

SPARKPLUG



USRRC Super National To Be Run At Glen

Club racing will take on a new status in 1978 with the beginning of the SCCA's first USRRC Super National races at 12 sites around the country.

"The Super National races are designed to showcase SCCA's Club Racing while at the same time generating and attracting more media attention," says Club Racing Director Tex Arnold. They all will be spectator events and should draw good fields and attendance.

Super Nationals will be run with all the recognized SCCA classes. However, a new scoring system will award 15 points for each first place finish and distribute points through ten places.

Point totals from the Super Nationals, along with other 1978 USRRC finishes, will be totaled for the run-offs at Road Atlanta.

Existing rules which state a driver may count only two events outside Division races still apply.

1978 SUPER NATIONAL SCHEDULE

April	15-16	Charlotte Motor Speedway
April	29-30	Texas World Speedway
May	27-28	Riverside Int'l Raceway
June	3-4	Road America
June	10-11	Portland Int'l Raceway
June	24-25	Laguna Seca
July	8-9	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
July	15-16	Brainerd Int'l Raceway
July	29-30	Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
Aug.	12-13	Watkins Glen
Sept.	2-3	Lime Rock Park
Sept.	9-10	Mid-America Raceways

NEDIV Solo II Run-offs

The Glen Region's bid for the 1978 NEDiv Solo II Runoffs has been accepted. The Runoffs will be held at the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Circuit on August 19-20. The layout will be a two course event using the boot and the pits. More information will be available as the preparations proceed.

Since we are the home team, I would like to see more entries from the Glen Region than have ever been to a Divisional before. In 1977, we were tied with D.C. Region for second place and the Grant Reynolds Trophy. New England Region took first place honors—they outnumbered us 2 to 1. So, let's get everyone entered to fill all the classes with three entries.

Anyone wishing to work the event in any capacity please let me know—we need you, too.

Carl Matuszek

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 28	Business meeting-7:30 pm Lodge on the Green
Feb. 10, 11, 12	National Convention
Feb. 18	Business meeting-7:30 pm Lodge on the Green
Feb. 25	Harold's Nite
Feb. 26	Rally school/rally

Board of Directors meetings are the first Friday of the month, 8 pm, Lodge on the Green during Feb., March, and April.



1977 GLEN REGION OFFICERS, DIRECTORS - seated from left, Secretary Linda Atkinson; Treasurer Doug Wilcox; Director Bob Burns; Regional Executive Eleanor Perry. Standing from left, Activities Director Harold Krelie; Directors Joe Atkinson and Phyllis Hoskinson; Assistant RE Norm Glueck; Assistant Treasurer Bob Hoskinson. Absent-Director Mike Kirkland.

SCCA News



SCCA NAMES PRESS OFFICER

The appointment of John Dalton as National Press Officer has been announced by SCCA Executive Director Tom Duval.

Dalton will assume duties immediately, replacing Dinah Chapman, who leaves SCCA after a long tenure as chief press representative for the group.

SCCA MARKS YEAR OF CHANGE, PROGRESS

With plans already underway for an innovative 1978 season, the 1977 SCCA campaign will be remembered as one of change and progress.

Sanctioning 39 professional races in the Citicorp Can-Am Challenge, the Trans-American Championship, the Robert Bosch VW Gold Cup and Scirocco/Bilstein Cup which played to 913,448 spectators, a total of 270 events in club racing, nine Pro Rallies and over 500 Club Rallies along with "explosive" growth in Solo events, the SCCA fulfilled its commitment to sanction and conduct nearly every major road course event in the country in 1977.

Added to the schedule for 1978 is a program designed to meet the motoring needs of a changing world. Begun in late 1977, the SCCA-Department of Energy-Citicorp Economy Challenge matches drivers against courses laid out to include city, suburban and highway driving in efforts to obtain highest possible mileage measured against Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Nearly 50 Economy Runs will be conducted in 1978, and says Executive Director Tom Duval, "They will provide realistic information to both manufacturers and drivers, and as the sanctioning body we feel SCCA has become the leader in economy-performance driving."

Club racing, with 66 National races, 147 Regionals and 57 Driver Schools, was enthusiastically received during 1977 and promises to be equally exciting in 1978.

"We are very optimistic about 1978 with the advent of the USRRC Super Nationals," says SCCA Club Racing Director Tex Arnold.



