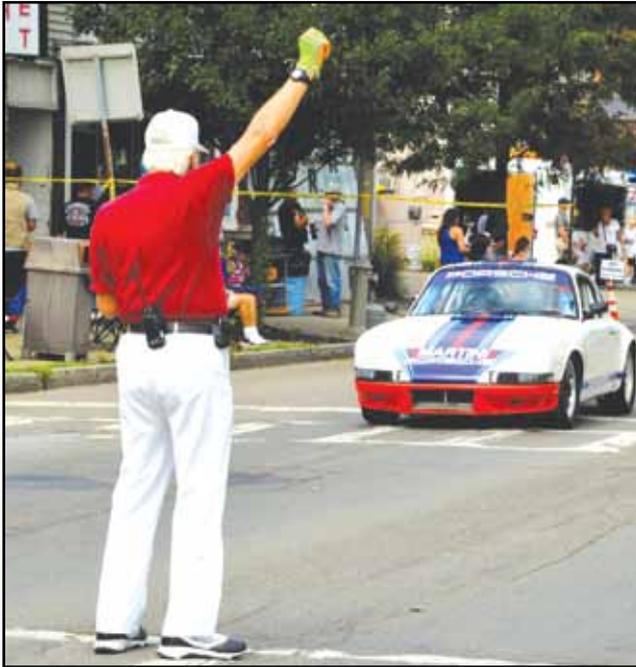
The original 1948 6.6-mile road course is the root of our existence! Therefore, for your pleasure and historic significance, drivers are given a special route sheet to include only the original 1948 course. This allows everyone to completely enjoy the rich Watkins Glen history of United States road racing at an unscheduled enjoyable pace.

Add it up: one sports car + one each driver and navigator + the Grist Iron Brewing Co. + the historic, original 6.6-mile 1948 road course + Watkins Glen International's on-track lap experience + the Grist Iron Brewing Grand Ramble Tour & Gears & Growlers event + a special event dash plaque and a Growler of delicious beer = one full day in the fantastic Finger Lakes for drivers! How's that for distinctive fun and value?

Don't wait, this event fills quickly. Register now online at [www.grandprixfestival.com/Stone Bridge Drivers Events](http://www.grandprixfestival.com/Stone Bridge Drivers Events) or call Michaela at (607) 535-3003.



The advertisement features a blue header with the Maguire logo, a stylized 'M' inside a circle. Below the logo, the word "MAGUIRE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath the text, a row of five vehicles is shown on a gravel surface against a sunset background. From left to right, the vehicles are: a red pickup truck, a grey SUV, a dark blue SUV, a red SUV, and a green SUV. At the bottom of the advertisement, the website "MaguireCars.com" is displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font on a dark blue background.

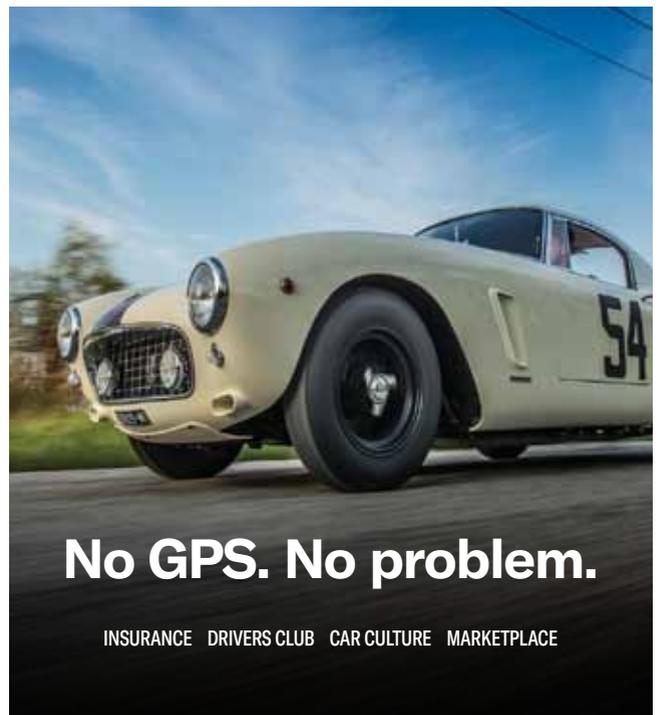


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# Join the Stone Bridge Drivers Crew



**By CASEY CREAMER**

More than 600 sports and special interest street cars enter our Stone Bridge Driver events each year. As they each get their chance to drive the Old Course, they become the stars of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival, and are a great tribute to the birth of road racing in the USA.

If you want to observe just how much fun a bunch of Stone Bridge Drivers can have, just show up anywhere on Franklin Street between 1 and 4 pm and watch as the fun commences. Warning, if big smiles frighten you, look away because you will most likely see the biggest collection of large grins and huge smiles you have ever seen in one place at one time.

If you consider yourself a gearhead and have a car or motorcycle that you think is cool, then one of your motoring goals for 2022 should be to become one of our Stone Bridge Drivers. Just join any of our Stone Bridge Driver events

for which you qualify: the Founders' Tour, the Glenora Run, the Tour de Marque, the Concours d'Elegance, the Sporting Roadster Tour, the Glenkhana, the Concorso Speciale, the LOONY Lotus Rendezvous, the Lane's Yamaha Vintage Motorcycle Rallye and the FLX Alfa Romeo Trip to the Top for the Thursday before the Friday Grand Prix Festival. We also extend the fun to May with our Grist Iron Brewing Grand Tour. Perfect timing for those who need an excuse to get their cars out of winter hibernation.

Keep in mind that the featured marque for 2022 will be Mustang. That means that the FLX Trip to the Top and the Tour de Marque will both feature Mustang.

