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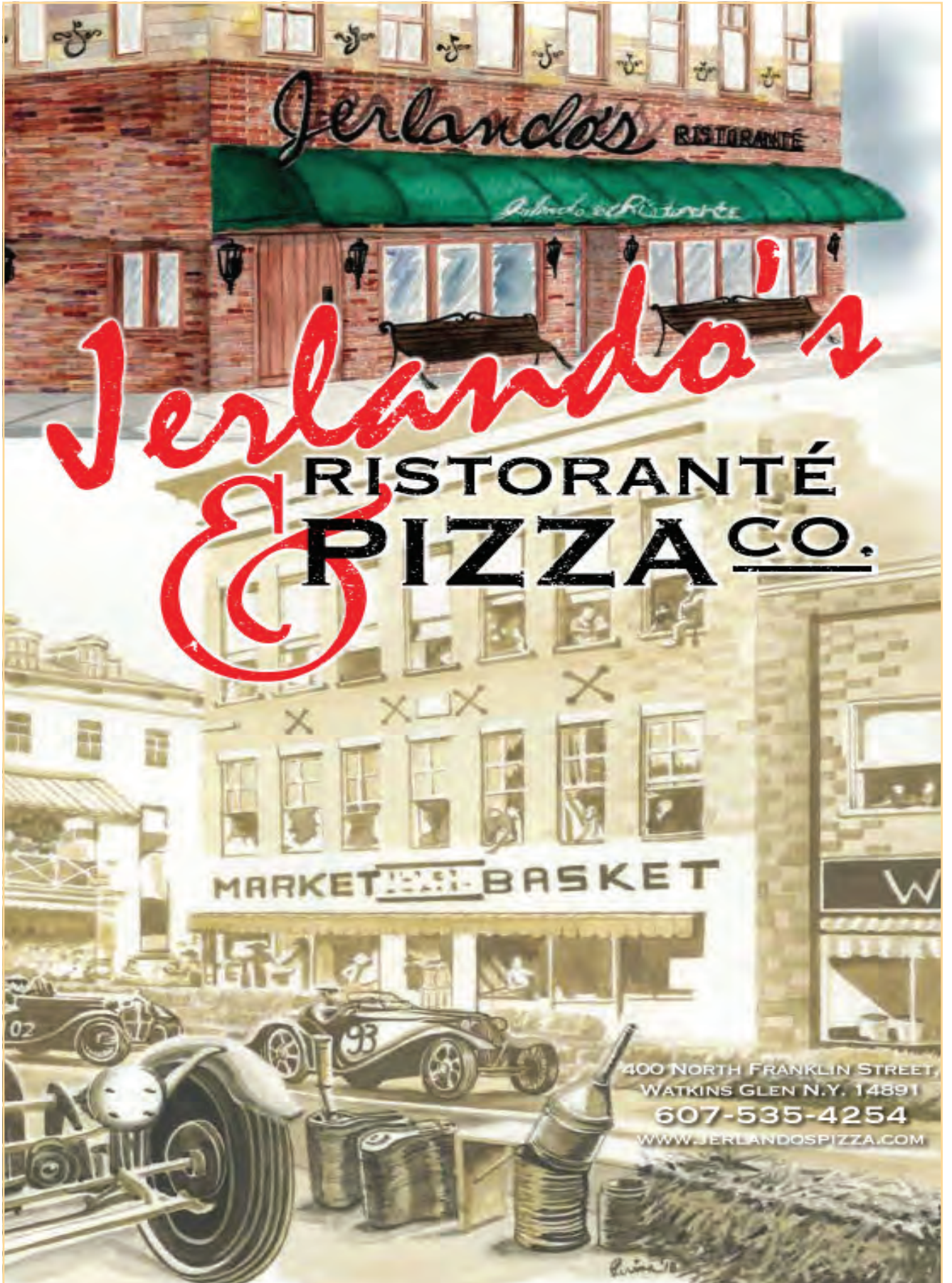
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Welcome to the 29th!

Dear Visitors:

Welcome! We are celebrating the 29th 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.

Mustang is this year’s feature as we honor the 74th 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 Mustangs, 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 Al Unser Jr. will be serving as this year’s Grand Marshall. A partial list of his wins includes twice at the Indy 500 (1992 and 1994) as well as twice at the CART Indy Car World Series (1990 and 1994). Don’t miss the opportunity to spend an hour “Up Close and Personal” with the great Al Unser Jr. during the Legends Speak program presented by the International Motor Racing Research Center. It will once again take place from 3:00PM-4:00PM 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
Festival Management Team Leader



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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!

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- 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, sponsors 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!
- Chateau LaFayette Reneau Winery & Inn launches the WGI Tour de Marque. Chateau LaFayette Reneau, located on Route 414 in Hector, has been producing award-winning rieslings and red wines since 1985. Stop by for tastings, food, vineyard picnics and a guest house, all in a spectacular setting with breathtaking views of Seneca Lake, the vineyards, and the hillsides!
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- 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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- Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards is this year's sponsor of our "early-start" event, our Grand Ramble that brought dozens of cars and their owners to the area in June. Hazlitt is located on Rt. 414 in Hector, and features Red Cat Wine, Rieslings, and great food and entertainment at the Oasis!
- Lakewood Vineyards, Rt. 14 north of the village, sponsors our Thursday event for our featured marque, the FLX Mustang Journey! Great tastings of great wines!

- 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.
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The Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen is offering free shuttle bus service and parking for spectators again this year. Use the shuttle - simplify parking and easily access the excitement downtown!

