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The 1984 Officers and Directors



Front row from left to right: Tom Sparling (Activities Director), Sally Chambers (Treasurer), Bob Burns (Regional Executive), Irene Dobromil (Secretary), Dick Chambers (Assistant Regional Executive). Back row from left to right: Directors, Dave Davies, Bill Green, Tim Meddaugh and Ade Ketchum.

Tom Corp Photo

The Office of Regional Executive

The office of Regional Executive is a very important position in that he or she is the Region's chief executive officer, handling the day to day Region business affairs that do not require the Board of Directors' or the membership's approval. The RE is empowered to enter into agreements and sign contracts for the Region only after the Board of Directors' approval. The RE presides at all general membership and Board of Directors' meetings and serves on all boards and committees as ex officio member, with the exception of the nominating committee.

Years ago the RE's work could be handled in one or two nights, but now it has become a full time job.

The present Regional Executive is Bob Burns of Honeoye Falls, N.Y., a past two term RE with an outstanding background in all club operations.

Listed below are the individuals who have held the office of Regional Executive.

1957	Harold Jacques
1958	Ed Licht
1959	Richard Miller
1960-61	George Richardson
1962-63	L. William Argetsinger
1964-65	Robert Stephens
1966-67	George Gould
1968	William Bradshaw
1969-70	Bob Perry
1971	Carlton Brown
1972-73	John Busher
1974-75	William Miller
1976	Roger Holman
1977-78	Eleanor Perry
1979-80	Bob Burns
1981-82	Adrian Ketchum
1983	Norman Glueck

- Bill Green -

Reflections

Becoming the RE of the Glen Region for the third time means many things to me, one of which is that I must write an RE column for the Sparkplug each month. As I think about content for the article, I am trying to decide whether or not to be humorous, critical, informative, or educational. I thought perhaps I would send Tom Corp a blank piece of paper with a note at the bottom - this can happen to the Region if all of us sit back and do nothing - a blank.

You, as a member of this fine organization, must contribute to the operation of the Region this year. Your Board for 1984 needs your input.

1984 Officers & Directors

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We have a difficult year ahead of us all. We need to support the programs of the Region. We must be able to supply all the manpower and skills to our racing program and to WGI for the successful operation of the race track. We must, this year, communicate with each and every member on all subjects, the Board included.

In order to help bridge communications from the Southern Tier to Honeoye Falls, I would like any member who feels that he or she has a need to talk to me to call me collect at my home number, (716)-624-2872, anytime between the hours of 6-10 PM, weekday nights, weekends, anytime. I will also make an effort to arrive at the meeting at least one hour before meeting time so we may discuss any problem or ????. I am also requesting the membership to talk to the Board Members about any concern. Remember, it is YOU that have elected us to manage the Region's affairs for the coming year.

The Board meetings this year will be open to all unless we have a delicate subject to handle. Times and places for the Board meetings will be forthcoming along with a printed schedule of meeting dates and times and a complete listing of the Region's events for 1984.

As a member of the Glen Region and as your Regional Executive, I am looking forward to a great year. The Board has presented several unique ideas to make our administration much more efficient. This year's board represents over 117 years of experience!

In The Spirit Of The Sport
Bob Burns

Ithaca Lions Club Says Thanks

Dear Craig,

We would like to thank you and all of the members of the Glen Region chapter of the SCCA for the valuable help that you provided to the Ithaca Lions Club for its first "White Cane Rally".

The solid advice and the manpower that you contributed was a big factor in the successful outcome of the rally. Please thank all of the drivers and workers who came over. We truly appreciate your assistance and are looking forward to participating in future rallies with your club.

If we can help you in setting up other "White Cane Rallies" please give us a call.

Sincerely,
Ron Seacord for
The Ithaca Lions Club

Note: Some of the workers and drivers for the Ithaca White Cane Rally were: Ed & Gail Cordes, Dave & Connie Davies, Ade Ketchum, Lyn Rexford, Joni Mattice, Tom Sparling, Bill Estes, Craig Champlain, and Carl Matuszek.

FOR SALE

RF 80 Van Dieman Formula Ford - many spares.
Roller - \$5,900. Motors available.