Share the fun and exhilaration of our magnificent Festival – where the participants and their cars are the focus. Enroll early, as limited openings fill quickly.

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# The Legends Speak

By KIP ZEITER

The Festival is pleased to welcome back to the Legend's stage one of racing's most popular and engaging personalities, Brian Redman. In a career that spanned the 1960's, 70's and 80's Redman competed...and won...at every level of professional motorsport. Racing in the World Sportscar Championship, he won the 1970 Targa Florio, 4 Spa 1000km events (1968-70 and 72) as well as the Sebring 12 Hours



twice (1975 and 78). Closer to home, co-driving with Jo Siffert, he won the Six Hours at Watkins Glen in 1969 and finished 2nd in 1970 partnering with Siffert again.

"Brian Redman wins again" was an oft-used phrase as he won the SCCA Formula 5000 championship in 1974, 75, and 76 and the IMSA GT championship in 1981. He also competed in Formula One for 7 years racing for Williams, Surtees, McLaren, BRM and Shadow. All that plus 15 appearances in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Clearly, he has done it all!



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# Tech Inspection Reenactment at Smalley's

Clipboard in hand, she notes if the car has a fire extinguisher. Does it have a safety harness? A roll bar? How do the wheels look? And that exhaust system, is it OK?

All these items are on a long list reviewed by "Flossie Smalley," aka Jennifer Sweet, during the Smalley's Garage Tech Inspection Reenactment first thing in the morning of the 2019 Grand Prix Festival.

Located at Smalley's, still at 204 S. Franklin St. since opening in 1941, the Tech Inspection Reenactment is a popular event for both spectators and the owners of vintage cars who hand over their vehicles for "Flossie's" scrutiny.

Florence Smalley, who owned Smalley's Garage with her husband, Lester, was involved with race car tech inspections from the first competition in 1948. In the first year, inspections were done at the various local gas stations and garages along Franklin Street. William F. Milliken Jr., George B. Weaver and Florence together checked the cars. As the entries grew in 1949, it was recognized that a better-organized central location was needed for inspection.

The Smalleys offered their garage and gas station, where they did general auto repairs and sold foreign cars. Famous marques of the time, which were sold and maintained, included MG, Morris Minor, Triumph, Renault, Riley and Citroen.

Even today, Smalley's Garage remains the place to go for foreign sports car repair, and the small, stone-faced building looks much the same today as it did in those early years.

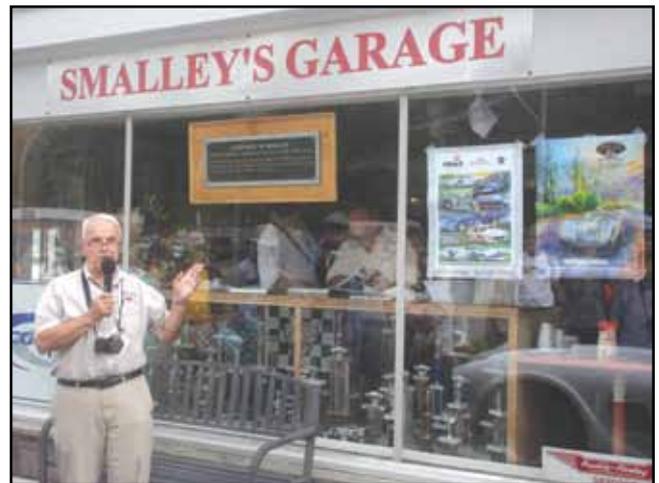
A large tent would be erected behind Smalley's in which the race car inspections were carried out. The cars were routed behind the garage and then through the tent in two lines. Passing through several "stations," the cars were checked for safety equipment, appearance, proper numbers and mechanical soundness. If all tests were passed, an "OK" sticker was placed on the car and it was ready.

Even after 1952, when cars no longer raced through the streets, race car inspection continued at Smalley's Garage, until it was moved to the track in 1962. The tech inspection procedure established by Florence and Alfred Momo is still being used today in Sports Car Club of America sports car racing.

Visit the original showroom and enjoy the historic memorabilia on display. See the large metal plaque that was placed in the old tech inspection building to honor Florence, who passed away in March 1967. The plaque reads: "Florence Weaver Smalley Technical Garage, Technical Inspector 1948-1960."

During the 1998 Grand Prix Festival, a Drivers Walk of Fame stone was placed in front of the garage in honor of Lester Smalley, who drove at Watkins Glen in the 1956 Glen Classic.

Lester drove his last race at the dirt track in Dundee at the age of 82. He died in August 2004.



# Motorsports Fans Urged to Visit IMRRC

International Motor Racing Research Center – not sure what that means? Racing archives? Sounds academic and a bit dull – and dusty. Not so!

In the words of a recent visitor to the Center, “This is a great place trying to preserve the history of all forms of motor racing. It is a must-see attraction and deserves all the support the racing community can give!”

In 1948, Cameron Argetsinger initiated the first post-WWII American road race in the little Finger Lakes village where his family had a summer home—and the rest, as they say, is history. That first race through the streets of Watkins Glen and the roads of Schuyler County led ultimately to the construction of Watkins Glen International, a world class race track that has hosted nearly every sort of racing event from Formula I to NASCAR.

In 1996, as local leaders and Watkins Glen International officials began to discuss how to celebrate the 50th anniversary of racing in Watkins Glen, Jean Argetsinger, Cameron’s wife and longtime Watkins Glen Public Library board president, proposed an addition to the library that would allow



expansion of its small but excellent collection of motor racing books. Once again, in Argetsinger- and Watkins Glen-style, this initial gesture has resulted in a world class organization, respected throughout the motorsports community.

The mission: to collect, preserve and share the global history of motor racing. Does this mean lots of papers and books? Yes, but so much more.