Parking is available at Clute Park - Lakeside on Route 414, just east of downtown Watkins Glen and Walmart. Spectators and volunteers can park, cross Route 414 to the pick-up location near the camp office and board the shuttle to get closer to the event sites along Franklin Street. Reduce walking and avoid the downtown traffic. This is the only location for shuttle parking.

An additional passenger drop-off and pick-up site will be located on the east side of Lafayette Park on Porter Street,

site of the Tour de Marque display featuring Mustang. Another stop is being considered farther along Porter 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 begin at 1:30 pm and run until after the streets reopen. The last run will be at 9 pm. Watch for yellow signs directing traffic to parking areas and at pick-up and drop-off points.

Young Man's Dream Puts Glen on Racing Map

On October 2, 1948, Watkins Glen served as the venue for the first post-World War II American road race. The race was conceived by Cameron R. Argetsinger, a young man from Youngstown, Ohio, who spent summers with family in the Watkins Glen area. It was Mr. Argetsinger who persuaded the Sports Car Club of America to certify the race, got the village and state to permit it and arranged for the New York Central Railroad to suspend service through Watkins Glen during the race.

A field of 23 cars entered the Junior Prix, 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, oiled gravel 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. During that first race Mr. Argetsinger's friend Bill Milliken rolled his Bugatti and Mr Argetsinger named the spot Milliken's Corner. It is still a named part of the Watkins Glen track.

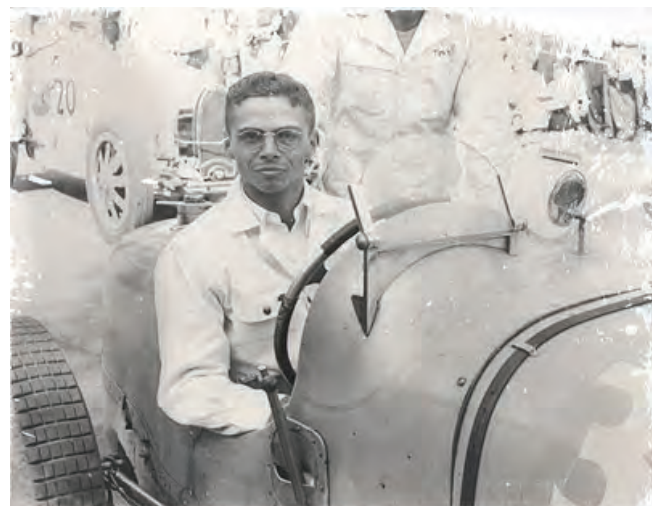
Racing continued on the streets, attracting ever-increasing crowds. 20,000 in 1949, and by 1950, 100,000 were on hand. Tragically in 1952, a young Watkins Glen resident was killed and several people were injured when a car hit spectators at the start of the second lap. The race was stopped.

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



The International Motor Racing Research Center

Tour de Marque Spotlights Mustang

By **BRUCE COULOMBE**

The Watkins Glen International Tour de Marque launched from Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery has a unique venue and format that provides drivers of the Grand Prix Festival's honored marque of the year with an opportunity to experience the best of Watkins Glen. This year we reprise a favorite that last graced the hills and streets of Watkins Glen in 2012 and which has a special place in the history of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix: **MUSTANG!**

Some of you in town early this week may have noticed an unusually large number of Mustangs driving around even before festival day. The Festival organizers sponsored a gathering on Thursday to start the festival early for this year's marque. The Finger Lakes Mustang event previewed some 35 of the Tour de Marque cars with a gathering in Lafayette Park, followed by a road rally stopping at Lakewood Vineyard, and then a drive through the countryside to The Switzerland Restaurant (better known as "The Switz") on Keuka Lake.

On Friday the Tour de Marque begins with arrival and registration of our Mustangs at the Chateau LaFayette Reneau Winery, overlooking Seneca Lake and our famed wine country. Seventy-five Mustangs, both new and classic (which describes their owners as well) will gather to begin a day of hob-knobbing with each other, displaying their prized cars, and proudly doing what their cars do best – DRIVING. From the winery the cars will quickly disappear up into the hills above the lake to begin a 60-mile road rally across some of the finest sports car roads our region has to offer. The rally will end with all the cars gathering back together at Watkins Glen State Park to enjoy lunch before departing in a proud procession to the famed Watkins Glen International race circuit, where Mustangs have always been fan-favorites. Our Mustang owners will share that same rare view of the track from inside the baby-blue Armco that racers from around the world cherish as we lap the circuit following the official pace cars.

After the visit to WGI, the Tour heads-out to join the downtown festival, making a grand entrance as the cars come down the hill on the Old Course, around Milliken's Corner, and onto Franklin Street. The cars will come to a stop at the start/finish line for the Old Course behind the festival pace car and wait for the wave of the starter's flag. Then they're away - and the excitement of entering the first turn of this historic 6.6 mile course will be felt by all. Two laps later the cars will return to the village and be directed down Fourth Street to Lafayette Park, where the cars will be arranged on display by the Tour's crack team of volunteers to line up proudly for all to enjoy, and for their owners to bond over stories of the joys of owning and driving such an iconic marque. Don't be afraid to strike up a conversation

with any of them – the participants on the Tour are here to share their cars and their experiences with all of us.