1977 Activities Annual Report to Denver

The year, 1977, was a very productive one for the Glen Region. Besides the feat of maintaining an active calendar of some 40 events for the membership, we launched a "total" program of public relations in order to put the image of the Glen Region and the SCCA before the eyes and ears of the community of which we are a part.

Under enthusiastic leadership, the PR committee kept the media informed of all events in a timely manner and have been personally commended for the effort by members of the press. The most vivid example of our community involvement was in the production of a "multi-interest" car show, complete with films, slides, prizes and free publicity of the SCCA, and was held in the new Civic Center Arena in Corning, N.Y. In as small a community as we reside, the participation and attendance was gratifying, and a great deal of interest in the SCCA activities was evident.

We re-activated our sponsorship of the BSA Explorer Post in the field of motorsports; developed a very attractive brochure for visual consumption; and have readied an informative and very complete slide show series to take to the community meeting groups.

This concentrated effort of better promoting ourselves and our activities will no doubt reflect a greater rise in new members for the SCCA in the next year, although we maintained our average of 56 new members for 1977. The "Membership Contest" we instituted at the suggestion of the National Membership Chairman was well received, with many members competing for the coveted prize. A definite growth in the Solo II and Rally Programs was shown this year with a 25 per cent increase in attendance for Solo IIs, and a 15 per cent increase for rallies.

These events are totally supported by club members and guests from the area, as there are no large marque clubs to assist in the participation. In demonstration of our organizational ability we have been awarded a date for a DOE Economy Run for 1978, and have been chosen as the site for the NEDIV Solo II Runoffs for 1978.

Meanwhile, our mainstay—the race program, both amateur and professional—at Watkins Glen, maintained its high level of performance with a large majority of our membership assisting in the various race departments from May through October. Historically, not ever having an abundance of drivers in the past, this year there were three first place winners and a number of lower places in the Area 10 Championship Series for regional race events.

Always on the lookout for ways to improve the race organization—whether with personnel or with equipment—we purchased a truck to carry a fire unit and to be used in other regional activities, and incorporated a new public address system for better communication.

In keeping with our philosophy of maintaining the broad scope of activities that SCCA has to offer, we became a member of the PHA (Pa. Hillclimb Assoc.), in order to improve participation in our Solo I event. We made plans to conduct a hillclimb in the state of Pennsylvania, but our plans were halted due to governmental restrictions.

To say that our members are busy and active is a gross understatement; we try to have relaxation and just plain fun, too. A new concept for us—a program committee—was begun to enhance the general business meetings—complete with lotteries, door prizes, and even decal swapping.

Our year began with an extraordinary happening—the Twentieth Anniversary Party which was an historical meeting of the "olde timers" and the more active members in one unified group; and we will end the year with the Christmas and Awards Party with the same spirit—that of a feeling of pride and accomplishment in belonging to the Glen Region, SCCA, Inc.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE—Eleanor Perry

1977 REPORT TO DENVER—DATA SHEET

	1976	1977
Number of members.....	362	332
Social Meetings held.....	20	22
Business Meetings held for members....	9	8
Newsletter issues produced.....	9	12
Driver lic. held by members-reg and nat	35	33
Officials lic. held by members.....	133	141
Student drivers.....	28	20
Worker log books held.....	45	60
Driver's schools conducted.....	1	1
Regional races conducted.....	2	2
National races conducted.....	1	1
Professional races conducted.....	7	7
Regional rallies conducted.....	5	7
Av. no. cars in regional rallies.....	17	20
Solo I events.....	2	1
Av. no. cars in Solo I.....	50	52
Solo II events.....	8	7
Av. no. cars in Solo II.....	42	56
Auto shows conducted.....	0	1

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Solo II Events



TENTATIVE SOLO II SCHEDULE

Feb. 5 Icekhana location TBA (non-championship)
 Apr. 2 Elmira College Domes
 Apr. 23 Ithaca-location TBA
 May 6-7 School/Event Grand Prix Circuit
 June 25 5-minute-IR Foundry, P. Post
 July 23 IR Main Plant, P. Post
 Aug. 6 Bully Hill Vineyards
 Aug. 19-20 NEDiv Runoffs-G.P. Circuit
 Sept. 17 Clute Motor Co., Elmira
 Sept. 23-24 Hutchinson, Ks. Nationals
 Oct. 8 Invitational-G.P. Circuit*

*The Invitational Solo II may be moved to and earlier date.
 Contact Carl Matuszek for updated information on any event.

