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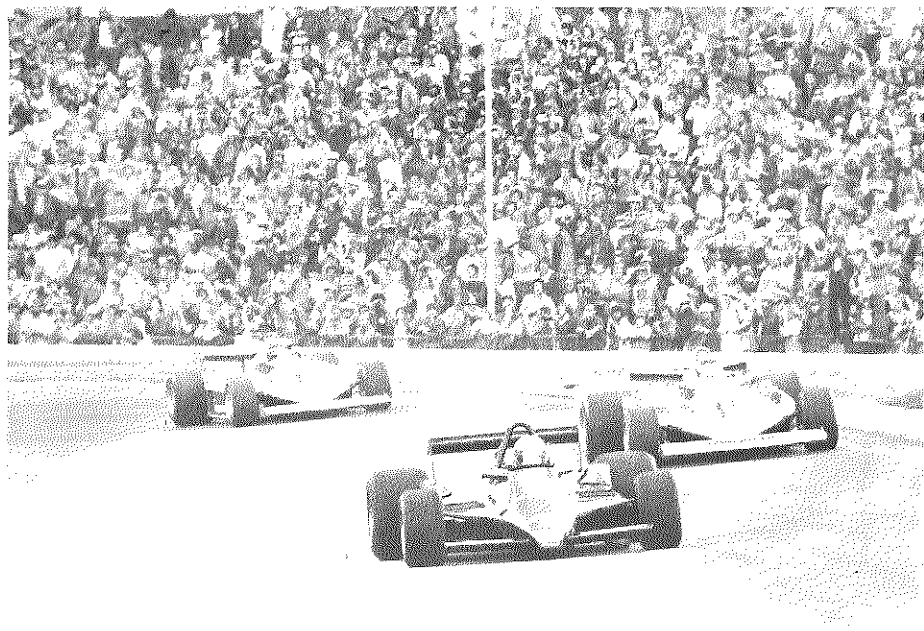


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## Reutemann Takes Toyota U.S.G.P. Honors



**WORLD CHAMPION MARIO ANDRETTI leads the Ferraris of eventual winner Carlos Reutemann and his teammate Gilles Villeneuve through the 90 on lap one of the USGP.**

Carlos Reutemann, driving flawlessly despite a bout with the flu, scored a convincing win for Ferrari in the 20th Anniversary edition of the United States Grand Prix.

The weekend seemed to belong to Mario Andretti as the newly crowned World Champion tore up the track with record-shattering qualification times. The huge crowd loved it and it seemed almost a foregone conclusion that Andretti would add his own country's Grand Prix laurels to the six previous wins he has scored this year. However, as we all know, to win you first must finish.

Andretti's demise came during the mid-day warm-up session when a rear tire came off causing him to crash the car he had practiced with all weekend. A hasty conference with Lotus boss Colin Chapman resulted in Andretti driving teammate Jean-Pierre Jarier's car while Jarier was assigned the backup car. The car was set up for Andretti and a huge cheer went up from the crowd all around the circuit as the cars made their way around the track on the pace lap. There was still hope that everyone could see what the majority had come to see—an American win his own Grand Prix.

The high hopes were short-lived, however, as first the brakes on Andretti's car started misbehaving and the hard-charging Reutemann took the lead after only three laps. With the brake problems growing lap by lap Andretti was soon passed by Gilles Villeneuve, himself forced out on lap 12, and by Alan Jones who drove to a fine second place finish in the Saudia Williams car. The day ended for the World Champion on lap 27 when the engine on the Lotus gave up.

Meanwhile, Jarier was moving up through the field after stopping for a tire change that had relegated him to last position. During his charge he set the fastest race lap—a new record—at 1:39.557 for a 112.11 mph average. His hopes and Lotus chances for a finish were dashed on lap 55 when he ran out of fuel.

With Reutemann comfortably ahead of second-place Jones by some 30 plus seconds and Jones in like command of that position the real battle was for third between Jody Scheckter in his Wolf-Ford and the Renault Turbo of Jean-Pierre Jabouille. Jabouille held third until the closing laps when Scheckter overtook the Renault which had begun to run low on fuel and brakes.

Emerson Fittipaldi, after a poor start, worked his way up through the field to finish in fifth in the Copersucar. Sixth place went to Patrick Tambay in the Lowenbrau McLaren, while his teammate James Hunt was seventh after a stop to change front tires. Rounding out the top ten were Derek Daly in the Tissot Ensign, Rene Arnoux in the Durex Surtees and Didi Pironi driving the First National City Travelers Checks Elf-Tyrell.