1981 Lola Sports 2000, Nelson motor, \$11,900.
Call - (607)-936-3417 or (607)-962-5624 after 5 pm.

Fifteen Years Ago In The SPARKPLUG

A typically slow winter month for club activities gave us the opportunity to devote the cover and the front page to photos taken at the Ellenville Motor Museum in the Catskills on our way to Lime Rock that summer. The cover shot was of the oldest Rolls-Royce in the Western Hemisphere, a 1905 touring car, while other exotic oldtimers featured included: a 1913 Mercer, a 1929 Amilcar, a 1936 Model SJ Dusen-berg, and a 1947 Tucker Torpedo. Not exactly a sports car, but included for local interest, was a 1913 American LaFrance fire engine with chain drive to the front wheels.

Bob Perry's first R.E. Report commented on the newly-released 1969 club calendar, which boasted some 30 separate events. A major "first" for the Region was a Divisional Rally scheduled for April 26, while at the race course the first visit by the CanAm in July topped the bill. Altogether, the calendar showed three spectator and three non-spectator races plus two drivers' schools at the track, two Solo I and four Solo II events, eight rallies, six general membership meetings, a race organizational school, and the Christmas Party.

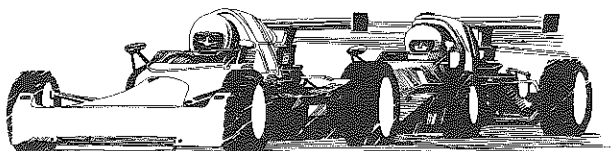
One of the Solo II's was the annual ice event at Waneta Lake, but if you couldn't wait until February 2 to slip and slide around (and risk dunking your pride and joy), the Southern New York Region promised a weekly series of gym-khanas at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point through January and February, topped by the Area 11 Ice Cross Championship on Feb. 8-9.

Your editor, betraying at an early age the mentality of a race promoter, proclaimed the forthcoming CanAm to be "the greatest racing show ever seen at Watkins Glen", and dropped a listful of names including: McLaren, Hulme, Surtees, Gurney, Amon, Andretti, Unser, Bucknum, Donohue, and Mutschlenbacher. For the record, six of these drivers did appear at the Glen in July. Gurney missed the show with (Ford) engine trouble, Andretti and Donohue raced in later CanAms that season, and to my knowledge Bobby Unser never got near a CanAm car.

My TransAm driver lineups were a little more accurate, listing Revson, Kwech, Jones, and Follmer in Mustangs, Donohue and Bucknum in Camaros, Jerry Titus and Craig Fisher in Firebirds (all were correct except Fisher, who was replaced by Milt Minter). I correctly predicted Camaro and Mustang would duel for the title (manufacturers only at that time), but I gave the edge to Ford in a series that Penske's Camaros were to win once again.

Walt Perkins, who was to grace the Glen Region with a 289 Cobra, joined the club that month, as membership hit the 278 mark. Finally, a classified ad in the bottom corner of the last page offered for sale a rear-engine Elva Junior by one Dale Campfield of Endwell.

- Al Robinson -



NEDIV 1984 ROUNDTABLE

The 1984 NEDIV Roundtable will be hosted by the Central N.Y. Region and is to be held March 9, 10 & 11 at the Syracuse Marriott, Carrier Circle (Route 298), E. Syracuse, N.Y. (Thruway Exit 35). The complete package includes: Welcoming party, all seminars, luncheon-Saturday, banquet-Saturday night, for \$45.00 single, \$80.00 couple. Further breakdowns are as follows: Dinner only - \$20.00, luncheon only - \$10.00, and Seminars only - \$25.00. Room rates are not included in these prices. There is a room registration deadline of Feb. 17 due to an NCAA track meet. For further information contact Registrar, Joanne Zamecnik, 4592 Brook Hill Dr. S., Manlius, N.Y. 13104 (315)-682-8289, or Asst. Registrar, Sue DeWeaver, 5917 Brownstone Path, Clay, N.Y. 13041 (315)-699-8627.

Solo II - Why Not?

