

**Eighth Annual Michael R. Argetsinger Symposium  
on International Motor Racing History**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

**MORNING SESSIONS**

**9:00 am to 9:15 am**

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

**9:15 am to 10:00 am**

Presentation #1

Daniel Simone - Remember When They Beat the 'Cup' Boys? Ray Elder, The Racing Farmers, and The Rise of the NASCAR Winston West Series

**10:00 am to 10:45 am**

Presentation #2

James Miller - Formula One at Watkins Glen: Sporting Gentlemen in a Small Town

**10:45 am to 11:00 am**

**Break**

**11:00 am to 11:45 am**

Presentation #3

Paul Baxa - The P2 Alfa: Fascist Icon

**11:45 am to 12:45 pm**

Keynote Speaker: Lyn St. James

**12:45 pm to 2:15 pm**

**Lunch & Lunchtime Zoom Sessions**

Presentation #4

Jon Summers - Group B Rally Revisited: Who Was Best, Audi's Mikkola, Rohrl and Mouton, Lancia's Alen and Toivonen or Peugeot's Vatanen? **Zoom**

Presentation #5

Aldo Zana - Nazi Rekordwochen (Record Weeks): 1939 The Final Act of an Automobile Speed Folly **Zoom**

**AFTERNOON SESSIONS**

**2:15 pm to 3:00 pm**

Presentation #6

Quinn Beekwilder - Economic Engines: The Unexpected Consequences of US Regulatory Changes on Motorsports

**3:00 pm to 3:45 pm**

Presentation #7

Jean Williams - Yes, F1 VVIP really is a thing: exclusive visitor attraction experiences for elite individuals [Zoom](#)

**3:45 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Break**

**4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

Presentation #8

Elton (Skip) McGoun - The Best Years of Our Lives (the rebirth of postwar European motor sports)

**4:45 pm to 5:30 pm**

Presentation #9

Michael Stocz - Literature Review on Women in Motorsport

**5:30 pm to 5:45 pm**

Closing Remarks

**6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Open Reception**

Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce

214 North Franklin Street

Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Hosted by the Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce

On behalf of the International Motor Racing Research Center and  
the Society of Automotive Historians.

All are welcome, no registration required.

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2024

### MORNING SESSIONS

#### **9:00 am to 9:15 am**

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

#### **9:15 am to 10:00 am**

Presentation #10

Mark Howell - Poll Position: NASCAR Nation and National Politics **Zoom**

#### **10:00 am to 10:45 am**

Presentation #11

Chris Lezotte - From Power Puff to W Series: The Evolution of Women-Only Racing

#### **10:45 am to 11:00 am**

**Break**

#### **11:00 am to 11:45 am**

Presentation #12

Katharine Worth - Speed resting in the hands of Britannia? Empire and British Prestige in 1930s British Motor Racing **Zoom**

#### **11:45 am to 12:45 pm**

Presentation #13

McPherson College (Luke Chennell, Kevin Yohn, and Kristie Sjoka): Perspectives on Motorsport Journalism, 1952-1972

#### **12:45 pm to 2:15 pm**

#### **Lunch & Lunchtime Roundtable**

Presentation #14

Roundtable on the State of the Field of Motor Sport History

Moderator: H. Donald Capps

Panelists: Paul Baxa, Mark Howell, Brian Ingrassia, Dan Simone

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

#### **2:15 pm to 3:00 pm**

Presentation #15

Andrew Beckman - Studebaker at Indianapolis

#### **3:00 pm to 3:45 pm**

Presentation #16

Alana Roberts - David Crowther, the Ultimate Weekend Warrior

**3:45 to 4:00**

**Break**

**4:00 to 4:45**

Presentation #17

Tom Adamich - Overview of E-Motorsports

**4:45 to 5:30**

Presentation #18

Karl-Heinz Mertins - How to beat the Mercedes-Benz W196;  
Alternative History Accelerates the Mid-Engine Revolution

**5:30 to 5:45 pm**

Closing Remarks