Jacques Lafitte was 11th in his Ligier Gitanes Matra and Americans Bobby Rahal and Brett Lunger took 12th and 13th.

## Al Robinson Looks At Region Ten Years Ago

OCTOBER, 1968

Our cover picture showed Jackie Stewart (not yet the Mod Scot...you could see his ears) in the USGP winner's circle being interviewed by Bill Bell, with a pleased Ken Tyrrell peeking in from the side. Grand Prix photo coverage took up three of the eight pages, with Stu Luther contributing one page. Stu's most memorable shot was of stalled traffic on Wedgewood Road after the race, stretching into the distance five-abreast.

Most of the editorial content of the issue was devoted to resumes of the various candidates for regional offices. Bob Perry listed a wide range of credentials, but his ownership of a 1961 Morgan was undoubtedly the issue which swayed the voters to elect him R. E. for 1969.

Incumbent R.E. Bill Bradshaw reported on his trip to the Canadian Grand Prix, held for the first time that year at Mont Tremblant. The scenery was reported good, the racing exciting, and the traffic jams enormous. The Canadian GP is returning to the Montreal area as this is written, and I wonder how much of the same description will apply there.

The Robinson family's annual pilgrimage to Lime Rock was capped with the first Formula 5000 race we had ever seen, and such adjectives as "limp with excitement" indicate the quality of the duel put on by winner George Wintersteen and Lou Sell....where are they today?

In an interesting twist when compared to today's CanAm cars, it was mentioned that many of the Formula 5000 cars, including Lola's were derived from existing Group 7 chassis.

A 1959 Stanguellini Junior, contemporary to our Elva, was offered for sale by Mohawk-Hudson Region's Phil Raeder. Price was said to be "reasonable".

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER---21----Business meeting-Seneca Lodge, 7:30  
28----Halloween Rally-evening rally chaired by Bill Green and Rick Hughey  
NOVEMBER-11-12-NEDIV Convention  
18----Annual business meeting- Seneca Lodge, 7:30 pm  
19----Rally  
DECEMBER--2----Christmas party

# REport



The 1978 Grand Prix is history now. The data collectors can file away their facts and we can catch our breath and get back to normal after an exciting, safe, and seemingly profitable weekend with the Formula One Circus.

An important announcement: The general membership has voted to raise the dues for regular and limited members from five to ten dollars. The spouse and junior dues remain the same. If you know of anyone who is in the process of joining and is confused about what fee to pay have them contact Norm Glueck, Membership Chairman.

The Corning Car Show was a great success! The weather was with us, the people were enthusiastic, and it was just plain fun to be there. Thanks go to chairman Roger Holman and assistant Warren Neuberger.

October 15th will probably be past when this newsletter reaches you so let's hope you sent in your by-laws ballot. The next ballot you receive will be for voting for next year's officers. The nominees deserve your attention and support so show this by taking time to complete and mail your ballot.

The Williamsport Sports and Touring Club, using their own initiative, is making progress towards becoming an SCCA Chapter Region of the Glen Region. The plans are not final as yet, but I wish them much success. They are having a Solo II Sunday, October 15th at the Williamsport Area Community College.

We are now working on the 1979 calendar. At this time the number of events is about the same as this year. The rally program will probably become a five-event series with a year end championship as it was in the past. Any ideas about our calendar of events-new concepts of activities or whatever-please direct them to any Board of Directors member in the very near future.

The Finger Lakes Region "Fun One" regional race is set for October 14-15 and our Halloween Fun Rally on Saturday evening, October 28 is a must!! If I don't see you there, it will be because your costume is doing the job!

-Eleanor Perry

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## Racing Trivia Quiz

The emergence of Michael Bleekmolen as the people's choice at the USGP (ask the press scoring people about that one) leads us to the subject of this month's quiz: Bit Players at the Glen, or the Formula I Follies. Do you remember who.....

1. ...was a Dutch count who finished sixth with an ancient Porsche in 1963?
2. ...was a Canadian muffler king who finished seventh in the same race?
3. ...drove the spare Ferrari in 1965, and joined their team in 1966?
4. ...raced spare Lotuses in 1965 and 1967?
5. ...entered a Brabham in 1967 before retiring to start his own team?
6. ...picked up a championship point in 1969 with his aged, red Brabham?
7. ...fielded a beautiful white Lotus in 1969, as one of two Americans in the race?
8. ...made his FI debut in 1969 with the spare BRM, thus starting the "rent-a-racer" phenomeneon?
9. ...qualified his yellow Brabham to become the only American in the 1970 USGP?
10. ...embarrassed many FI regulars with his outstanding performances in 1971 and 1972 with a private March?