No longer limited to books, the Center’s international collection includes nearly 5,000 volumes; hundreds of audio recordings; periodicals dating back to the 1930s; thousands of slides, photographs, negatives and films; race programs from around the world; trophies, artwork, models, race results, and much more. The Sports Car Club of America archives are housed at the Center, as well as the archives of Chris Economaki’s seminal National Speed Sport News.

The founders of the IMRRC knew they wanted the look and feel of a library.

Exhibit space was important, including space for a race-car. Wide double-doors accommodate the rolling in and out of display cars—dozens of different cars since the Center opened in June 1999. “On the Grid” now is 1975 McLaren M23/9 driven by Emerson Fittipaldi.

Past displays have included a wide variety of automotive beauties including Poison Lil, a Maserati built in 1936 that led the very first lap at Watkins Glen in the 1948 Junior Prix; a 1957 Indy Roadster; a Phil Hill Ferrari; a Mark Donohue Sunoco Eagle; a 1968 Shelby Mustang, Walt Hansgen’s Jag-

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Do you have a vintage car you’d like to know more about? Are you writing an article on some aspect of motor racing? Just looking to settle a bet? The Center provides access to their extensive motor racing history collections and to material in the SCCA archives to patrons throughout the world through its research services program.

In addition to the archives, the Center offers a variety of free public programs about the rich history of motorsports. In 2022, the Center looks forward to a reprise of its regular calendar of special events including its annual model car show, the “Center Conversations” lecture series on a wide variety of topics in motorsports, and the Michael R. Argetsinger Symposium on International Motor Racing History.

The Center is a not-for-profit organization, funded by member support, corporate sponsorships, grants, income from an endowment, as well as by fundraising activities, including an annual car sweepstakes and an awards ceremony, each year honoring a motor racing great.

This year’s honoree of the seventh annual Cameron R. Argetsinger Award for Outstanding Contributions to Mo-

torsports is Lyn St. James. The Award honors recipients for advancing and improving the sport. St. James embodies the spirit of the award, crowning her success as a pioneering woman racer by reaching back and creating opportunities for others. Past award recipients include Mario Andretti, Jim France and the France family, Chip Ganassi, Roger Penske, Richard Petty and Bobby Rahal.

The Center earns a significant portion of its operating revenue via its annual car raffles and sweepstakes. This year’s sweepstakes features a Red Mist Metallic 2021 Corvette Stingray Convertible with the Z51 performance package. Tickets are available on the Center’s website for the drawing of the winner on December 21, 2021.

To become an IMRRC member, join our sweepstakes, or for more information on motor racing history and the Center, visit [racingarchives.org](http://racingarchives.org). Have questions? Give them a call or – better yet - stop in to visit! There’s lots to see. Come swap stories with the staff and watch short films about Watkins Glen’s rich racing history. The International Motor Racing Research Center is located at 610 Decatur Street, Watkins Glen. Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information can be found at [racingarchives.org](http://racingarchives.org).

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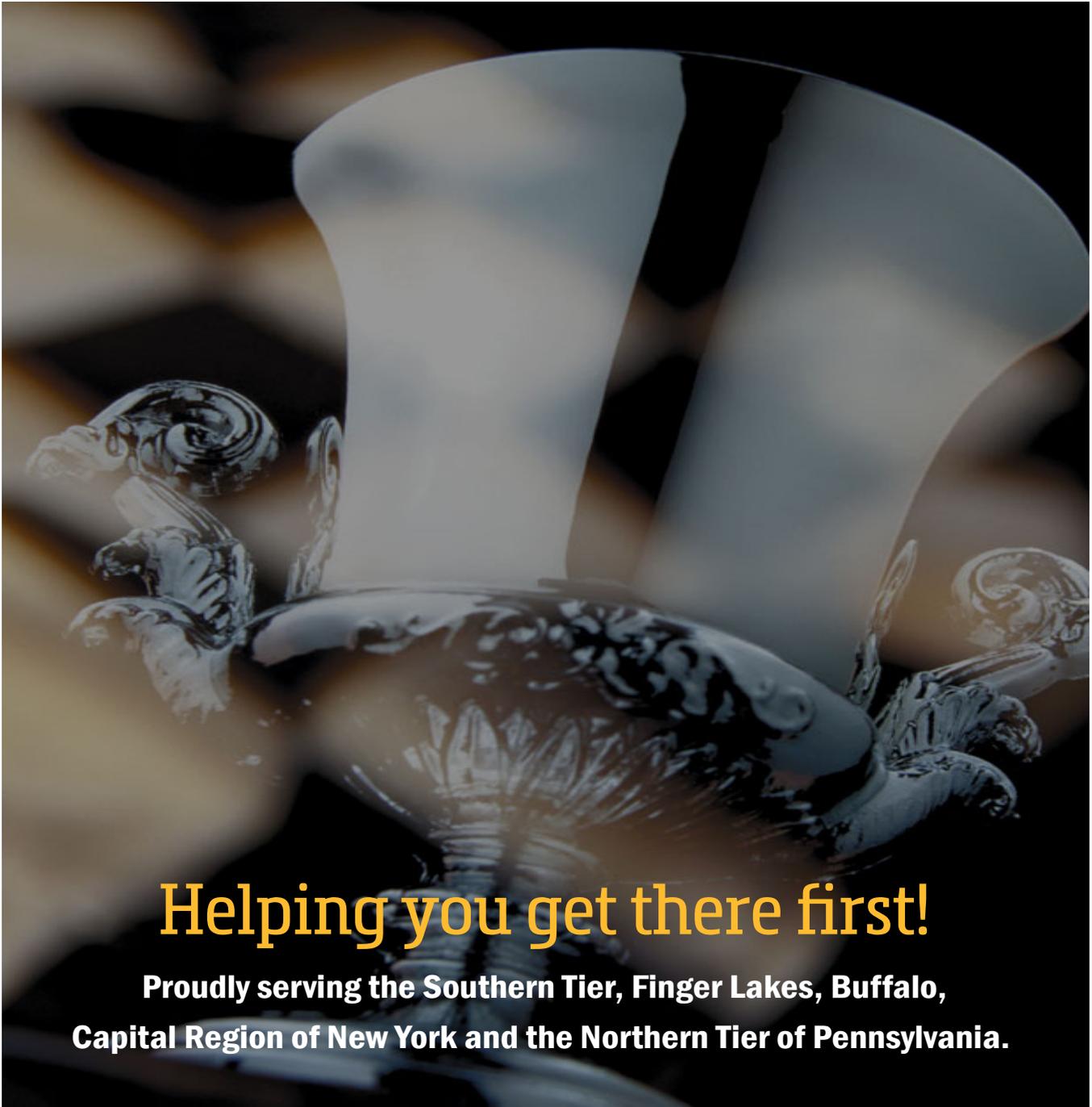
The beauty of nature and the elegance of man come together with the Watkins Glen State Park as the setting for the Corning Concours d'Elegance.

