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## REport

Glen Region Members,

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for all of their hard work. They were able to present a nomination list that was well represented from all areas of our region. The reason for all of the committees (Nomination, Election, CRB, Solo Board, Etc.) is due to our region's by-laws. While we are a club, we are also an incorporated Not-For-Profit business, and therefore have to operate under a set of by-laws, as governed by New York State. The by laws not only protect you the member, but also protect our club/business in keeping us within our chartered area of the law. One of the by-laws states that the Nominating Committee needs to complete the Nominating Report by a certain date.

The current Board of Directors and the 2015 Board will have its work cut out in terms of keeping our region in the financial "black". Just like everywhere else in our society, cuts will have to be made to keep the region out the red ink. Please feel free to let me or any Board member know where you feel the region's finances should be spent, as well as what areas the region should concentrate its activities for income. It's not going to be easy, but it is imperative that the region stay in the black for the long term health of our club. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any BoD member.

Please come out to a meeting, it would be long before the snow will be flying and we

all will be wishing for warmer days again!

In The Spirit Of The Sport,

--Ed...

## **Meet Your (Director) Candidates!**

There are two open Director positions for the 2015 Board of Directors and we have four candidates for these positions. Below you'll find a brief introduction for each candidate in their own words. Hopefully this helps in your decision making process!

### **Doug Binder**

I started autocrossing around seven years ago. After a few years of just showing up and racing, I realized that the SCCA events happened because of the dedication of a small group of people and that if I was going to be racing with this group, I should be helping out. I got my Solo Safety Steward license and have been actively involved with the planning of the Solo events since then.

### **Tom Weaver**

I have been a member of the Glen Region since 1979. Have been involved in Tech, Pits, and co chaired races. Current involvement beside the board of directors Have an ITS car that We run in club events unfortunately got no track this year due to engine failure. It is my hope to continue on the board and work with the RE and other board members to continue operation of the Glen Region. I respectfully request your support in the upcoming elections.

### **Chuck Dobbs**

### **Rob Craig**

Hello fellow region members! My name is Rob Craig and I've been a member of the Glen Region SCCA for 20 years and participated well before that. I have been a member of both the Region boards and Solo boards for many terms, as well as having raced in both road racing in Formula Ford, along with Solo for many years successfully in both cars and karts. In addition, I have done some racing outside of SCCA in ChumpCar, karts, and others cars. I also volunteer for Watkins Glen Grand Prix festival, which is really important to racing community and community at large. The interests of the club and the Spirit of the Sport are the heart of my participation.

I would like to be on the board, once again, to help the region become financially stable and grow interest in the club for long term stability, and encourage the fun reputation the Glen Region is known for outside of the club. I believe the Glen Region SCCA has had a storied past and has a bright future if we plan now. I also believe the Glen Region is one club and encourage

Once again I am running for a position on the Board of Directors for the Glen Region. In the past two years we have seen a lot of changes in the way race events are held at Watkins Glen. The present board members had made an enormous effort in trying to make these events successful. Having been a member since 1978, I have been working for this club in many capacities from Flag Marshal, to Board Member, to assistant RE, to RE, to Deputy Executive Steward for Area 10, to Executive Steward of the Northeast Division. Now back to Deputy Executive Steward for Area 10 and as a Board Member. As you see I have dedicated a lot of time to this club, both the Glen Region and SCCA as well. I believe that I have what the membership would like to see run this club.

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## 2014 Solo Wrap Up

Our Solo Season this year wrapped up during our Last Chance club race weekend at WGI. We finished the year with a big event, as usual. There were 61 drivers registered and they each managed 6 runs a piece averaging in the 50+ second range.

Concluding a full season also means we have some champions! This year we had a total of 6 Glen Region events and also threw in 3 Out of Region events (with the Southern NY Region) for good measure! To win your class

participation from Club Racing and Solo to see the other parts of the club and how much fun and opportunity there is.

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## 2014 NEDiv MiniCon

The 2014 Mini Convention will be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza in West Marlborough MA. At the moment we don't have a full session schedule but the current schedule is available [on the NEDiv website](#) (PDF).

The MiniCon room rate is \$102/night at the Best Western and that price ends TODAY. Contact info for the hotel is available in the form above. You can also register for the Convention either with the paper form above or you can [register online](#).

## It's in the Mail!

As is the theme of this edition of SparkPlug, related elections materials will soon be in the mail! Watch your mailbox for the Annual Meeting notices, soon followed by the actual ballot.

Also included with the Annual Meeting notice will be the Higher Education Grant form. And yes, that means the Glen Region will be awarding one grant this year in the amount of \$500.

Please remember that these things must be returned to the Glen Region

though, you need a minimum of 4 events to count for points but your best 6 count! The only other catch is that 4 of those events must be Glen Region events!

Taking all of that into account, we have quite a few class winners for this year.

**BS:** Peter Ling

**CS:** Willie Hayes

**DS:** Allan Kintz

**ES:** Michael Smith

**FS:** Roderick Yonkin

**GS:** Matteo Scaptura

**HS:** Daniel Lo

**BSP:** Jason Lane

**ESP:** Russell Seidel

**FSP:** Scott Adriaansen

**EM:** Dan Lutz

**ESR:** Nile Heermans

**FSR:** Mark Mangicaro

**STS:** Curtis Salzman

**STR:** Rob Pingerelli

**SM:** Doug Binder

**KM:** Rob Craig

**PAX:** Rob Pingerelli

Join us in officially congratulating each of these winners in a couple months at our Awards Banquet!

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Secretary no later than two hours prior to the Annual Meeting! The Annual Meeting will be Saturday, November 22 at 8 p.m. That means your ballot and (if necessary) Higher Ed Grant are due by 6 p.m. that day.

This also means that any ballots delivered to the Secretary just prior to the start of the meeting cannot be accepted! Please plan accordingly!

## October Birthdays!

If you see these Glen Region members, wish them a Happy Birthday this month. We won't tell you how old they are!

Scott Adriaansen

William Benway

Brett Bourdette

Mary Button

Julius Carozza

Johanna Dinehart

Jack Dinehart

Terri Dobbs

Steve Eberhard

Thomas Fitzgerald

Gennifer Gibbs

Betty Hamlisch

Nathan Hamlisch

Richard Hautaniemi

Earl Hurlbut

Adrian Ketchum

Kimberly Klein

Mick Levy

Mart Mattice

Beverley Miller

Edwin Moore

Bernard Naegele

Stacey Pullano

Matt Pullano

Nancy Williams

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