All of those who participate in the Tour de Marque automatically become members of the Festival's Stone Bridge Drivers group. Our motto is "We drive the Old Course!" For more information about how you can become a Stone Bridge Driver by participating in the 2023 Tour de Marque (featuring Corvette) or any of our other driving events, visit the Grand Prix Festival's website at www.grandprixfestival.com.



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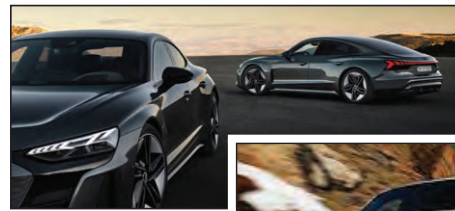
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Starting in 2023, for the first time ever, The Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival announces Electric Sport Cars will be a part of the Ryan William Vineyard Founders' Tour.

Owners of BEV (Battery Electric Vehicles) sports cars only can now join with traditional entrants with gasoline powered sports, muscle and classic cars.

Examples are: Tesla Roadsters, Mustang Mach-E, Porsche Taycan, Lotus Evija, Aspark Owl, Rimac Nevera, Audi RS E-tron GT, Pininfarina Battista, etc.

This exciting rally features an exclusive 60 plus mile cross-country tour through the picturesque Finger Lakes Region, with parade laps of the original 6.6 mile Old Course circuit. To find out more or to register go to: www.grandprixfestival.com/founders



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Lotus Cars Gather Once Again

By TONY VACCARO

I get asked all the time, “Why Lotus”? It all started for me when I was about 14 years old. I was a big slot car racer and a guy named Bill Lane pulled into the parking lot of the slot car track. We always raced Ferraris, Chaparrals, Porsches and quite a few car shapes that had no names. Bill drove in with a Lotus Elan Series 2. I was immediately awestruck and eagerly asked to sit in it.

Something magical happened when I sat in the Elan. The way the steering wheel fit my 14-year-old hands. The way my Keds sneakers just fit perfectly on the pedals. The gear-shift fit just right in my hand. It was love at first sight and touch. I knew right then and there a Lotus Elan was in my future.

I bought my first Lotus in 1971, a Lotus Elan S2 now owned by fellow LOONY Jeff Kyle, but I did not start living the Lotus Life until I joined Lotus, Ltd. in 1986. I helped form the LOONYs (Lotus Owners of New York) in 1987 because of the camaraderie that I found the year prior. Through all of those years, it has led to the continuation of this event and our presence today as the LOONY Lotus Rendezvous at the Grand Prix Festival.

It can be hard to describe the feeling of owning a Lotus. It is not something that you can easily explain. How do you properly describe the joy that comes from the way a lightweight car accelerates and corners? How is handling properly described as you feel one with the car as it transverses the road? How can you explain the driving nirvana that comes from being behind the wheel of a machine that is so thoroughly focused on the driving experience that it gets better every time you sit behind the wheel? In reality, you can’t describe it. As I often say, “one ride is enough for most passengers,” as your next time in a Lotus will be as an owner.

More than the feeling of driving the car, it is the people in Lotus Ltd. and the LOONYs that keeps our members coming back to the Grand Prix Festival for the LOONY Lotus Rendezvous year after year. The camaraderie and companionship of these like-minded individuals provides a joyful foundation and backdrop to any meet-up that we have together.

We come together each year for a variety of annual-only events. The Watkins Glen Festival is one such event. We also have our national Lotus Owners Gathering (LOG). It is hard to distinguish which aspect we enjoy more: driving to the event or spending time at the event with our friends. As the years get longer, I tend to lean towards the latter. We do really love driving our cars, though, so it is not an easy choice!

Driving a Lotus is always an adventure. Very few cars evoke the attention and attraction that a Lotus garners when parked at a gas station. When I was driving my Elan I am

often approached by someone walking up and talking about Emma Peel on the Avengers television show. For me when driving my 7, it’s always about the beginning of the Prisoner show with Patrick McGooohan driving his 7 into television history.

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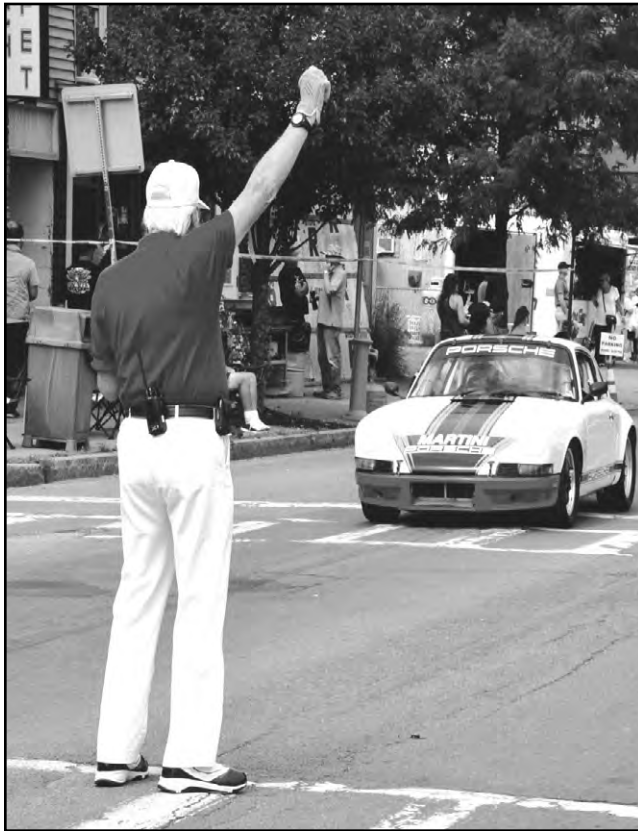
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The relationship between Chemung Canal Trust Company and Watkins Glen goes back more than 185 years with the completion of the Chemung Canal, “the waterway.” The canal allowed barges to move coal, lumber, and agricultural products from the Chemung 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. In addition, 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 \$2.5 billion, full-service financial institution. With 31 offices located in 13 counties in New York and Bradford County, Pennsylvania, Chemung Canal continues to meet the financial needs of families, businesses and organizations 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.