Judging is performed in accordance with basic Concours rules of historic accuracy, beauty of line and preparation.

At the Concours, we continue to make special efforts to display a wide variety of the types of cars that were present during the early years of racing at Watkins Glen. The selection process allows for rare and unusual cars that may have the patina of age, as well as fully restored cars.

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# The Glenora Run

By **TERRIE SAUTTER**

Imagine - Driving your own sports car down into Watkins Glen and rounding Milliken's Corner to the cheers of hundreds of spectators – on the same roads that Denver Cornett, John Fitch, Otto Linton, Bill Milliken, Sam and Miles Collier drove at speed – now that's exciting!

THAT is the experience that brings all of the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen Stone Bridge Driver events close to the hearts of so many sports car enthusiasts!

That thrill spread like wildfire and the Glenora Run - the first Stone Bridge Driver event - was soon joined by seven other driving events, all of which have roots in the Glenora Run.

Early Friday morning, while downtown Watkins Glen is still preparing for other Festival events to begin, 100 vintage sports cars gather at Glenora Wine Cellars. Drivers and navigators prepare for a lively drive with twists and turns through several counties – this is Glenora Run!

Stone Bridge Driver events are unique; car show participants rarely have the opportunity to drive their cars as part of the event. In Watkins Glen, that's the *raison d'être*: as the first Stone Bridge Driver event, Glenora Run honors the "vintage" aspect of the Festival by including only vehicles that are built pre-1986.

Glenora Run rallies depart Glenora Wine Cellars on one of three different 50- to 75-mile rally-style routes, and driver and navigator test their skill (and relationship) as they watch for checkpoints, follow clues and answer questions. All routes converge in Montour Falls to be staged for a lap through the Schuyler Hospital Seneca View Nursing Facility parking lot – aka the Seneca View Chicane. The Seneca View parking lot lap has become a highly-anticipated tradition for drivers as well as the residents and staff who wave



racing flags and cheer on the drivers – remembering days past when similar cars raced through the streets of Watkins Glen.

Then, it's on to Watkins Glen State Park's Hidden Valley for lunch. After lunch and awards, "Glenora Runners" take to the streets again for two laps of the old course. For many participants, this is the most significant part of the day - to re-trace the route that the original race cars followed from 1948-52. All Stone Bridge Drivers share the thrill that Briggs Cunningham, Cameron Argetsinger, and others felt on these country roads. It can be a little tricky to navigate the historic course, as Denver Cornett discovered entering the Stone Bridge that now bears his name and heading out the other side, but ending up in the stream below.

After the excitement of laps of the old course, Glenora Run cars assemble on the streets of Watkins Glen for spectator review until the day's events are over.

The Glenora Run is much enjoyed by the participants and registration fills early. Along with the other Stone Bridge Driver events, the Glenora Run is just another reason the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen is one-of-a-kind in sports car circles, nationwide.



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## Founders' Tour 2021

By **CARL D. BENSON**

The Founders' Tour, sponsored by *Ryan William Vineyard*, in Burdett NY, 15 minutes north of Watkins Glen, welcomes you to join us for a most unique gathering of sports and classic automobiles at the world-famous Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival's Founders' Tour. The invigorating Tour is one of the thirteen classic Stone Bridge Driver events representing about 100 extraordinary vintage and classic cars. By entering, you become an Official Stone Bridge Driver celebrating, again this year, the beginning of Post WWII Road Racing in the United States at world famous Watkins Glen NY, by driving the historic Original 6.6-mile Grand Prix Road Course!

Festival day, Friday, beginning at the *Ryan William Vineyard*, features a tremendous welcome, a grand road tour consisting of two cross-country routes, lunch, two laps of the original 1948 Grand Prix course as well as special reserved Downtown Watkins Glen parking for you to enjoy. All our Festival guests will welcome the distinct Founders' Tour as it rolls its way along downtown to a special reserved and uniquely accessible parking location across from the State Park Entrance. The Founders' display complements the famous Grand Prix Festival and is open for everyone to enjoy.

The Tour field is split into two routes, Cruise & Spirit, departing the *Ryan William Vineyard*, offering drivers the

exciting road challenges the original Grand Prix drivers encountered on their way to the winner's circle. The Stone Bridge Driver and guest will enjoy the region's most spectacular world-class driving topography that a motoring experience can offer with tight switchbacks, gorgeous lake views, dotted with vineyards and their fine wine cellars. Following the tour we stage, as a group, for the featured sprint, the 6.6 mi. Original Grand Prix Course, steep in the history of our motor racing heritage.

