

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SPORT

The Glen Region Sparkplug February, 2013

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Dear Reader: Now that I have your attention please bear with me for a few minutes while I discuss **COMMUNICATION** with you; specifically communication within the Glen Region.

The majority of members get information about upcoming events by reading our web page and from emails sent to the members. However some of you prefer snail mail, some of you have never given us your email address and many of you have not updated your email address when it has changed so our communications are rejected.

What to do??

First let me know if you do not plan to visit the Glen Region website and/or you have no access to email. I will see that information reaches you by the US mail. You can write to me: Barbara Luther 801 Sunset DR Elmira, NY 14905

If you need to add an email address or change an existing address DO NOT contact a local person. The change MUST be done with SCCA nationally and they forward the information to the Region. Please go to your computer now....I will wait while you do....comfy? good.....now log onto www.scca.com . On the first page that appears there is a green header on the extreme right side "member login" . Click onto it and just follow the directions.....it really is easy.

Thank you....we can now communicate better and hopefully you will attend more of our events and feel more like an inclusive member of the Glen Region family.
Barb Luther, Editor

The Glen Region SCCA will be once again have a display at the Southern Tiler Speedworld Show at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City NY on March 1,2,3.

The Glen Region now has two cars entered for the Speedworld show. We have Matt Pullano's Corvette and John Hellmers or Dell Boyles modified lined up for display. Volunteers are still invited to help with the booth. Any leftover Sportcar Magazines for handouts are needed. If you have DVDs of action or in car videos' please bring them to share. This is a fun event. For more info Email Dave Cole at dtc516@hotmail.com or phone 607-245-9939. See you at the show!!

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RE's Observations for 2013!

As I start my third term as Regional Executive of The Glen Region, I, again, want to challenge you to get involved with the Glen Region. We continue, as a Board of Directors, to have trouble thinking of Region Members to nominate for the Board of Directors vacancies and other leadership positions. We need to find new people who might be willing to run for the various positions. We need new people to get involved in all of the activities of the Glen Region, whether it be a specialty of Club Racing or one of Solo. Please contact one of the Specialty Chiefs listed on our web site or show up at one of our events and make yourself known as a Glen Region member who may be interested in volunteering. For several years I got Bill Bradshaw, with whom I worked at Williamsport Area Community College, to allow me to come in as a guest, and I did. Finally, he suggested that instead of just being a spectator, I become involved. This invitation has led me to be a part of the Grid Specialty for over 25 years! It has exposed me and my family to a life changing experience working with people that I admire and respect.

Whether you are a new member or one who has been a member, please get involved. And for current members, please reach out and invite others to share what the Glen Region and SCCA participation has to offer.

When we have a vacancy this year on any board or other leadership position in our region, I hope we not have any trouble thinking of members who would like to be involved and getting them to be involved!

2013 is going to be a challenge! On the Club Racing side, we have an additional race weekend, as in the days of old, on May 25 and 26. This Regional Race will be modeled after the Finger Lakes Fun One, which will be a double regional with qualifying and racing on both Saturday and Sunday! We are currently working on having the Jersey Touring Car Series racers return which, again will mean a full weekend.

In addition, there will be the PRO-IT group with us for the July Sprints, July 20 and 21.

The SOLO folks are finalizing their schedule and it looks to be an ambitious one with opportunities for one and all!

Finally, the Glen Region will be hosting Last Chance Weekend which will include the Jersey Touring cars and PRO IT.

Please keep up to date on the web site and become involved!

Larry Emery, RE
Glen Region

Minutes of November 2012 Board Meeting

Glen Region, SCCA
November 17, 2012

November board meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

PRESENT: Larry Emery, Sandy Sanders, Jennifer Kintz, Allan Kintz, Cheryl Boynton, Dave Cole, Ed Zebrowski, Kyle Colbey, Phil Kelley, Rob Craig

GUESTS: Nancy Cole

MOTION: Sandy, Kyle: Accept October minutes as presented. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Came close to breaking even on the MiniCon. We are still solvent. Currently about \$93k in checking and \$64k in investments.

MOTION: Cheryl, Dave: Accept Treasurer's Report as presented. CARRIED.

Membership: Currently at 294 members – up 5 from this time last year. Verified 7 expired members.

Solo: RallyX event at BlackRock went well. Had a low turnout, but it was a good event overall. Had lots of help from other regions and divisional safety. May need to consider working with nearby regions when developing next year's schedule. Our last few events were competing with other regions. May have a couple outstanding invoices still for site fees. Working on getting the rest in.

Robert Stephens Award: Typically chosen by the Glen Region each year – not sure if we've decided this year or not. This usually is decided by Tim.