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

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This year's one-day event featured a fun road tour targeted at releasing the driving spirits of both driver and automobile, originating at Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards, just ten miles north of Watkins Glen.

The Spring Ramble is tentatively planned for May 13, 2023, and 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 intermediate stops to see the wonderful views is highlighted by three dynamic pace laps of the Watkins Glen International race track's long course. In 2022, drivers capped the day at Hazlitt's Oasis with food and beverages.

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 com-

pletely 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 + a fun food and drink venue + the historic, original 6.6-mile 1948 road course + Watkins Glen International's on-track lap experience = one full day in the fantastic Finger Lakes for drivers! How's that for distinctive fun and value?

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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 post-World War II 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 2023 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 Mustang Trip to the Top for the Thursday before the Friday Grand Prix Festival. We also extend the fun to late spring with our Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards Grand Ramble. Perfect timing for those who need an excuse to get their cars out of winter hibernation.

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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," during the Smalley's Garage Tech Inspection Reenactment first thing in the morning beginning at 9:30am. The first event of Friday's 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 days over 70 years ago.

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 to race.

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, NY at the age of 82. He died in August 2004.





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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 1 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. Bound volumes of every issue of National Speed Sport News – THE racing newspaper in the country for more than 50 years are here. The archives of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) are housed in an offsite facility just minutes from the Center.

The founders of the IMRRC knew they wanted the look and feel of a library, but exhibit space was important, including space for a race car. Wide double doors have accommodated the rolling in and out of dozens of cars since the Center opened. Currently “On the Grid” is the 1985 Roush Prototfab Mustang that dominated the IMSA GTO class that year. Drivers Wally Dallenbach and John Jones won 8 races

in the Motorcraft sponsored machine. It’s spectacular and well worth stopping by for a look.

Cars from a variety of series and disciplines have added their unique history to the Research Center through the past 20+ years. Poison ‘Lil, a 1936 Maserati that led the very first competitive lap through the streets of the village in 1948 has sat alongside the OSCA that took the last checkered flag flown on the street circuit in 1952. Indy roadsters from the 1950’s as well as Mark Donohue’s Sunoco Eagle evoke images of the great speedway in Indiana. Trans Am, Can Am, and F5000 cars from the glory days of the 60’s and 70’s, Short track fans have enjoyed numerous sprint and midget car displays in addition to an Oswego supermodified and the famous Gary Balough “Batmobile” that dominated the 1980 Super DIRT Week at the Syracuse Fairgrounds. From Formula One to NASCAR, the variety of motorsport competition is reflected in the cars that have spent time in the Center’s “pits”.



Do you have a vintage race 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.

During the pandemic, the Center was forced to curtail many of its public events. The much heralded “Center Conversations” series of talks has been absent, but certainly not forgotten. Our annual model car show made a spectacular return in conjunction with Opening Weekend at WGI in April, also bringing back the popular Rochester Lego User Group for those younger fans. We look forward to the return of the Michael R. Argetsinger Symposium on International Motor Racing History, scheduled for November 4-5, 2022. The Symposium attracts scholars from areas far and wide, all of whom share a passion for motorsports. It is a fascinating few days of stimulating discussion not to be missed. And...couple of “Center Conversations” series WILL return in 2023!

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 for the eighth annual Cameron R. Argetsinger Award for Outstanding Contributions to Motorsports will be Mike Helton of NASCAR. Under Mr. Helton’s

watch, NASCAR experienced unprecedented growth. Mr. Helton was also a leader in his efforts to make the sport safer for all competitors. The Award honors recipients for advancing and improving the sport, and Mr. Helton has consistently done that throughout his career with NASCAR. Past award recipients include Mario Andretti, Jim France and the France family, Chip Ganassi, Roger Penske, Richard Petty, Bobby Rahal, and last years honoree, Lyn St. James. This year's ceremony was held at the Harbor Hotel on Friday, August 19.

The Center earns a significant portion of its operating revenue via its annual car raffles and sweepstakes. This year's sweepstakes car is a 2022 Corvette C8R hardtop/convertible in hypersonic gray with yellow accents, representing the

color scheme from the class winning IMSA cars of the past 2 seasons. This is one of only a thousand produced by Chevy and features the Z51 performance package. Tickets may be purchased through the Center's website, and one lucky winner will be selected on December 22.

To become an IMRRC member, join our sweepstakes, or for more information on motor racing history and the Center, visit: www.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 (IMRRC) is located at 610 Decatur Street, Watkins Glen. Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Concours d'Elegance at Watkins Glen

By **STEVE BUTCHKO**

From 1949, the second year of the Grand Prix of Watkins Glen, a Concours d'Elegance was held along with the race. It became part of the Grand Prix spectacle. People came to not only see the cars race, but to view them close up in a Concours setting and admire their design, beauty and mechanical engineering.