At *Ryan William Vineyard*, the drivers arrive at 9:00 am on Festival Day. They enjoy the Vineyard's ambiance, pleasant hospitality, and camaraderie. And, of course, there's time at *Ryan William Vineyard* to share ones' automotive and driving interests with other tour guests as well!

After a special warm welcome, drivers briefing, and a *Ryan William Vineyard* gourmet box lunch, the tour bursts alive with excitement at about 11 a.m. for the challenging cross-country tours. The drivers ultimately reach downtown Watkins Glen and grid on Franklin Street to take their Original Grand Prix Course 6.6 mi. laps.

We invite you to join the absolute fun next year. But enroll early, as limited openings fill quickly. Follow us on the web, at <http://grandprixfestival.com/participant.html> or by phone at (607) 535-3003.

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# Roadster Tour Just For Open-Top, Two-Seaters

By ERIC NAVESTAD

The 18th Annual Knapp Vineyards Sporting Roadster Tour is a spectacular tour, designed for those who own open-top, two-seat roadsters of any vintage and truly love to get out there and drive their cars on the most engaging roads in the region. We call this the “Running of the Roadsters.”

Each year the route is changed so those returning for yet another year can expect something new, but we do revisit our favorite stretches of asphalt often. The Friday after Labor Day is packed with lots of great driving on really fun roads, a stop at Knapp Vineyards in Romulus and the extraordinary two parade laps around the original 1948 6.6- mile Watkins Glen road course.

All participants get lunch at the Knapp Vineyards Restaurant, a commemorative bottle

of Knapp wine and a special dash plaque for their roadster. Confirmed participants sign in at Havana Glen Park in Montour Falls by 8 a.m. The route is a nice blend of scenic and fun roads in the Finger Lakes Region. Detailed instructions and tour routes are provided at sign-in. The tour of approximately 180 miles is divided into several seat-friendly blocks of time, with a morning break provided back at Havana Glen Park. Participants wanting a shorter drive may join the tour during the morning break at 9:30 a.m., cutting the drive down to approximately 100 miles.

At the end of the tour, all the roadsters convene at Watkins Glen State Park, where they grid into formation for their two, full parade laps. Once the call is received, the roadsters take to the Old Course in grand fashion, running the very same course the racecars ran 71 years ago.



While driving the Old Course laps, you are part of the show. Festival goers line the streets

downtown and cheer when the cars pass by. On the country roads outside the village, spectators gather in fields waiting for the seemingly endless parade of fine sports cars to drive by.

After the parade laps, all the sporting roadsters will find themselves downtown, where special reserved parking is provided for the rest of the Grand Prix Festival. This parking not only allows drivers to showcase their special cars in the lot across from the Concours d’Elegance, but provides them a chance to wander around downtown and take in all the Friday night activities that have helped to make the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival so popular.

Plan on joining us next year, and be sure to sign up early! [www.grandprixfestival.com/roadster.html](http://www.grandprixfestival.com/roadster.html).



# Glenkhana Course All About Driving Fun

By DANIELLE HAUTANIEMI

What could be more fun than a handful of sports cars confined to a downtown parking lot, navigating traffic cones, executing “driving games of skill” and overcoming other obstacles, all against the clock? Nothing but the Hector Wine Company Glenkhana!

Drivers of skill, accompanied by their navigators of daring – and trust! – accept the challenge of the Glenkhana. After an introductory walk-through of the obstacle course, drivers are timed as they put the cars through their paces.

Drivers navigate slaloms and enter gates – forward and back – touching, but not “killing,” cones. Driving will be complicated with silly, skill-testing tasks – sometimes play-acting, drawing, answering outrageous questions – both in and out of the cars. Teams are head-to-head against the clock and each other.

Each year, the Glenkhana committee tries to incorporate themes reflecting the featured marque of the year. As

AlfaRomeo is this year’s marque, the event might include a snake (part of the marque logo). When Porsche was featured, navigators were required to pull on a pair of oversized “boxer” shorts (reference Porsche’s famed “boxer engine”). Will there be a new gimmick this year for Alfa Romeo? What will it take to capture the event’s top award?

Truly as much fun for spectators as participants, the Glenkhana packs an amazing amount of automotive action into a small space, with fellow enthusiasts and their beloved vehicles as the main attraction. While some drivers look forward to pitting their skills against the devious committee’s new design year after year, each year new Festival participants learn the ropes, which is all the fun. Some folks attack with speed, letting finesse take the high ground, others learn that slow and steady often wins the race.

Stop by the Glenkhana course across the street from the entrance to the Watkins Glen State Park, on the east side of Franklin Street. The fun and action start at 10:30 a.m.!

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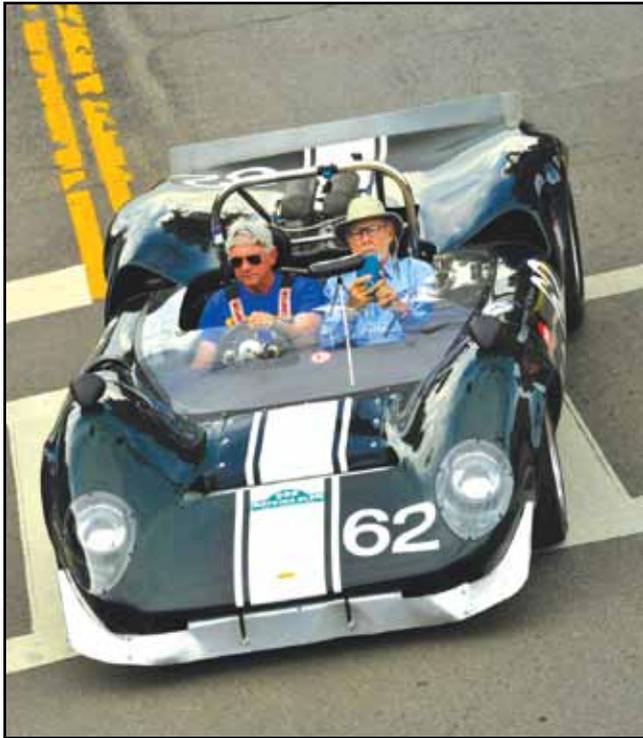
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# Several Drivers to be Inducted into Fame Walk

