

Congratulations are in order as we wrap up the 2015 racing season!

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Awards Banquet Wrap Up

The Glen Region and NYSRRC presented a lot of awards earlier this month at our Awards Banquet. We had representatives from Solo, Club Racing, and our RE awarding some trophies and plaques to our members. Below you'll find the full list of winners!

Solo Awards



Many of our Solo award winners typically attend the banquet each year.
(L to R) Kevin Hendrickson, David Hendrickson, Brett Bourdette, Rob Pingerelli,

Solo Class Awards

B Street: Mark Mangicaro (CNY)
C Street: Paul Ruffedt (SNY)
D Street: Allan Kintz (GLN)
E Street: James Coulombe (GLN)
F Street: Kevin Hendrickson (GLN)
G Street: Jennifer Kintz (GLN)
Street Touring S: Cody Cunningham (SNY)
Street Touring X: Peter Ling (SNY)
Street Touring R: Rob Pingerelli (SNY)
Street Touring U: David Hendrickson (GLN)
F Street Prepared: Scott Adriaansen (GLN)
CAM-T: Brett Bourdette (GLN)
Street Modified: Doug Binder (GLN)
Super Street Modified: Andrew Gleason (SNY)
E Modified: Bob Lutz (GLN)
Kart Modified: Bruce Coulombe (GLN)

Additional Solo Awards

PAX Index: Allan Kintz (GLN)
Most Improved Driver: Carol Pollard (GLN)
Volunteer of the Year: Joe Scaptura (GLN)
Service Award: Allan Kintz (GLN)



The 2015 Solo Service Award was presented to Allan Kintz.

Club Racing Awards (for fun!)

Least Believable Tech Worker: Emily Dobbs

Outstanding 1st Place Performance by a 3rd Place Car: Kyle Colbey

Best Death Scene Performance by a Crankshaft: Ed's Spitfire



Kyle Colbey accepts his Club Race award for his unexpected win at the July Sprints.

Region/RE Awards

George Fetzer Service Award: Allan Kintz

Regional Executive Award: Phil Kelley



Phil Kelley accepts his RE Award for service to the region, specifically of great benefit to the RE in the 2015 season.

NYSRRC Awards

Named Awards

Robert Stephens Award: Kyle Colbey

Eddie Whitmore Memorial FV Trophy: Justin Noble

Driver of the Year: Evan Karl

Inter-Regional Award: Finger Lakes Region

Class Awards

Club Formula Continental (CFC), 1st Place: Jack Dinehart

Formula Continental (FC), 1st Place: Michael Gould

Prototype 2 (P2), 1st Place: Paul Omichinski

F Production (FP), 1st Place: Jack Hanifan

F Production (FP), 2nd Place: Peter Smith

Improved Touring A (ITA), 1st Place: Abhijeet Ghatak

Improved Touring A (ITA), 2nd Place: Kyle Colbey

Improved Touring R (ITR), 1st Place: Anthony Serra

Improved Touring R (ITR), 2nd Place: Tom Capizzi

Improved Touring S (ITS), 1st Place: Darrel Stein

Improved Touring S (ITS), 2nd Place: Joe Stadelmann

Spec Racer Ford (Gen3) (SRF3), 1st Place: Richard Wiehl

Spec Miata 2 (SM2), 1st Place: Robert Karl Jr

Spec Miata 2 (SM2), 2nd Place: Evan Karl

Spec Miata 2 (SM2), 3rd Place: Dominic Karl

Super Touring Ultra (STU), 1st Place: Greg Goss
Touring 4 (T4), 1st Place: Jared Lendrum
Touring 4 (T4), 2nd Place: Robert Demers
Formula Vee (FV), 1st Place: Justin Noble



(L to R) Kyle Colbey, Jack Hanifan, Mike Gould, and Jack Dinehart were in attendance to accept their NYSRRC season awards.

Top 10 in Points

1st Place, 175 pts: Justin Noble, FV
2nd Place, 162 pts: Jack Dinehart, CFC
2nd Place, 162 pts: Michael Gould, FC
3rd Place, 160 pts: Paul Omichinski, P2
4th Place, 141 pts: Anthony Serra, ITR
5th Place, 140 pts: Darrel Stein, ITS
6th Place, 115 pts: Jack Hanifan, FP
6th Place, 115 pts: Robert Karl Jr, SM2
7th Place, 114 pts: Jared Lendrum, T4
8th Place, 112 pts: Tom Capizzi, ITR
9th Place, 110 pts: Richard Wiehl, SRF3
10th Place 106 pts: Robert Demers, T4

A Glen Region Trip to New Jersey

Tom Weaver and a couple other Glen Region members made a trip to NJ last year for a South Jersey Region race at NJMP. This is their story!