Where have all the members gone? I've spent several days wading through old entry forms and results, poking away at the calculator until my finger got sore, all to compile a record of Solo II statistics. The most baffling statistic is the drop in member entries. In 1981, 244 members soloed, 171 of them Glen Region members. 1983 saw 144 members solo, and only 82 of them Glen Region members. That's a 50% drop in Glen Solo IIers.

I contributed to the 244 member entries in '81. Reading the entry forms bring back memories of every event. The names tell an interesting history of Solo II. Some have left SCCA, some have moved, and some are still active in the club. I also remember enjoying Solo II's a great deal more, probably because I didn't have to worry about all the details of each event. Soloing against a large field and having large entries in other classes was challenging and interesting to watch, as drivers moved up and down in each class as the day progressed. I've heard comments from Solo IIers, past and present, about the way it used to be with events of 50 to 75 cars all the time.

The questions remains, where have all the members gone?

Have you left Solo II because of cost, time, family, other activities or commitments, competition, restrictive rules, or because it just wasn't fun and challenging any more?

Well, things change. So does Solo II. 1983 was a "dig in the heels and hold on tight" year for Solo II. Now that the slide has been stopped, and we've caught our breath, it's time for a change.

Here's the deal. Come on back to Solo II in '84. Doesn't matter which one - although a sunny day sure helps. Just come to one, watch if you don't want to compete, lend a hand if you like. See if you notice a change when you are there. It makes a difference to the other Solo IIers if you attend. See if you feel a change in attitude. a feeling that this is a fun way to spend a Sunday, competing against some of your old rivals and some pretty quick newer drivers. If you start to feel a change, bring your wife, husband, girlfriend, boyfriend, the kids, the neighbor's kids, a stranger's kids, and let them feel the change and make the difference. If you think you're too old or

slow to drive, try it anyways, or send the kids or nephews or grandkids out in the family jalopy for a go at it. That's what you can do to make a difference.

You're asking, ok, what are these guys going to do to make this great change?

We're going to offer you events that have variety, both in course layout and driving skills. We are going to attempt to run events that are well-organized and enjoyable from start to finish with maximum competition and minimum boredom. In short, we are going to put 100 percent into reviving Solo II, hopefully setting the clock back a few years to the days of fun.

If you don't experience this change or don't want to, let us know why. Changes don't occur without a little heat, so let us have it.

If this all sounds like rabid optimism that's because it is. The fact is, in a relatively small group of 300 plus, each person makes a difference. That's where us rabid optimists come in.

So come back to Solo II and make a difference. We'll be the guys in the parking lots dodging pylons. You can too.

- Dave Marks -

Checkpoint 1

Welcome to checkpoint one, the first of twelve monthly stops we'll make through this rally year. I'm the checkpoint captain (Rally Board Chairman) and crew includes - Jerry Buckbee, Connie Davies, Joni Mattice and Carl Matuszek, (the Rally Board). As all you good rallyists know, what you get at a checkpoint is information - and this one is no different.

The RB has met, and here, briefly, is what we've done to this Point:

Adopted the championship rules basically as they were for 1983, with the notable exception that this year you get points for the actual place you finish.

Scheduled a rally school for March 4th - more information will be included with the February Sparkplug.

Established a rally-of-the year award, which will be determined from information taken from contestant evaluation forms.

Updated the Rally Regs - a review of notable changes will be forthcoming at Checkpoint 2.

Reviewed the entire rally organization to shore up its weak points and insure quality events.

Course-check teams will be assigned by me and will be assigned more responsibilities than in the past.

Adopted standardized times for registration - 11 am to 12:15 pm - to try and alleviate some of the hectic activity between 12:30 and 1:00 pm.

Contestants will once again score themselves, rather than the rally committee or the computer team doing it for them.

Discussed what we can do to make the Region member more visible at the events, and what we can do to make the Championship more "important". We're working on some kind of identification button for members and will have a "Championship Standings" board on display at events.

Discussed various ways we can get more interaction between members and guests. The self-scoring will necessitate this, and the buttons will let the guests know who they can go to for help. We really want to make the guests feel welcome, so they will come to more rallies and hopefully become members.

If you would like to be the rallymaster for one of the events, please contact me. Dates are: April 15, May 13, June 24, July 22, August 12, September 23 and October 27. Details of the first Championship event set for March 18 will be included with the next Sparkplug. Plan now to "Rally More in '84".