Seven new drivers will be inducted into the Watkins Glen Walk of Fame as part of the Grand Prix Festival this year! Each of the drivers has driven a race car in competition at one of the four race courses used at the Glen, and each will have a marker bearing his name placed on the sidewalks of the Village. All of the markers are funded by private donations, and to date more than 140 drivers have been added to the Walk of Fame, beginning with the gentleman whose vision brought racing to Watkins Glen, Cameron Argetsinger.

The Walk of Fame was established by the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Historic Commission, the Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce, and Watkins Glen International in 1993 to honor these great drivers who have competed on the Glen's world-famous facilities over the last 73 years.

Since there was no Festival in 2020, those inductees are also included in this year's event.

**2020:**

**Kent Prather** is a Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) National Champion; he won the Kimberly Cup in 1986 and drove in GP class many times. He won the 2005 President's Cup.

**Jack Lawrence** drove a Saab Sonnett from 1978-2002 and was an SCCA National Champion in 1983. He was named the Northeast Division Driver of The Year in 1983. He is known as a driver, builder, and innovator in the auto racing world.

**Dave Smith** is the 2006 winner of the Collier Cup; he won the Bucher-Decker Cup winner in 2005 and 2008. He drove a 1962 MGA Mark II, number 49.

**2021:**

**Joe Tierno** won the Collier Cup in 1988 and 1994; he won the Bucher-Decker Memorial Cup in 2006 and 2007, with number 029, the highest-finishing MGA.

**Benjamin F. Harris III** had AAA, SCCA, and FIA racing licenses for three decades; he was a national and international race organizer and official for Road America. In 1952, he was in the front row for the last Queen Catherine Cup street race on the streets of Watkins Glen!

**Charles E. Cook's** career encompassed four decades of racing; he finished the 1983 inaugural season earning the Best Driver of The Year!

**Willy T. Ribbs** was the first African-American to have tested a Formula One car and to compete in the Indianapolis 500. He competed in many forms of auto racing, including the Trans-Am Series, IndyCar, Champ Car, IMSA, and the NASCAR Cup Series and Gander Outdoors Truck Series. He drove at the Glen in the years 1984 – 1989.

The Walk of Fame induction will be held at 12 noon on Festival Day, in front of the Schuyler County Courthouse.





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# Concorso Speciale Celebrates the ‘Ignored’

By GARY WHYMAN

If you love cars in all configurations, such as the overly appreciated right along with the underappreciated automotive orphans, and some of the downright ignored automotive jewels in the rough or not, we have the show event for you: the Community Bank Concorso Speciale.

The Concours Speciale is sponsored by our friends and neighbors at Community Bank, NA. It celebrates (Really!) the cars that are special to their proud owners regardless of the standing of the cars, or their owners, in the upper echelons of the automotive world. After all, why should Jay Leno, Dr. Fred Simeone and Ralph Lauren with their Lamborghinis, Alfa Romeos, Corvettes, Talbot-Lagos, Packards, Porsches and Cords have all the fun when there are Humber Super Snipes, Borgward Isabellas, Trabants, Hudson Jets and Subaru 360s aplenty!

As befits the seriousness of such an august event (which happens in September), judging will be performed in a completely arbitrary and capricious manner by our very own event specialists. Their decisions are final and irreversible except through bribery. (Often of the liquid kind!)



Anyone disagreeing with the final judging should feel free to visit our sister event, the Corning Concours d’Elegance, where taste and personal integrity are far more appreciated.

This Festival event has one of the best parking lots on the main street, at the best rate going and we have fun. Fun, that’s what auto ownership and driving should be about. Fun! So we honor all arrivals, and the more ... um ... unusual, the more interest we get from the crowds! This lot is filling up faster and faster every year for just these reasons, and we hope you all will come and join our fun!

We look forward to you joining us this year and in future years (and we have photos to ensure that you will return).

We encourage you to periodically visit our website [www.grandprixfestival.com](http://www.grandprixfestival.com), where updates and pictures of our contestants will be posted throughout the upcoming year.



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**By KARL SMOLENSKI**

Early Friday morning, the parking lot of Lane's Yamaha north of Watkins Glen fills with the motorcycles of yesteryear: Triumph, MV Agusta, Honda, Norton...

While the grapes are growing on the vine, the air is filled with the bark of singles and bellowing twins and perhaps a whiff of two stroke oil. Vintage motorcycles are back for another year as part of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival!

This sporting tour of the Finger Lakes and the surrounding countryside is part of the Stone Bridge Driver events. The Lane's Yamaha Motorcycle Rallye is for riders and passengers on vintage, classic, and stunning motorcycles of all ages. A rousing early-morning ride on hidden gems of roads, through forest and glen. This year we've added a "tiddler tour" for smaller bikes and scooters that may have been challenged by a longer route but still want to participate in the festival. After lunch the riders make their way to the Grand Prix Festival, where the bikes will be on display all afternoon at the Community Bank and in action around the original 1948 Watkins Glen road course.

While you may be at the Grand Prix Festival to see the fabulous race cars and the vintage cars of days past, take a minute to enjoy the collection of motorcycles in the Community Bank parking lot. Their owners will be there and happy to discuss their bikes and how you too could take part next year, as we plan to grow the event





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# Promotions Brings Community Together

By **MICHAELA CHRISTENSEN**

Watkins Glen Promotions was organized in November 1993 to plan and manage quality special events in Schuyler County. Its goal was to bring visitors into the community to showcase the natural beauty and creative talents of the area. Watkins Glen Promotions also operates a storefront at 211 North Franklin St., perfect for selling and showcasing festival memorabilia and locally made merchandise.