The 1949 Concours was in the Watkins Glen State Park with Chief Judge John S. duMont heading up four other judges and five categories of cars, 1) 1949-50; 2) 1946-8; 3) 1937-40; 4) 1928-36; 5) 1927-and earlier. After the display and judging, the cars paraded down Franklin Street which was lined with spectators.

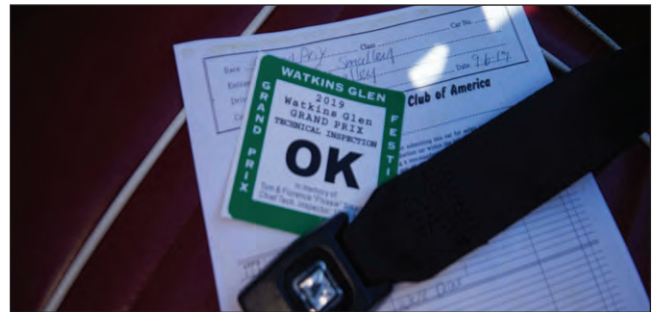
This was the beginnings of a tradition that would last many years. Through the 1950's until 1963, the event held at various locations around Watkins Glen: the State Park, the Schuyler County Fairgrounds, Lake Side Park, Lafayette Park, and in 1961, up at the new racetrack. Sponsorship changed nearly as frequently as the venue location. Sponsors included the Sports Car Club of America, the Antique

Car Club of America, and the MG Car Club (MGCC) among others. It wasn't until 1993 that the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival included the Concours d'Elegance once again to the event this time sponsored by Chemung Canal Trust Company. Chief Judge Dave Wild of the MGCC and Gil Langswager continued the event to 2017 at the State Park with one year returning to Lafayette Park. In 2018 Corning Incorporated began sponsoring the event with Chief Judge Steve Butchko and four judges reviewing 50 cars in the State Park.

This year the Concours will be sponsored by Hagerty Car Insurance with Corning Inc. providing the "Best of Show" Steuben Glass Award with Chief Judge Butchko carrying out the judging at the State Park. While the State Park's redevelopment of its parking lot has limited the space to 50 cars, we have been able to include a wonderful variety of marques and years built to the Concours. The many people that attend the Festival enjoy it as enthusiastically as those that did in the early years.

We are proud to be an integral part of the downtown Grand Prix Festival.





Founders' Tour

By **CARL D. BENSON**

The Founders' Tour, sponsored by Ryan William Vineyard, in Burdett NY, 3 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 grandprixfestival.com under Stone Bridge Driver Events or by phone at (607) 535-3003.



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The Glenora Run

By **TERRIE SAUTTER**

In 1948 local sports car enthusiast Cameron Argetsinger envisioned an amateur road race on the streets of Watkins Glen. That first “Watkins Glen Grand Prix” began a future of automotive excitement in this village that continues to this day. Relive the experience of those days of Racing in the Streets as a participant in the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen Stone Bridge Driver Events.

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 automotive excitement!

THAT very experience brings all of the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen Stone Bridge Driver events close to the hearts of so many sports car enthusiasts! 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. That thrill of driving the same road course as the 1948 Grand Prix greets spread like wildfire and now entices over 600 vehicles to participate every September.

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, nine miles north of the village on Route 14. Drivers and navigators prepare for a lively drive on one of several rallye routes through adjoining counties – this is Glenora Run!

Among vintage car events, Stone Bridge Driver events are unique; car show participants rarely have the opportunity to be the stars of the day as they drive their cars as part of the event. In Watkins Glen, that’s the *raison d’etre*: 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 several twisty-turny 50- to 65-mile rally-style routes, while driver and navigator test their skill (and relationship) as they watch for checkpoints, follow clues and answer questions along the way. 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 the drivers as well as the residents and staff who wave racing flags and cheer on the drivers – remembering days past when they saw similar cars racing through the streets in the village from positions on the curb.

After lunch and awards, “Glenora Runners” take to the streets again for two laps of the original road course. For many, 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 as he entered the Stone Bridge that now bears his name and headed out the other side, only to find himself upside-down in the stream below.

After the excitement of these laps of the old course, the Glenora Run cars assemble on Franklin Street 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 a great reason the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen is a one-of-a-kind in sports car circles, nationwide.



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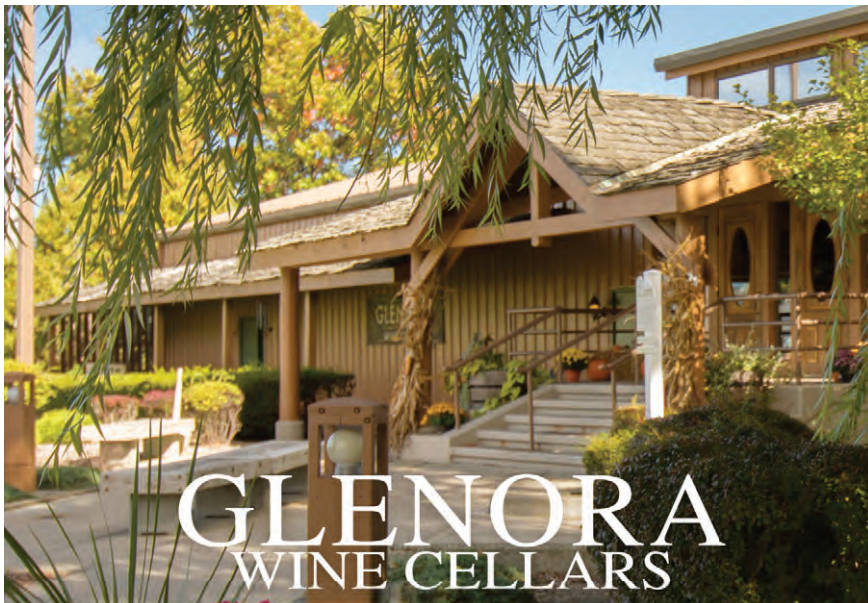
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The Legends Speak

By KIP ZEITER

The International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) is honored to host the annual “Legends Speak” program as part of the Grand Prix Festival. The program will run from 3-4PM in the gazebo in Lafayette Park located one block east of Franklin St. between 4th and 5th Streets. It’s an hour well spent for any racing enthusiast.