BONUS QUESTION-(for John Surtees or his representative): Who the #@&\* is Beppe Gabbiani???

Al Robinson

Trivia Quiz answers appear on page 3

## A LOOK AT THE PAST with Bill Green

The Assistant Regional Executive plays a very important part in the Region's organization as he or she shall preside at all Board of Directors and general membership meetings in the absence of the Regional Executive.

The Assistant RE is usually the Membership Chairman. Listed below are the individuals who have held the post of Assistant Regional Executive:

1957-John Wait	1968-Carlton Brown
1958-Don Peters	1969-Carlton Brown
1959-Harvey Dick	1970-John Busher
1960-Roger Wadsworth	1971-John McQuillen
1961-L.W. Argetsinger	1972-Ed Slippey
1962-Richard Miller	1973-Kent Kiehl
1963-Ward Tooke	1974-Dave Sondag
1964-Don Peters	1975-Eleanor Perry
1965-Mitchell Sayers	1976-Eleanor Perry
1966-William Bradshaw	1977-Patricia Grigoriou
1967-William Bradshaw	1978-Norman Glueck

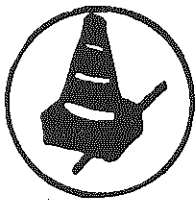
## Auto Show Award Winners



THE GLEN REGION CORNING AUTO SHOW  
AT THE NASSAR CIVIC CENTER

Best Antique-1934 Ford Phaeton, Tip Van Woert, Corning. Best Special Interest-Bradley GT2, Confer and Graham, Tioga, Pa. Best Racing Car-Camaro Z-28, Roger Hoodak, Elmira Heights. Best Modern Classic-300SL Mercedes-Benz, Don Narde, Horseheads. Best Sports Car-1978 Limited Edition Corvette, Cathy Powell, Painted Post. Best of Show-1973 Jaguar XKE, Robert Ecklin, Corning.

# Solo II Events



RESULTS-"MAPLE CITY SOLO II" SPONSORED BY TWIN TIER TOYOTA

## A/MODIFIED & C/STOCK

1. Carl Matuszek/Glen	Dune Buggy	1:01.183
2. David Button/Glen	Corvair V-8	1:03.158
3. Larry Lee/Guest	Porsche 914	1:06.449

## B/MODIFIED

1. Mark Mathewson/Guest	Beetle	59.594
2. Gordon Walden/Glen	Dune Buggy	1:00.721
3. Ernest Walden/Glen	Buggy	1:02.365
4. Mike Ticonchuk/Guest	Beetle	1:04.179
5. James Walden/Guest	Buggy	1:05.020
6. Marion Ticonchuk/Guest	Beetle	1:16.206
7. Tina Mathewson/Guest	Beetle	1:23.527

## C/MODIFIED

1. Dave Gaboriault/Glen	FV	59.828
2. Doug Pobgee/Glen	FV	1:08.314
3. Erich Scheffler/Glen	FV	1:09.678

## C/PREPARED

1. Nile Heermans/Glen	Barracuda	1:01.642
2. Robert Stevenson/Glen	Monza Spyder	1:06.422
3. Tim Townsend/Guest	Nova	1:22.175

## D/PREPARED

1. Larry Winner/Glen	Pinto	1:01.368
2. David Green/Glen	MGB	1:06.090
3. Harry Johnson/Guest	MGB	1:09.655
4. Joe Gaboriault/Glen	Pinto	1:10.909
5. Kathie Winner/Glen	Pinto	1:12.626

## D/STOCK

1. John Dininny/Guest	240-Z	1:07.289
2. Robert Skvorecz/Guest	280-Z	1:08.705

## E/STOCK & G/STOCK

1. Gene Wetzelberg/Glen	Scirocco	1:00.924
2. Tom Sparling/Glen	Mazda	1:04.329
3. David Green/Glen	Spitfire	1:06.294
4. Bill Bradshaw/Glen	Fiat 124	1:08.513
5. Tom Salander/Glen	Saab EMS	1:09.068
6. Ruth Salander/Glen	Saab EMS	1:09.213
7. Harry Johnson/Guest	Spitfire	1:10.401