Watkins Glen Promotions organizes four major events annually. The premier event of the season celebrates Watkins Glen's racing history. The Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen presented by Chemung Canal Trust Company is the annual street festival in September that brings thousands of new and familiar faces to town each year in celebration of the rich road racing heritage enjoyed by the community. The highlight of the event is when the vintage race cars arrive to park on display in the streets and then take tribute laps that vintage around the historic original road course.

The Falls Harvest Festival, held the first Saturday in October on Main Street in Montour Falls, features hands-on activities and demonstrations celebrating the area's agriculture and the autumn harvest. In addition to a farmer's market, the family-friendly, daylong event includes live entertainment, a children's activity zone and more.

## 2022 Featured Marque: Mustangs

A week before the 1962 U.S. Grand Prix, a writer for Competition Press reported on a concept car that Ford Motor Co. was planning to unveil at the Watkins Glen race. "A pretty impressive piece of work," the writer wrote. "The Mustang and Watkins Glen have a very genuine history," said Michael Argetsinger, award-winning motorsports author and Schuyler County native. On Oct. 6, racer Dan Gurney was behind the wheel as Ford introduced to the world its concept car – the Mustang. The debut of the Mustang – today an American icon – at Watkins Glen reflected a partnership between Ford and Watkins Glen Grand Prix Corp. that had started a year earlier and would continue through 1967.

Storied drivers such as Mark Donohue, Parnelli Jones and George Follmer drove their Mustangs here at the Glen. Jerry Titus won the Glen's inaugural 1968 Trans-Am race in a Mustang, averaging 104.80 mph. The following year, Jones had an exciting race in his Mustang against Donohue piloting a Camaro, which would win. In 1970, Jones was on pole with the fastest qualifying speed of 112.35, but Vic Elford in a Camaro would win. In 1975, Ron Smaldone's Mustang became the first-ever American car to win the Showroom Stock national championship in SCCA road racing. Nation-

ally, Mustang won several manufacturers' championships in the Trans-Am series and the IMSA GTO class. Its drivers have earned several drivers' championships as well. NHRA, NASCAR and racing series in Europe have also seen Mustang wins. Off the track, this hugely popular car has won multiple Car and Driver Ten Best awards, including 2011, and multiple awards for Motor Trend Car of the Year. In 2005 it was runner-up to the Chrysler 300 for the North American Car of the Year award and was named Canadian Car of the Year.

Every town needs a Christmas celebration, and Watkins Glen is no exception. A Village Christmas is held in early December and brings together a community that enjoys celebrating its homespun roots. From handmade gifts to the greeting of neighbors and the liting of carolers, this evening event is sure to brighten your holidays. Topped off with a parade with Santa and Mrs. Claus, it is a holiday tradition that is sure to please the whole family.

Make plans early next year to attend the Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival and Cardboard Boat Regatta, held every June at Seneca Harbor Park on the shores of Seneca Lake in downtown Watkins Glen. It is one day of food, music, and activities for the entire family, highlighted by the Cardboard Boat Regatta, where as many as 80 boats made solely of cardboard and duct tape are climbed into, launched and rowed through the harbor.

You'll marvel at the ingenuity, smile at the themes and costumes and cheer to keep your favorites from sinking into Seneca Lake.

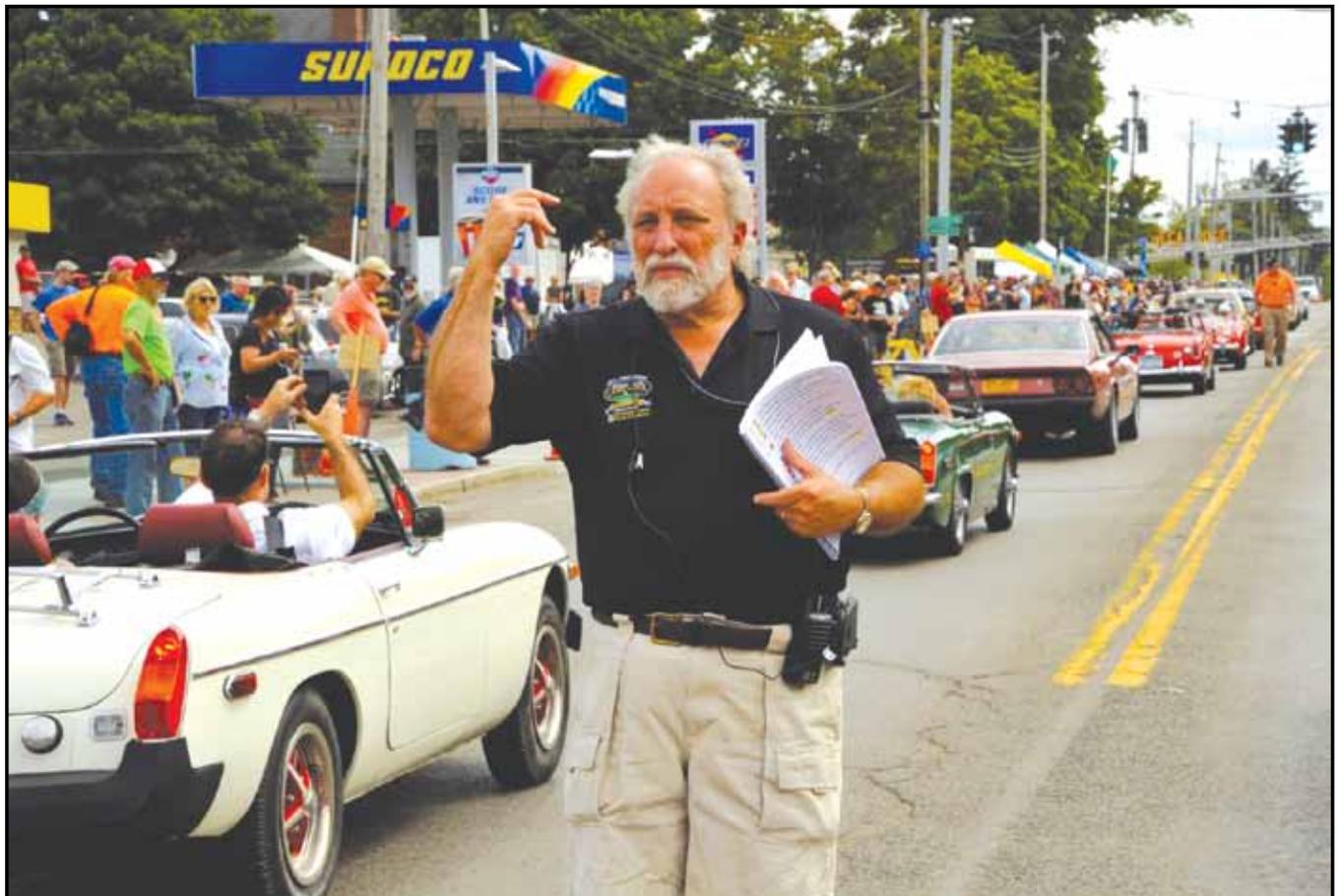
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# Festival Begins with Dedicated Committee