NYSRRC: May be some changes to the championship points and classes after the season ended. Some of the class winners may have been "bumped" after those changes with some new winners. Ongoing discussions amongst drivers and regions. Not a direct Glen Region impact but may hear some feedback due to close ties.

Majors Program: Overview from Ed on "national" racing events going forward. Will be Conferences made up by the current Divisions. Trying to make different paths to the Run Offs while keeping options for those not looking to go.

CRB: Will have 3 racing events next year. Current plans are for May Madness will host MARRS and JTCC. July Sprints will host ProIT, and the Last Chance will host ProIT and JTCC. All subject to change of course. Cheryl Boynton currently set to chair the Sprints.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Kintz
2012 Glen Region Secretary

Minutes of December 2012 Board Meeting

Glen Region, SCCA December 20, 2012

December board meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

PRESENT: Phil Kelley, Tim Meddaugh, Dave Cole, Larry Emery, Cheryl Boynton, Jennifer Kintz, Allan Kintz, Kyle Colbey, Chuck Dobbs, Tom Weaver, Sandy Sanders

MOTION: Cheryl, Kyle: Approve November minutes as presented. CARRIED.

Bob Stephens Award: Should be decided by the CRB and then approved by Board of Directors. Tim has some suggestions. Will need to contact Cheryl Z to get this moving.

Treasurer's Report: About \$65k in investments, \$70k in checking. MiniCon did break even for the region. Solo expense/revenue totals have been corrected for 2012. Still working with Lou to get QuickBooks in order. Educational grant is ready to be sent out.

MotorsportsReg: Should compile common issues/questions and take to MSR reps at National Convention in March.

MOTION: Cheryl, Phil: Accept Treasurer's Report as presented. CARRIED.

Membership: Currently 295 members (up 1 from Nov). Have 3 currently expired as of September.

CRB: NYSRRC championship points rules were voted on back in March at the RoundTable. They did not get publicized as they were intended – hence the previous confusion on winning drivers.

Solo: We received a refund of our payment for the 2nd event we planned to hold there (was canceled due to shipping containers in the Target lot).

Appointments: CRB and Solo chairs expected to remain the same. Larry will confirm.

SparkPlug: Get into to Barb by 12/27 for a mailing.

Raceworld Show: Dave is working to confirm the dates with the Oakdale Mall. Looking to get one more car to have on display. Will post to website/Facebook/etc.

Activities: Would like to have a membership meeting in late March. Possibly at Zonta House or Library in Elmira. Will have more details later.

Schedule: Unable to drop the Friday from the October event for this year. Will be up to the CRB to decide what to do with the date.

Discussion: Proposed procedures from Phil on Club Race/Solo finance reporting. Sounds like we are already doing most of the items listed.

Discussion: Motorsports Reg issues with billing. System does not pre-authorize credit cards prior to charging them. So no way to know when a card is not valid until they do the process. System basically allows entry of bogus cards – which causes us billing problems.

MOTION: Cheryl, Tim: Region will pay full travel/lodging/registration expense for RE to attend National Convention. CARRIED.

Region Awards: Send suggestions to Larry for George Fetzer. Larry will come up with RE's award.

MOTION: Cheryl, Chuck: Region will reimburse full registration fees for Board Members to attend National Convention. Also will reimburse up to \$1500 in registration fees for General Membership attending on a first come/first serve basis. CARRIED

Tech: Prices for scales and new ramps for next year come to around \$1600 for scales and another \$550 for new ramps. Would split cost with FLR.

MOTION: Phil, Kyle: Approve purchase of new scales and ramps for tech, with cost split evenly with FLR. CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted, Allan Kintz 2012 Glen Region Secretary

Reflections from the SCCA Worker of the Year by Kyle Colbey

For those of you that might not know, a Glen Region member won the SCCA's Club Racing Worker of the Year in 2012. But what is the award? Each year the SCCA picks one person from each division that exemplifies the dedication that it takes to make a club race event run smoothly. The division administrator, the top timing and scoring official in the Northeast division, told me that this award is, "like winning the Runoffs in your class".

I can definitely say it was a shock when I heard the news. I didn't believe it. I haven't been involved with club racing for more than a couple of years, and the best volunteer in the Northeast is... me? It seems like yesterday, but the first time I worked as a volunteer was in 2010 when I worked the Double National in timing and scoring. I liked being part of the action, and that I was allowed into the track free to watch some race cars. I came back for the July Sprints and haven't missed a Glen Region race since. In 2011, I wanted to scope out some of the other facilities in the Northeast before I became a driver. It was also a good learning experience to see how other regions handle the same issues that we have here in the region. It was from this that I learned how to have the live timing available on the internet and how to make posting results faster and easier.