This year we welcome a true “Legend” as the great Al Unser Jr. will be our guest for the hour. Born into one of the most famous racing families in America with Dad Al and Uncle Bobby, the Unser’s are multiple time winners of the Indianapolis 500 as well as numerous other races, and were dominant for many years at Pikes Peak. Al Jr. jumped into the sport at an early age, running Sprint cars at the age of 11 (!!). Himself a 2-time winner of the ‘500’ in 1992 and 1994 as well as winning the CART series championship in ’90 and ’94, he added multiple chapters to the Unser legacy throughout his career. Not just an Indy racer, Unser also won the 1982 Can-Am Championship and 2 IROC titles including winning races at The Glen. He also had a brief taste of NASCAR, starting the 1993 Daytona 500. Supremely talented behind the wheel of whatever car he was in and whatever circuit he was racing on, Al Unser Jr. is one of the icons of American motorsport.

The “Legends Speak” program is free and open to all. Make your Festival experience even more complete by joining us for an hour with Al Unser Jr. and an insightful look at life both in and outside the fast lane!



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Glenkhana Course all about Driving Fun

By DANIELLE HAUTANIEMI

What could be more fun than a handful of sports cars 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 driving – 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 go 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 Mustang is this year’s marque, the event might include a pony (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 Mustang? 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.

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By KARL SMOLENSKI

Early Friday morning, the parking lot of Lane's Yamaha just 2 miles north of Watkins Glen on Route 14 fills with the motorcycles of yester-year: 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. 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 to include yet more vintage bikes incoming years.



The Watkins Glen Drivers Walk of Fame

The Watkins Glen Drivers Walk of Fame was established in 1993 by the Watkins Glen Historic Racing Committee with support from the Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce and Watkins Glen International to honor the drivers who have competed on the Glen's world-famous circuit since 1948.

The International Motor Racing Research Center helps the Historic Racing Committee develop the inscription for the Walk of Fame markers. The majority of markers are located in the east and west sidewalks along Franklin Street. All the markers in the Walk of Fame are sponsored by private donations.

To be considered for induction into the Walk of Fame, the driver must have driven a race car in competition at one of the four race courses used at the Glen since 1948. The first person inducted into the Walk of Fame was the gentleman whose vision it was to bring racing to Watkins Glen, Cameron Argetsinger. His block was placed in the Drivers Walk of Fame at the original racing start-finish line in front of the Schuyler County Court House in 1993.

A tour of the Drivers Walk of Fame is a walk through racing history. It is at the Glen that road racing had its rebirth in 1948, and since that time it has been known as the Home

of Road Racing in America. The Walk of Fame in front of the Court House is reserved for those drivers who competed from those early street races, from 1948 to 1952.

Begin your tour at Smalley's Garage at 204 S. Franklin St., where race cars had to pass inspection before being allowed to compete. Proceed north to the Court House and follow the path almost to Seneca Lake before crossing Franklin Street and enjoying the names on the west side. A few drivers are honored with markers at the Racing Research Center at 610 S. Decatur St.



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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 hometown 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 (the liquid kind of course!).

Anyone disagreeing with the final judging should feel free to visit our sister event, The Hagerty Car Insurance 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, where updates and pictures of our contestants will be posted throughout the upcoming year.