## F/STOCK

1. Doug Born/Glen	Monza Mirage	1:07.478
2. Bill Slocum/Glen	Camaro	1:07.933
3. Richard Shaw/Guest	Z-28	1:11.771
4. Norman Annis/Glen	Trans-Am	1:24.080

## H/STOCK

1. Robin Balcom/Glen	Datsun 510	1:06.705
2. Robert Manzer/Guest	VW Thing	1:07.391
3. Dave Rothchild/Glen	Celica	1:08.234
4. Ken Strothmann/Glen	Colt	1:08.430
5. Nancy Manzer/Guest	VW Thing	1:15.320

## SOLO II STANDINGS AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1978

### A/Modified

Dave Button	1246
Carl Matuszek	1108
Buddy Grindle	670
Joe Gaboriault	122

### B/Modified

Gordon Walden	1282
Ernest Walden	1146

### C/Modified

Dave Gaboriault	820
John Hamann	668
Erich Scheffler	594
Doug Pobgee	304
Eric Hamann	180

### C/Prepared

Nile Heermans	1140
Robert Stevenson	1016
Chris Bucknam	1004
Joe Gaboriault	496
John Cole	202
Larry Berman	112
John Buttrey	70

### D/Prepared

Larry Winner	1004
James Newpher	624
James Kellogg	496
Kathie Winner	400
John Pierce, Jr.	210
David Green	158
Doug Pobgee	126
Joe Gaboriault	102

## C/Stock

Tom Sparling	202
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## D/Stock

Ruth Salander	1030
Tom Salander	906
Duane Anderson	762

## E/Stock

Tom Sparling	996
David Green	902
Bill Bradshaw	718
Bill Miller	416
Doug Born	206
Tom Salander	84
Ruth Salander	62

## F/Stock

Doug Born	1114
Joe Atkinson	1108
Bill Slocum	760
Bob Beckerman	588
Linda Atkinson	584
Dave Robinson	390
Warren Wetzelberg	212
Judy Born	186
Norman Annis	100

## G/Stock

Gene Wetzelberg	1230
Mike Besley	928
Gary Brouse	722
Brian Buchauer	340
Jo Ann Besley	335
Ann Brouse	316
Beverly Hopkins	296
Harold Krelie	228
Robert Hain	124
Michele Krelie	92
Perry Poyneer	11

## H/Stock

Robin Balcom	1242
Dave Rothchild	1030
Ken Strothmann	930
Gerald Sheehe	462
Doug Pobgee	102

## E/Prepared

John Pierce, Jr.	500
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## E/Ladies

Jo Ann Besley	14
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# Cornell To Compete In Champion Classic



HUGH CORNELL and his trusty Showroom Stock Datsun will compete at Road Atlanta.

Hugh Cornell, winner of the Queen Catherine Cup race at the Glen Super Nationals held in August, has amassed enough points to earn a berth at the Champion Spark Plug Road Racing Classic to be held October 22nd through the 29th.

Hugh competed in three races after the Glen-Lime Rock where he finished 5th in the Labor Day Super National. The next weekend found him in St. Louis where an early practice mishap left him with a big rebuild job to do. Hugh got the job done and came back to finish fourth. The following weekend found him at Bridgehampton where he finished third.

A fund has been started to help Hugh in his quest of a National Championship at Road Atlanta. It's been a long time since a Glen Region member went to the runoffs so let's all get behind Hugh with not only our moral support but also our monetary support. Contributions may be made to Ade Ketchum or mailed directly to Hugh.

## TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Caryl DeBeaufort	6. Silvio Moser
2. Peter Broeker	7. Pete Lovely
3. Bob Bondurant	8. George Eaton
4. Moises Solana	9. Gus Hutchison
5. Guy Ligier	10. Skip Barber



# Candidate's Corner

## Editor's note-

Each nominee for a 1979 Glen Region office was sent a questionnaire wherein I requested the following information: occupation; number of years a member of SCCA and the Glen Region; previous offices held; board or committee involvement; primary area of interest in the club; and a brief outline of their thoughts about what direction the Region should take in the future. Their replies appear below.

### NOMINEE FOR REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

ROBERT L. BURNS-purchasing agent...member of SCCA for 18 years and the Glen Region for six years...currently holds a seat on the Board as a Director...primarily interested in racing and social programs...looking to the future-"We, the Glen Region, are one of the foremost SCCA Regions in the country. To demonstrate this, and incidentally, win the Regional Achievement Award we must: 1) Increase membership roles. 2) Strengthen even more our racing, rallying, solo, and social events. 3) Increase membership participation in all our events. 4) More communication between the membership and the BOD. 5) Evaluate our present operation procedures. 6) Change procedures if necessary. A total commitment to strengthen our program is my goal."