A little report on members making a journey to NJMP for South Jersey region race October 23-25/2015. Since our car (#63 Mazda RX-7 usually in garage 2B) is still on the disabled list, it was decided to take a trip to New Jersey with Glen Region member Gene Litz in order to assist in getting him on track for an event. Gene's car

is the E Production Mazda RX-7 originally owned and campaigned by Bob Neal with several Run off wins.

Trip started with myself (Tom Weaver) and Ed Moore, our mechanic, heading out from Sayre, PA to Speed 1 in Allentown to meet Gene, as he was taking his car in for a some “debugging” as the car seemed to have a miss that was intermittent (you can feel it and then it disappears until you are on the grid!). Good decision, as they found 2 bad plug wires and a bad plug. And since we only have 4 of each to work with this could have been a problem!!!

Got the car loaded up and headed back to the Northeast extension of the PA Turnpike. I was in the lead, with Gene and his motorhome and trailer following, as he had never been to NJMP.

Now this is when you want to mute the GPS and revert to the good old paper map (advice to you youngsters that use your phones, Garmins, Tom Toms and etc!!) That fancy stuff will try to send you East of the turnpike to the Jersey pike and south. Don't do that - stay right on 476 South to 95 South. Be aware that that fancy GPS stuff is going again to try and send you east to Jersey pike on the DREADED SUREKILL EXPRESSWAY. Mute the damn thing! Take 95 south for 3 miles and exit to the Commodore Barry bridge and 322 West to 55 Wouth to Millville!

This is a good place to note that gas in Jersey was 1.87, diesel was 2.02, and CNG was 1.65 per gallon and they pump it for you!

Gene had made the decision to rent a garage and that enabled us to get into the track on Thursday and get parked. Well it wasn't quite that easy, since we first parked near our garage as directed by security, went to dinner, came back, and were confronted by an irate person (just because you have enough money to own semitrailers and motorhomes doesn't teach manners). Security came and apologized and he had us move again! TO IMPOUND when tech arrived and we had to move again (difference was they were great about it, unlike our first encounter). It worked out fine as our garage (2) was right next to tech.

Friday was a HPDE event that gave us time to do detailing on car for Saturday and Sunday events. The HPDE event provided some interesting vehicles. There was the usual group of race cars testing and tweaking. In addition to racers were “street racers” getting on lots of Camaros, Mustangs of all sorts, Porsches, couple of new Jaguars, several Ferraris, and a lone McLaren!

Was after a cup of coffee and heard one of the instructors talking to a group of first timers (novices?) “Just go out and warm up for a couple of laps and then start going faster and faster. If you spin, don't worry about it because there is nothing coming at you from the opposite direction” YIKES

Friday evening we headed into Millville for dinner at Jim's Lunch, as the special on the sign board was roast turkey and stuffing for \$9.95!. What a neat place. Been there since 1891 and is still run by the same family. Well, we got into the front door to join another 10 or 12 people waiting. Soon got the feel it was a scene from the Soup Nazi of Seinfeld fame. Big grill in front with hot dogs, hamburgers, and barbeques cooking. One lady answering phones for take outs and there was no question what was being ordered!! About that time waitress says “booth for 3 or

more” and we made a bee line for it! What a dinner! The turkeys are roasted whole with mounds of stuffing. In the 45 minutes we were there, counted 4 complete turkeys come out to prep people working the serving line (10-12 all the time) and the then the stripped carcass would go back to kitchen. Needless to say we did not order dessert!



Bill Weaver, Dan Hall, and Gene Litz hang out in Impound after the race!

Saturday morning dawned cool, crisp, and sunny typical fall day. Gene, myself, and Ed were joined by Susquehanna Valley Region member Dan Hall (Harrisburg PA) and then shortly thereafter, son Bill weaver arrived from Lusby MD. Saturday events was a practice-qualify session, followed later in the day by qualifying race. Everything went smoothly with no kinks! Car started and ran perfectly.

Sunday morning came cold and raining!! Hmm, shades of the Glen. This presented a bit of a problem in that Gene did not have rain tires and not his favorite conditions to drive in. Well there were 3 race groups ahead of us and it continued to rain/mist until about 10 am when the precipitation stopped and some wind started to dry things out!! (It didn't help the chill factor!)