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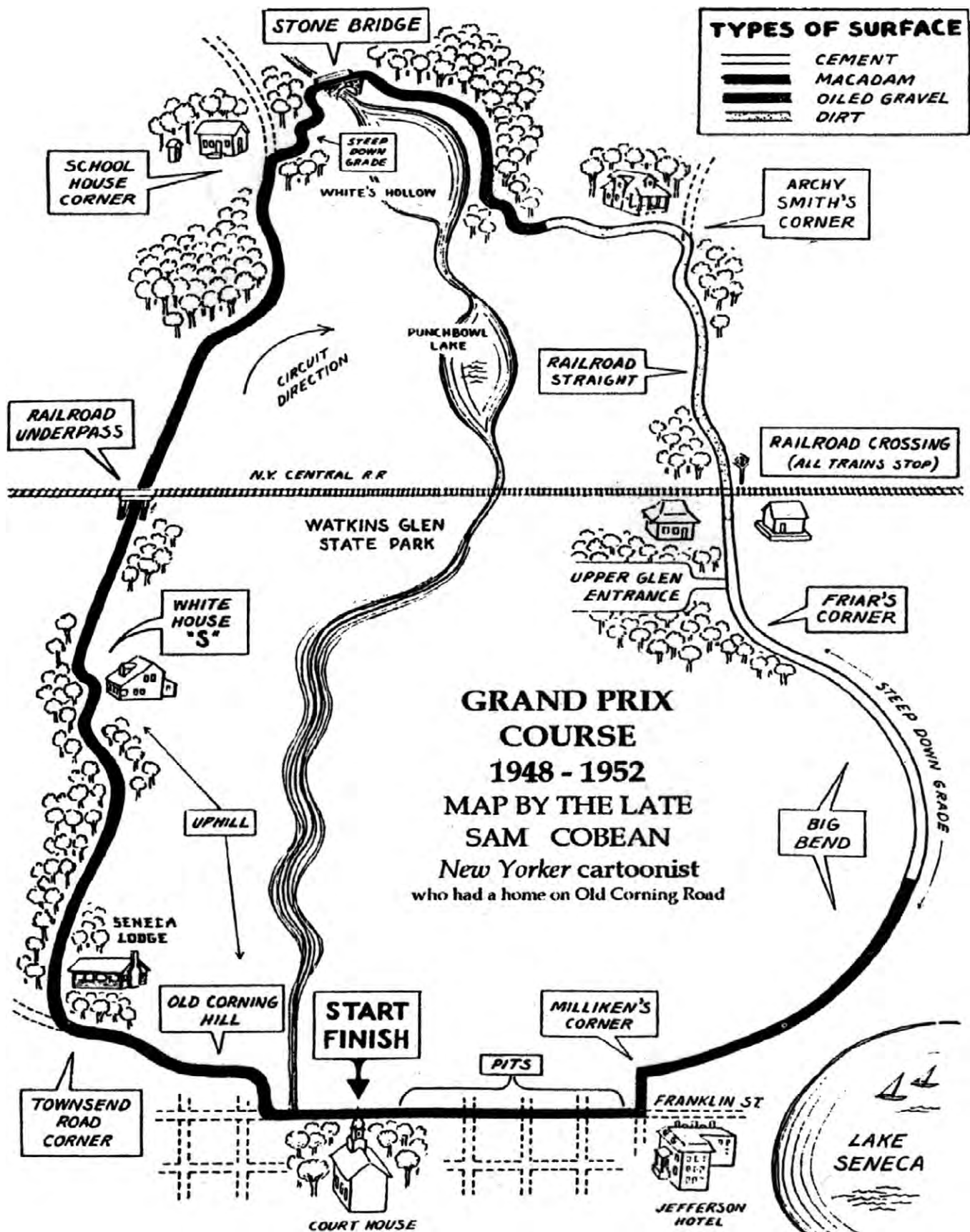
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A committee of volunteers works year-round to organize the Grand Prix Festival. It's a true labor of love for these folks who appreciate the history of racing in Watkins Glen and who admire the machines driven by the men and women who lived that history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

- Watkins Glen Promotions Office - Michaela Christensen
- Festival Management Team Leader – Marianne Marts
- Volunteer Recruitment – Judy Phillips
- Headquarters Chair – Tom Phillips
- Festival Marketing and Sponsorship – Tom Seem
- SVRA Race Tribute – Tony Parella
- Festival Logistics – Steve Klemann
- Festival Traffic – Casey Creamer
- Smalley's Garage – Dave Tobin and Denny Cornett Jr.
- Stone Bridge Driver Events – Casey Creamer
- Stone Bridge Driver Events Parking-- Trevor Carmody
- Hagerty Insurance Concours d'Elegance – Steve Butchko
- Community Bank Concorso Speciale – Gary Whyman and Mark Costa
- Glenora Run – Terrie Sautter

- Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards Grand Ramble – Terrie Sautter and Carl Benson
- LOONY Lotus Rendezvous sponsored by Lotus of Western NY –Brian Casselberry
- Ryan William Vineyard Founders' Tour – Carl Benson
- Knapp Sporting Roadster Tour – Eric Navestad
- WGI Tour de Marque/Mustang launched from Chateau LaFayette Reneau - Bruce Coulombe
- Lane's Yamaha Vintage Motorcycle Rallye – Karl Smolenski
- Hector Wine Company Glenkhana – Danielle Hautaniemi
- FLX Mustang Show and Trip to the Top – Randy Olson
- The Legends Speak – Dave Ward and Kip Zeiter
- Drivers Walk of Fame – Jim Scaptura
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Volunteers are the Backbone to a Successful Festival

By MICHAELA CHRISTENSEN

Do you attend this festival year after year, and wonder how this group pulls it off? The answer is simple: dedicated volunteers. This festival, organized by Watkins Glen Promotions, is run entirely by volunteers.

While festival-goers may think that all the action is happening downtown on this beautiful Friday event, there are actually 11 Stone Bridge Driver events going on simultaneously, with them all concluding with laps around the Old Course, and then showcasing their cars downtown. Each one of these events requires months of planning, driving routes to ensure accuracy, communicating with registrants, and coordinating with day-of volunteers to make certain everyone is on the same page. Our management committee uses creativity and many, many unpaid hours of labor to make everything perfect. They have a lot of fun, and enjoy bouncing new ideas off everyone in the group to keep the festival interesting.

Once all of our Stone Bridge Driver events are set, the other ominous task is to recruit and gear up our day-of volunteers. There is a headquarters location at Specchio's on Franklin Street, where most of the activity is coordinated through. Volunteers can pick their t-shirts up, get all questions answered, and even borrow a golf cart to make a delivery to another part of the festival. Headquarters is fast-moving and is an exciting place to be on festival day.

A hospitality tent is located on the courthouse lawn, where free programs are distributed, and questions from attendees new and old can be answered. This is also a central location for all of the Grand Prix Festival vendors.