In 2012, I bought a race car and slowly worked through the season to fulfill the requirements to get my comp license. The experience of being at some of the other tracks from the year before definitely came in handy. It also helped to have some familiar faces at the other tracks to catch up with. That has to be the best part of the club in general, it is one big family. There is always somebody willing to answer a question or lend you a hand if you need it.

Speaking of racing families, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped me get to where I am today. This is in no particular order, and please don't feel slighted if I forget to mention you! There is absolutely no way that I could have stepped into the role of regional chief of T&S without the help of Linda Louie. She showed me how to use the software, and given me tips and tricks along the way. Marie Sheehe, the former chief of T&S, has been instrumental in helping me get familiar with the equipment the region owns. Other workers that consistently come to the track that help things run smoothly are Carl Driese, Mike Brunner and Nancy Holcomb. Lastly, thanks to my parents for everything, but especially a safe spot to keep my race car for the time being.

the Glen Region Solo winners for 2012

First Place DS Allan Kintz
First Place ES Nile Heermans
First Place FS Andrew Hughson
First Place HS Steve Eberhard
First Place CSP Andrew Gleason
First Place FSP Scott Adriaanson
First Place GP Colin Raymond
First Place STX David Hendrickson
First Place SM Doug Binder
First Place F125 Rob Craig
First Place BSP Jason Lane SNY Region
First Place STS Rob Pingarelli SNY Region

Mark Lockhart 2012 Volunteer of the Year

John Pierce 2012 Service Award

Steve Eberhard 212 Most Improved Driver

Allan Kintz 2012 First Place PAX Index

2012 was an exciting season for the Glen Region SCCA Solo program and we are looking to maintain our momentum into 2013. In addition to a full regular schedule, we hope to run our annual Solo Driver's School and continue our support of a few Rally-Cross events. Other possibilities include a multi-region EVO school to develop more advanced driving skills, and potential collaborations with visiting marquee car clubs to bring the challenge and excitement of Solo to a broader pool of participants. Solo can be a great point of entry for people new to motorsports, and also a fun cheap way to renew your enthusiasm for driving.

All of these activities require the dedication of volunteers and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Keep an eye on the Glen Region Solo webpage and Facebook page for Board meetings, training, conferences and other dates. We hope to see you in 2013!

Danielle Hautaniemi, Solo Chair

the Glen Region Club Race winners for 2012

Comp Board Chair, Cheryl Zebrowski invited all the winners to submit a short article about themselves so that we can get to know them. I only heard from 2 of you....I assume the rest are shy?

Novice Driver of the Year Trevor Miller

Hello.

I received an email informing me of the Novice of the year award was awarded to me. I drive a 1991 Formula Vee Womer EV-3 number #13. I've been into racing for most of my life. I crewed for Arnold Carbaugh Jr (Formula Vee #12 Protoform 1) for 8 plus years and was encouraged by him to go for my SCCA racing license. I'm 27 years old and plan on racing in the Formula Vee class for awhile. Still have a lot to learn. I currently make a living as an Autobody technician in a custom autobody shop. I have been working there for 3 years now. My other hobby is restoring cars. I restored my classic 1964 ½ Ford Mustang and always looking for projects.

Thank you for your time. Trevor Miller

Regional Driver of the Year John Hellmers

National Driver of the Year Gary Kittell

Driver of the Year Jack Dinehart

George W. Stephens Award Ed Zebrowski

(Given to a driver who exhibits The Spirit of the Sport)

I am honored to be awarded the NYSRRC-Glen Region Stephens Award. 'In The Spirit Of The Sport' has always been an aim for me. Many others helped me start out in our sport. Without the support, guidance and friendship of John Magee I would have never been able to get through my Driver Schools. The Weaver Family, Ed Moore, Charlie Campbell, Bruce Perry, Chris Deminco, John Walsh, Howard Sautter and Sautter Family, and many many others have made motorsports a possibility for me. Most of all I want to thank my wife, Cheryl Zebrowski, my son Dallas, and my mother and late father for their support and guidance.

My interest in motorsports is evident all the way back to Kindergarten, where we were assigned to make a picture of what we wanted to be when we grew up. My drawing was of one of my father Triumph race motorbikes, complete with the 'nobbyee' tyres and titled how I wanted to win 'tchofees'. Being too tall and large for bikes, I moved into the direction of sports cars.

As with many of us, driving led to Instructing, Scrutineering, serving on the region's Board of Directors, as Regional Executive, and other positions both regionally, divisionally and nationally.

Giving back as we can is what makes SCCA and the Glen Region what it is, and not 'work' or another 'club'. I look forward to the 2013 season. We are not sure yet what I will be driving, but you can bet that I WILL BE behind the wheel of something!

Thank you again for the Stephens Award. I will do my best to continue to participate in the 'Spirit Of The Sport'. Ed.