1978 SOLO II BOARD

The Solo II Board is alive and well. We are here to help all Solo IIers, and to answer any questions you may have. If you have any suggestions for the program let us know. Solo II Board members:

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SOLO II CLASSES

In 1977 some of the Solo II classes were not very well attended. To fill these classes, I am listing them below along with a few of the vehicles included. If your car fits one of these classes, join in on the fun of Solo IIing this year.

A/Mod and B/Mod-dune buggies and formula cars
 D/Mod-Special cars built for Solo II
 A/Prep-Datsun Z, Lotus, Porsche
 B/Prep-Corvette
 C/Prep-American V-8
 E/Prep-Sprite, Honda, cars under 1300 cc Ladies
 A/Stock-Porsche, Lotus, Pantera, Shelby Cobra
 B/Stock-Corvette
 C/Stock-Porsche 914, Lotus, BMW 2002 ti
 D/Stock-Satsun z, MG, Triumph, Capri V-6
 E/Stock-Fiat, Opel, Mazda
 H/Stock-Pinto, Vega, VW Beetle, rear wheel dr

The rest of the Solo II classes are very well attended and give a high level of competition, so don't rule these classes out. The above classes have competition but could use more- especially with sending a team to the Divisionals.

Carl Matuszek

RALLY NEWS



The rally board held its first meeting January 8, 1978. Discussion of the direction of rallying for this year resulted in the following:

The first three rallies will be combined with a school. Each will emphasize a different route folling concept and will take the rallyist from simple SOP rallying to more challenging RTD events.

The first rally/school will be February 26 tentatively scheduled to start at noon at the Hickory House in Horseheads. It will be chaired by Lyn Rexford with emphasis on SOP rallying using the main road concept and simple rally terminology. The second and third schools will be chaired by Bill Bradshaw and Bob Perry, respectively. More details on these in upcoming issues of Sparkplug.

Rally board members include Bill Bradshaw, chairman, Bob Perry, Bob Hoskinson, Ken and Donna Bird and Lyn Rexford.

NEWSWORTHY

NOTES

HELP!

The beginning of every year, as you well know, means coming to terms with the past and planning, planning, planning for the new.

My part of the planning for the year involves compiling a complete, accurate inventory of all the Glen Region's possessions. I will need everyone's help and cooperation in this undertaking, so if you have anything that belongs to the Region please notify me. Call me at (607) 732-6085 evenings or drop a note- 358 Riverside Ave., Elmira, N.Y. 14904.

Happy hunting and a million thanks for your help.

Phyllis Hoskinson

NEDIV ROUNDTABLE

Plan now to attend the NEDiv Roundtable- a series of meetings and seminars on matters of importance to NEDiv regional officials.

The Roundtable will be hosted this year by the Central Pa. Region, SCCA, on March 17, 18, and 19 at the Toftrees Country Club and Lodge, State College, Pa.

Pre-registration is requested, and forms will be available along with complete details from REs early in January.

Craig Colwell, Chairman

HAROLD'S NITE

COME ONE-COME ALL--to 'Harold's Nite', February 25, 1978 at the U.A.W. Union Hall on 14th Street in Elmira Heights (just west of Pudgies).

An evening of entertainment and refreshments is on tap that promises to make a cold, boring winter Saturday night more enjoyable.

Members and guests are welcome, so bring a friend and don't forget the date-Saturday, February 25, 8 pm.

Your host,
Harold Krelie

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Results of the 1977 Membership Contest are as follows:

Eleanor Perry	8
Tom Rynone	3
Bev Hopkins	2
Bob Stephens	2
Norm Glueck	1
Phyllis Hoskinson	1
Bob Hoskinson	1
Jim Newpher	1
Carol Robson	1

Regular members	244
Spouse members	46
Junior members	25
Limited members	14
Other	1
Total	330

All dues are payable now. Please dig out that statement you hid before Christmas and send it in.

N.E. Glueck
Membership Chairman

HEADS UP!

ATTENTION all license holders in F&C-please get your licenses in the mail to me immediately so you'll have them back early. Please note the change of address-R.D. 2, Box 120, Stanley, N.Y. 14561. Thanks.

Bob Adkins

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Peter Argetsinger, son of Glen Region members Cameron and Jean Argetsinger, 1977 British Racing and Sports Car Club Driver of the Year.