Merchandise trailers that host a plethora of Grand Prix Festival merchandise can be found in front of Maguire, and near the courthouse. Responsible volunteers are needed to help our great attendees and assist them with purchasing any

gear. There are also volunteering positions available at Village Memorabilia, WGP's shop on the north side of Franklin Street. If you're feeling even more adventurous, there are Saturday and Sunday shifts available to sell at the trailers within Watkins Glen International during the Hilliard U.S. Vintage Grand Prix at the Glen. These are all great opportunities to meet a lot of different people, most primarily car enthusiasts and their families.

Throughout festival day, different Stone Bridge Driver groups drive laps around the Old Course as part of their event. Volunteers are needed for crowd control and helping to direct the groups' traffic in a safe manner. The most exciting portion of the day is when the SVRA 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.

From 6am set-up to 9pm clean-up, every single volunteer that signs on to help us plays a pivotal role in the success of this festival, and we could not do it without them. Plus, what better way to experience the festival than by working the front lines? If you are interested in becoming a part of our volunteer community, let us know. Contact Watkins Glen Promotions (607) 535-3003, or reach out to us on our website, www.grandprixfestival.com. We can't wait to hear from you.





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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 Tabora Farm & Winery in Dundee and the extraordinary two parade laps around the original 1948 6.6 mile Watkins Glen road course.

All participants get lunch at the Tabora Farm & Winery Café, a commemorative bottle of Tabora wine and a special dash plaque for their roadster.

Confirmed participants sign in at Havana Glen Park in Montour Falls. 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 150 miles is divided into several seat-friendly blocks of time. Participants wanting a shorter drive may start later, eat lunch later and have a shorter drive after lunch, 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 74 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.



Watkins Glen Promotions

by MICHAELA CHRISTENSEN

Watkins Glen Promotions was organized in November 1993 to organize quality special events in Schuyler County. This organization's goal is 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. Over the past few years, we have worked very hard to bring unique and local merchandise to our store. So whether you are local or from out of town, there is something perfect for everyone!

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 September street festival 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 around the historic original road course.

The Falls Harvest Festival is held the first Saturday in October on Main Street in Montour Falls, featuring 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, fireworks, live music, and more.

Every town needs a Christmas celebration! Watkins Glen Village Christmas is held in early December and brings together a community that enjoys celebrating its homespun roots. From handmade gifts to the petting zoo and fireworks, this evening event is sure to kick off the holiday season for adults and children alike. 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 and plan on attending 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 50 boats made solely of cardboard and duct tape are climbed into 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.

Watkins Glen Promotions is about community – bringing Schuyler County together for events that are organized and staffed by community volunteers. Learn how you can get involved by visiting www.watkinsglen.com, or emailing events@watkinsglen.com. Continue to shop local!

Corvette to Headline 2023 Festival

September 8, 2023 will see Watkins Glen's streets filled with thousands of racing fans for the 30th annual Grand Prix Festival.

2023 will mark the 75th anniversary of post-World War II road racing in the United States. Cameron Argetsinger's dream became a reality on October 2, 1948 when Watkins Glen hosted that very first Watkins Glen Grand Prix. Next year will also mark the 70th birthday of the Chevrolet Corvette, the featured marque. A special festival is being planned to mark all of these important milestones.

In addition to Corvette being the featured marque for the Stone Bridge Driver Tour de Marque event on Friday, there will be an exciting daylong Corvette only event on Thursday, Sept. 7th – The FLX Corvette Show and Rally.

All Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen Stone Bridge Driver events feature a minimum of two laps around the original 6.6 mile road circuit, as used from 1948-1952. You can experience the thrill of coming down into the Village of Watkins Glen around famed Milliken's Corner to the cheers of hundreds of sports car enthusiasts. Wind up Old Corn-ing Hill and pass many landmarks along the way, just as the original racers did – in your sports car!

Mark your calendars now for this special event and book your Stone Bridge Driver event early at www.grandprix-festival.com



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| 9:30 a.m. | ~ Tech Inspection, Smalley's Garage, Franklin Street | 1:30 p.m. | ~ Lane's Yamaha Vintage Motorcycles and Community Bank Concorso Speciale on display at Community Bank, Lotus on display at 8th and Franklin. |
| 10:00 a.m. | ~ Hagerty Insurance Concours d'Elégance begins, Watkins Glen State Park lot
~ Memorabilia booths open on Franklin Street
~ Community Bank Concorso Speciale, Community Bank parking lot | 2:00 p.m. | ~ Tour de Marque Mustangs parked for display at Lafayette Park, 4th Street |
| 10:30 a.m. | ~ Hector Wine Company Glenkhana begins at Watkins Glen State Park parking lot | 3:00 p.m. | ~ The Legends Speak Event, Lafayette Park, 4th Street |
| 11:00 a.m. | ~ Glenora Run cars do the "Montour Mile" | 4:45 p.m. | ~ SVRA vintage race cars arrive on Franklin Street |
| 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 | 5:00 p.m. | ~ Hagerty Insurance Concours d'Elégance Awards Ceremony, original Start/Finish Line |
| 12:45 p.m. | ~ Franklin Street closed, between 2nd and 10th streets | 5:35 p.m. | ~ "Pre-Race" Ceremonies, original Start/Finish Line |
| 12:45 p.m. | ~ Stone Bridge Driver Events start their Cayuga Health System Laps of the Old Course | 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 |
| | | 9:00 p.m. | ~ Last Shuttle Bus to Clute Park Parking |



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

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