A committee of volunteers works year-round to organize the Grand Prix Festival. It's a true labor of love for these folks who appreciate the history of racing in Watkins Glen and who admire the machines driven by the men and women who lived that history and who enjoy their cars today.

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# Volunteers Crucial to Successful Festival

By JUDY PHILLIPS

Volunteers have been the key to the success of the Grand Prix Festival for the past 26 years. Throughout the year, a dedicated group of people meet on a monthly basis to plan the coming year's event.

Each of the Stone Bridge Driver events, 11 in all, relies on volunteers, not only for assistance on event day but for logistical planning throughout the year. A great way to use your creativity!

The evening before the Festival, a Prix-View Party is held to welcome participants and volunteers who celebrate more than 70 years of road racing in Watkins Glen. Help is needed to prepare and welcome each person to our lovely community.

Headquarters is set up in the Specchio Building on Franklin Street. Most activity is directed from this location. Volunteers can pick up their assignments, give directions to a visitor, take a golf cart to make a delivery and enjoy the excitement that racing brings to the Glen.

A great way to interact with our visitors is to work in the retail trailers. Two trailers are located on Franklin Street throughout the Festival. For the really adventurous, one trailer is taken to Watkins Glen International on Saturday and Sunday to promote our memorabilia during the Hilliard U.S. Vintage Grand Prix at the Glen SVRA races.

One of the most interesting jobs is that of runner. You work out of headquarters and help keep things moving. Working out of headquarters and being a runner is never boring.

Throughout the day, different Stone Bridge Driver groups drive laps around the Old Course. Volunteers are needed for crowd control and helping to direct the groups' traffic.

The peak of excitement comes when the race cars come down from WGI and queue up on Franklin Street for the iconic "Drivers, start your engines!" The noise and smells take us back to those memorable days of 1948. What a very special time!

From set up to clean up, a long list of tasks requires a long list of volunteers.

Please help us continue to provide an outstanding experience for everyone, including our valued volunteers, who treasures the road racing history and traditions of Watkins Glen.

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# Festival Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. ~ Tech Inspection, Smalley's Garage, Franklin Street
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Corning Concours d'Elégance begins, Watkins Glen State Park lot
  - ~ Memorabilia booths open on Franklin Street
  - ~ Community Bank Concorso Speciale, Community Bank parking lot
- 10:30 a.m. ~ Hector Wine Company Glenkhana begins at Watkins Glen State Park parking lot
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Glenora Run cars do the "Montour Mile"
- Noon ~ Drivers Walk of Fame Induction Ceremonies, Court House Lawn
  - ~ Wine Tastings and Food Court open, Court House Lawn
  - ~ 5th through 10th streets closed between Franklin and Decatur streets
- 12:45 p.m. ~ Franklin Street closed, between 2nd and 10th streets
- 12:45 p.m. ~ Stone Bridge Drivers rally events start their Cayuga Health System Laps of the Old Course
- 1:30 p.m. ~ Lane's Yamaha Vintage Motorcycles and Community Bank Concorso Speciale on display at Community Bank, Lotus on display at ESB.
- 2:00 p.m. ~ Tour de Marque Alfa Romeos parked for display at Lafayette Park, 4th Street
- 3:00 p.m. ~ The Legends Speak, Lafayette Park, 4th Street
- 4:45 p.m. ~ SVRA vintage race cars arrive on Franklin Street
- 5:00 p.m. ~ Corning Concours d'Elégance Awards Ceremony, original Start/Finish Line
- 5:35 p.m. ~ "Pre-Race" Ceremonies, original Start/Finish Line
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Original 6.6-mile course closed to traffic through 7:30 p.m.
- 6:10 p.m. ~ Watkins Glen Heritage Tour Parade laps
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Watkins Glen Grand Prix Race Tribute begins
- 8:00 p.m. ~ Franklin Street re-opens

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A photograph of vintage racing cars on a track. In the foreground, a silver open-cockpit car with green and red stripes is driving. Behind it, a blue and white closed-cockpit car is visible. Further back, a yellow and black car is seen. The track has a red and yellow curb. The image is framed by a red border.

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