See you at Checkpoint 2
Lyn Rexford

An Open Letter To The Glen Region

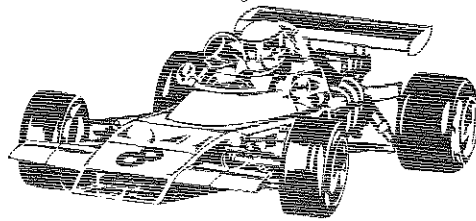
I suppose I'm about as much a traditionalist as the next person. I really like the names of some of our traditional Glen Region events - The Glen Nationals, The Invitational Solo II, the Dam - Mountain Rally - the names accurately describe what the event was and is. The Glen National is a National race, surrounding Regions are invited to compete at the Invitational Solo II, and you're sure of seeing both dams and mountains on Bradshaw's rally.

So, for the life of me, I can't see why we continue to call our last function of the year a Christmas Party. Did you take a gift to exchange? Did you see Santa Claus? Did you sing carols? Sure, "Christmas Party" is a good name for parties held at that time of year, if the only reason you're getting together is to party. Our "party" held (traditionally) the first Saturday in December, is, however, not for that purpose alone. It has a far more important function than that.

We gather together to honor the achievements of the Region and its members both in and out of competition. So, why isn't it the "Glen Region Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet"? The awards and honors bestowed are not "gifts" that are given, they are awards that are earned. Their recipients are recognized as the best - let's not taint those awards by continuing to present them at a "party", whose very name detracts from their importance.

Now, I don't know who in the Region is in charge of traditional names - do we have a Regional Administrator for that specialty? Maybe it would be the historian, or even the RE, or would it be the Social Committee that organizes the party - after all other chairmen get to name their events whatever they please (except, of course, in the event of its being a "traditional" event), or would it be the Activities Director, who directs the Social Committee? Whoever it is, in this case, please cast tradition aside, and give this event the recognition and status it deserves.

- Lyn Rexford -



Membership News

The Glen Region membership stands at 334 members, as of December 31, 1983. New members include:

Thomas L. Cook - a frame technician from Rome, PA, who is interested in club racing.

Thomas M. Petrick, Sr. & Jr. - a salesman from Big Flats, who is interested in the social end of our activities.

William Campbell - from Slaterville Springs, NY.

Pasquale F. Scopelliti - from Horseheads, NY; He transferred in from the Western New York Region.

John C. Lawrence - from North Tonawanda, NY, is a member of Western New York Region and has joined as a limited member.

Georgia Welding - from Horseheads, NY; She received her membership as an anonymous gift for her work as a notary during 1983.

Welcome one and all to the Glen Region.

1982/1983 Membership Comparison:

Member Type	1982	1983
Regular	231	236
Spouse	50	57
Limited	13	19
Junior Associate	10	15
Junior	1	3
Life	1	2
Honorary	2	2
TOTAL	308	334

This is a net increase of membership of 8.4% for 1983, as compared to a net loss of membership of 5.5% for 1982. The Glen Region is made up of Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates counties in upstate New York. At present, we are the region of record for members from 18 other states and provinces.

1984 Membership Contest As Of 12/31/ 83:

1. Bob Rynone 3
2. Kimberly Davies 1

New Brochures:

New member brochures have been printed and are available to anyone who has a possible new member. I also have other brochures which can be used, if you have someplace to display them for prospective new members to pick up. Just let me know that you want these.

Carl J. Matuszek
Membership Chairman

National News

Steve Templeton Named Public Relations Administrator

Former Cincinnati Region Publicity Chairman Steve Templeton of Florence, Kentucky, has been named the SCCA's new Public Relations Administrator for 1984. Templeton will succeed Roger Sockman in the position. Sockman resigned from the post at the end of 1983 after becoming a part of the SCCA's National staff in Englewood in the publicity and marketing Departments.

A 36-year-old native of Lebanon, Ohio, Templeton served as Cincinnati Region's P.R. chairman

in 1982 and 1983. In 1983 he was awarded the Regional Achievement Award for Public Relations for outstanding promotion and publicity efforts in the Cincinnati Region. The award was presented at the SCCA's 1983 convention in St. Paul.