Came Gene's time to head for the grid and track had dried up pretty well except inside the front straight. Car started right up (temp was up to a scorching 42 degrees) and away we went to grid! Grid went without any problems and Green flag dropped!

Gene was about 2/3 back overhaul and was ahead of 5 cars at the start. Continued that way for 3 laps then, hey! he's ahead of 6 cars, next lap it was 7, went that way for 3 more laps then it jumped to ahead of 8 cars and he had found his groove!! By this time some of the faster cars were working on the field but that didn't rattle Gene. He held his ground and when the checkered flag came out he was First in EP!!!! Pretty darn good and a great time for all of us!!.

Bill and Dan broke out the grill for gourmet lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers for our celebration banquet!!! We packed up and headed home shortly after 2 pm with Ed and I hitting home at 7:15. Bill and Dan stayed to watch the ITS and ITR race and then headed home, arriving between 6:30 to 7 at their destinations and Gene pulling into his home base shortly after 8 pm.

On a personal note I got to have a reunion with Dr Charles Argila, who flags for Northern NJ region. Have a special bond/fondness for the good Doctor. We share the same month (July) and year (1943) of birth, although he is 10 days older than I am. I got well aquatinted with him after 54 visits to at Robert Packer Hospital's wound care clinic in 2014 over a period of 30 plus weeks. I had about everything they had to offer including wound care vacuum, and an [Apligraf](#). Just missed out on the hyperbaric chamber. He is not only a good Doctor but a hell of a good person!!

So ends our adventure out of region!!
Tom Weaver

Region Positions Available!

A few of our appointed positions are open for the 2016 season and we're looking for anyone interested in helping the region in these areas! And as always, we could use help in many other aspects of the region. If you'd like anymore detail on these positions or any others, please either reply to this email or contact any of [our Board members](#).

Membership Chair

With thanks to our previous membership chair, Jennifer Kintz, for her service to the region - we are now looking for an energetic individual to take over this role.

What does the Membership Chair actually do? Glad you asked! In short, the Membership Chair manages relations with our members. Welcome new members, maintain contact with existing members, reach out to old members, etc. Most often, this person reports current membership levels and data to the region's Board of Directors in our monthly meetings.

More specifically, you may contact an expired member and see if there's any way we can keep them involved. You might also reach out to new or weekend members and welcome them to the Region, let them know what we have to offer.

And, once per year, we honor our members that reach 5 year milestones in their membership with what we call membership tabs. These are little metal tabs that attach to an SCCA pin, signifying your length of membership with the region. The Membership Chair manages and distributes these tabs at our Awards Banquet each year.

Sound Control

Our Club Racing group is still in need of a Sound Control Chief for our events.

Actually, we haven't really had one within the region for a few years now... but it would be great to have one if anyone is willing.

And just what does the Chief of Sound do? They measure how loud race cars are around the track in order to comply with noise limits posted at our Club Racing events. The Glen Region even has our own sound equipment that can be used - we just need someone able to do it! Training and guidance can be provided.

Everything Else

We are always looking for help in every aspect of the club. Solo could always use some help in every aspect of our events. Club Racing is always looking for volunteers to help in their various specialties - and working Club Racing positions at events even gets you discounts on your SCCA membership!

Education Grant Thank You

A brief note from the recipient of the Glen Region's 2015 Educational Grant:

I would like to thank the Glen Region and its members for awarding me the education grant. It means a lot to have the support of the region in helping me to achieve the goal of earning a degree. Thank you everyone for your support!

-In the spirit of the sport
Dallas Zebrowski

Official Region Merchandise Available Again

A while back, the region worked with SCCAGear.com to offer official, Glen Region-branded merchandise for sale. Then SCCAGear redesigned their website and all of the regional gear was lost (for all regions, not just the Glen).

Recently, they have re-established the regional part of the store and we again have Glen Region merchandise available to order. Perhaps the best part is that the region even gets a small percentage of sales given back - just like before. The selection is limited right now - but if there's something else on the rest of the site that you'd like a Glen Region version of, you can contact the site owner and request it.

Want to check out what's available? Head over to SCCAGear.com, select Regional Gear on the left and look for the Glen Region link.

Coming up in the next issue of SparkPlug...

A recap of the 2016 National Convention: After some very critical feedback of the 2015 convention, the SCCA regrouped and filled up almost 3 days with content and moved back to Las Vegas.

Look ahead to the 2016 racing season: Another full Solo schedule is on the way in addition to a full Club Racing season. We have a new track surface, will again host the Majors, and will once again change up our Last Chance event.

In the spirit of the sport...

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