### NOMINEE FOR ASSISTANT REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

RICHARD L. GOLDWIN-radiologist, Corning Hospital...member of SCCA and the Glen Region for one year...primary area of interest is in working events...looking to the future-"I would like to see individual members become more active in club functions and give more recognition to those who are active and do support the Region. We have a lot of potential and talent, and I hope to tap our resources and utilize them more fully."

### NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY

BEVERLY BUCKBEE-medical secretary...member of SCCA and the Glen Region for 1½ years...served on the public relations committee and nominating committee...primary area of interest is in racing (T&S) and rallying...looking to the future-"I feel the SCCA, at present, is doing a very good job, however, we must always strive for new goals. Several of these goals I would like to see accomplished are: 1) More members taking an active part in the business meetings. 2) More members participating in the solo and rally programs. 3) Expansion of the rally program."

### NOMINEE FOR TREASURER

JARED D. "JERRY" BUCKBEE-Claims and Inquiry, Passport Agent, U.S. Post Office...member of SCCA and the Glen Region for two years...served on public relations committee...primary interests are racing and rallying...looking to the future-"I would like to see us seek new methods of encouraging enthusiasm in each of the Region's activities, and find new incentives to attract the participation of non-members in the Region's excellent programs, giving us a selection of people who share our interests for possible future memberships."

### NOMINEES FOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

CARL J. MATUSZEK-quality control chemist for Taylor and Great Western Wineries...member of SCCA and the Glen Region for five years...has served as Solo II Board Chairman for three years, Solo II Board member for four years, Chief of Off-Track Communications, and has chaired a rally, two Solo I's, four Solo II's and the NEDIV Solo II...primary area of interest is Solo II...looking to the future-"The most major step the Glen Region needs to take is to become friends with more businesses. We would be performing a service known as advertising. We have proved this can be done this year with our involvement with Toyota. Now all we need is more friends."

GAIL ADKINS-no resume returned

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### NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS

NORMAN GLUECK-engineering supervisor...member of SCCA and the Glen Region for 7½ years...served as Assistant RE, Solo I Board and Contest Board member...primarily interested in tech inspection...looking toward the future-"We should continue the plans and programs for attracting new members and for increasing participation at all levels in our activities. As the Super National program grows, we must grow with it as the demands on the club will become greater."

ELEANOR PERRY-housewife and music educator...member of SCCA and the Glen Region for 14 years...served 2 years as Assistant RE and Membership Chairman, 2 years Regional Executive, has assisted with organizing various activities such as the Divisional rallies, NEDIV Convention and the Car Shows...primarily interested in timing and scoring and the race program...looking to the future-"I would like to help insure that we as a member/region of the SCCA continue in our traditions and goals, especially those that are PR related to the outside community and to our sister regions in the SCCA. I would like our internal membership to gain strength and to mature in understanding of what we stand for in our activities and our traditions."

ROBERT ADKINS and DOUGLAS WILCOX-no resumes returned

## Ade Ketchum's

## PR Notebook

Now that we are winding our way to the close of another season, it's time I said thanks to everyone who pitched in to make our Second Annual Car Show a tremendous success. I feel the Show is a way for the Region to better its image in the public eye.

There has been some discussion about charging a fee to those attending the Car Show. It's my opinion that this would be a big mistake. We still haven't been able to attract a 'big' name car, not that we haven't tried. Another thing against an admission fee is the fact that we'd have to pay taxes on money received. Also, we would have to pay for all of our promotion (advertising).

Thanks also are due the media for their help and to the North Corning Volunteer Fire Department for providing the food service.

A tip of the PR hat goes to Mike Semel for writing a very intelligent reply letter to the editor to a very stupid opinion column that appeared in the Elmira Star-Gazette on October 3rd. Thanks Mike, you saved me the trouble. It's really too bad the uninformed members of the media don't take the time to learn the facts. Thank God for the many good ones!!

On a note of lesser enthusiasm, it's too bad the powers that be in the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Corporation decided they couldn't give the Region a page in the Grand Prix program. We have a fine race organization in this Region and I'd hate to hazard a guess as to where WGPP would be without it. 'Nuff said!