The award will be presented at ceremonies to be held January 28th at Bury St. Edmunds, England.

Argetsinger consistently placed high in the club's super competitive Formula Ford Championship during the past year, entering a total of 64 races.

A Look at the Past with Bill Green

In October, 1932 the Association International des Automobile Clubs Reconnus, now known as the Federation International de l'Automobile (FIA), drew up the 750 Kg or 1500 Cwt formula for Grand Prix Cars.

This formula specified that a car could weigh no more than 750 Kg without the driver, fuel and tires. There were no limitations on engine size or horsepower. The minimum frontal area, governed by body width, had to be at least 33½ inches.

This formula was to run from 1934 to 1936, however, it was extended to be the standard in 1937. This formula produced the fastest road racing cars the world would ever see, namely Mercedes-Benz and Auto Union.

The 1937 W125 Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix car developed 646 horsepower @ 5800 rpm, based on a 5.6 litre supercharged straight 8 engine. The regular team drivers were Rudolf Caracciola, Manfred von Brauchitsch, Herman Lang and Dick Seaman.

The C type Auto Unions produced 550 horsepower @ 5,000 rpm, with a supercharged 6 litre V-16 engine, mounted in the rear. The Auto Union team sported such drivers as Bernd Rosemeyer, Hans Von Stuck, Rudolf Hasse, and Luigi Fagioli. Towards the end of the 1937 season Tazio Nuvolari left the Alfa Romeo team and joined Auto Union as a regular.

Both of these German cars were capable of speeds of around 210 mph. The Alfa Romeo and Maserati marques were far out-classed in both horsepower and handling capabilities. Auto Union and Mercedes-Benz competed in 12 major races during 1937, below are the race results:

G.P. of Tripoli	H. Lang
Avus	H. Lang
Eifelrenner	B. Rosemeyer
G.P. of Monaco	M. von Brauchitsch
G.P. of Germany	R. Caracciola
G.P. of Belgium	R. Hasse
G.P. of Italy	R. Caracciola
Coppa Acerbo (Pescara)	B. Rosemeyer
Vanderbilt Cup (U.S.A.)	B. Rosemeyer
Donington G.P.	B. Rosemeyer
G.P. of Czechoslovakia	R. Caracciola
Swiss G.P.	R. Caracciola

EDITOR'S NOTE

Just a short note to say 'Hi' from your new, old editor-or should I say your old, new editor-whatever.

The SPARKPLUG deadline will remain the first of the month, and I can't emphasize this enough. This format lends itself nicely to being current-what we all want, but can't do unless I have your articles on time.

Plans are to complete the layout by the first weekend following the first of the month. Don't hesitate to call if something important breaks shortly after deadline-I'll make every effort to print the information.

Lyn

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Local Radio Station To Feature Auto Racing

WQIX-FM radio in Horseheads will feature 20 live broadcasts of major automobile races throughout the United States in 1978. The broadcasts feature NASCAR and USAC races in their entirety plus the Toyota Grand Prix of the United States on October 1st. The first broadcast is the Winston Western 500 from Riverside, California on January 22nd at 1:50 pm. The remainder of the schedule includes:

Feb. 18 Daytona Sportsman 300 12:50 pm

Feb. 19 Daytona 500 12:30 pm

Apr. 23 Virginia 500 12:50 pm

May 7 Winston 500 1:50 pm

May 28 World 600

May 21 Mason Dixon 500 12 noon

May 28 World 600 12:15 pm

June 11 Riverside NAPA 400 3:50 pm

June 18 CAM 2 400 1:20 pm

July 4 Firecracker 400 9:50 am

July 16 Norton 200 12:50 pm

July 30 Coca Cola 500 12:50 pm

Aug. 6 Talladega 500 12 noon

Aug. 20 Champion Spark Plug 400 1:20 pm

Sept. 17 Delaware 500 12 noon

Sept. 24 Old Dominion 500 12:50 pm

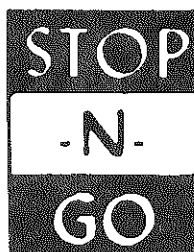
Oct. 1 Toyota Grand Prix of the US 2:15 pm

Oct. 8 NAPA National 500 12:20 pm

Oct. 29 Cardinal 500 12:20 pm

Nov. 19 Times 500 1:50 pm

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