



Message from EMPA President, Dino Oberto

EMPA is an organization of professional writers, broadcasters, announcers, videographers, and photographers working in the motorsports industry, along with Associate and Corporate members.

Greetings all,

It's getting near the time that we will be sending out correspondence on a more regular basis as we enter into the planning stages of our 2023 EMPA convention.

I don't need to remind everyone that the dates are **January 13-15, 2023** at the Genetti Best Western and Convention Center, 77 E. Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.



It's Time

This will mark our second time at Genetti's and we asked for some more flexibility for later in the evening Friday and Saturday.

There is a whole new staff there which we met with and they are very much looking forward to hosting us again.

On the same note recently we sent out information on nearby hotels that are all within 2-3 mile drive from Genetti's. Friday, as you may know, is booked due to some college and high school events taking place. Saturday there is no issue for rooms at Genetti's.

Trust me we did our best to get as many rooms as we can for Friday but unfortunately they went fast. However, the hotels we have listed below are a very easy drive to the convention and reasonably priced during that weekend.

Just copy and paste the links into your browser or call directly.

Quality Inn Arena

<https://www.choicehotels.com/pennsylvania/wilkes-barre/quality-inn-hotels?brand=QI>

Days Inn by Wyndham Wilkes-Barre

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/wilkes-barre-pennsylvania/days-inn-wilkes-barre/overview?CID=LC:DI:20160927:RIO:Local:SM-dimatl&iata=00093796>

Host Inn All Suites Hotel

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g54002-d278498-Reviews-Host_Inn_All_Suites_Hotel-Wilkes_Barre_Luzerne_County_Pocono_Mountains_Region_Pennsylvan.html

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More lodging options



Quality Inn

<https://www.choicehotels.com/pennsylvania/wilkes-barre/quality-inn-hotels/pa170?adults=2&checkInDate=2023-01-13&checkOutDate=2023-01-15>

Comfort Inn & Suites

<https://www.choicehotels.com/pennsylvania/wilkes-barre/comfort-inn-hotels/pa450?adults=2&checkInDate=2023-01-13&checkOutDate=2023-01-15>

Microtel Inn & Suites

https://www.hotels.com/ho437380/microtel-inn-suites-by-wyndham-wilkes-barre-wilkes-barre-united-states-of-america/?chkin=2023-01-13&chkout=2023-01-15&x_pwa=1&rfr=HSR&pwa_ts=1664219923095&referrerUrl=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaG90ZWxzLmNvbS9Ib3RlY2g%3D&useRewards=false&rm1=a2®ionId=467&destination=Wilkes-Barre%2C+Pennsylvania%2C+United+States+of+America&destType=MARKET&selected=6325567&sort=RECOMMENDED&top_dp=75&top_cur=USD&mctc=9&icmclid=HCOM-US.META.TRIPA.CORESEARCH.HOTEL_US-DM&icmdtl=htl.437380.taid.4547655...testslice..clickid.12d0da02-88ee-4889-b803-c2b50cbbbe62_2023-01-13_2023-01-15_1664219920926.AUDID..defdate.0.bucket.CPA&semmdl=&selectedRoomType=200326237&selectedRatePlan=202017187&expediaPropertyId=6325567

Woodlands

<https://www.choicehotels.com/pennsylvania/wilkes-barre/ascend-hotels/pa657?adults=2&checkInDate=2023-01-13&checkOutDate=2023-01-15>

Motel 6

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g54002-d6894911-Reviews-Motel_6_Wilkes_Barre_PA_Arena-Wilkes_Barre_Luzerne_County_Pocono_Mountains_Region_Penns.html



Convention Award Nominations

The Board is going to be meeting later this month to discuss and put together the 2023 convention details with the emphasis on nominees for the Hall of Fame and other special awards.

With that said if anyone has suggestions for the Hall of Fame or other awards please get with us ASAP.

For the Hall of Fame send in your nominee selection with a brief bio to Earl Krause via email at earl@aarn.com

Any other special award nominees please send names to myself at dlmo@ptd.net

Please keep in mind that although you may have a good suggestion, that doesn't necessarily mean they will make it to the ballot. All names are closely taken into consideration



Contest Rules



The writers contest rules are updated on the website and the photo and videographer rules will follow soon.

These contests are outstanding in showcasing everyone's talent, always have been, always will. We highly encourage as many of you as possible to submit entries to the respective divisions.



Membership Renewal

If you would like to start sending in your 2023 dues feel free to do so. It's still only \$50 for a membership which is your ticket to the entire weekend at the convention.

Karl Fredrickson is once again offering a free one-year subscription to Speedway Illustrated if you choose to sign-up online at <https://speedwayillustrated.com/product/2021-membership-to-the-empa/>

You can also access the membership form on our website empaonline.org.

Board Member Election

There will be two Board seats up for election, Earl Krause and myself.

With that said anyone interested in running for a Board seat please let us know.

We need to get a ballot prepared as not everyone is able to attend the convention and we want all votes counted. The election will take place during the Sunday general membership meeting. For those not attending we will have your votes added at that time.

That's it for now and until next time

Peace, out

Dino

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