Templeton has worked for the past ten years at Litton Unit Handling Systems in Florence as a purchasing agent. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1969. Steve is married and has two daughters.

"I am looking forward to this challenging position. I know one of my main responsibilities will be to work with regional publicity chairmen and keep the lines of communication open between them and myself to improve the publicity efforts at the local level. I hope to be meeting with many P.R. Chairman, newsletter editors and Regional Executives at races and SCCA meetings I plan to attend in the next year," Templeton said.

Budweiser Trans-Am Championship Paced SCCA Professional Racing in 1983

The Sports Car Club of America's Budweiser Trans-Am Championship set both purse and attendance records in 1983 to pace the SCCA's 38-race professional season.

The SCCA sanctioned 38 professional races in 1983, among the Budweiser Trans-Am Championship, Can-Am Challenge, Robert Bosch/VW Super Vee Championship and VW Rabbit/Bilstein Cup series. In the 27 total weekends, avoiding overlap figures where two or more SCCA-sanctioned series ran on the same bill, a total of 811,000 spectators viewed SCCA Professional Racing. That averages out to 30,037 per event.

SCCA drivers battled for over \$1.5 million in 1983, an average of \$39,862 per race. In the four series, a total of 996 cars started the 38 races, an average of 26.2 starters per event.

The Trans-Am led the way as it drew 374,000 spectators to its 12 events. That average of 31,167 was a 24.4 percent increase over the 25,050 average in 1982. The series also paid out a record amount of cash awards in 1983. Purses posted by promoters, the Budweiser points fund and the TRW Fast Five accounted for over \$550,000. Contingency awards pushed the total over \$700,000.

That wasn't the only area that saw a dramatic increase in 1983. The number of cars starting Trans-Am events also was a record as 415 cars took the green flag in the 12 races, an average of 35.6 starters per outing, an increase of 31.7 percent over 1982.

The Can-Am conducted six events in 1983 with a total of \$427,000 up for grabs. An average of 19.2 cars started each race, running for the \$71,292 in purse and contingency monies.

The 1983 Robert Bosch/VW Super Vee Championship saw 11 races conducted for \$240,00 in awards, an average of \$21,818 per race. A total of 293 cars started the 11 events, an average of 26.6 per outing.

The VW Rabbit/Bilstein Cup found nine events on its 1983 schedule. A total of 173 cars, 19.2 per race, raced for an average purse of \$13,556 in awards.

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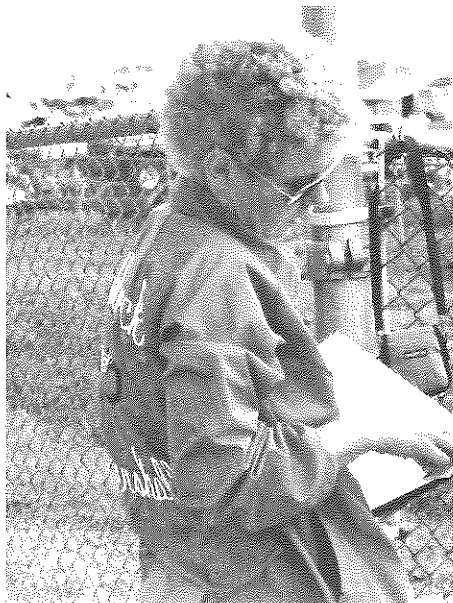
1984 SCCA Pro Rally Series Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZER/CONTACT</u>	
March 24-25	Mazda Chattahoochee Forest	Helen, Georgia	Martin George (404)971-7299	
April 14-15	Nor'wester*	Tumwater, Washington	John Nagel (206)827-9606	
April 21-22	Olympus*	Tumwater, Washington	John Nagel (206)827-9606	
May 5-6	Michigan International*	Midland, Michigan	Don Hill (517)754-3006	
June 9-10	Susquehannock Trail	Wellsboro, Pennsylvania	Dennis Doherty (716)244-8089	
August 18-19	Budweiser Forest	Chillicothe, Ohio	Eric Jones (614)267-2408	
September 8-9	Manistee Trails	Manistee, Michigan	Dave Parps (616)453-0941	
October 26-28	Budweiser Press On Regardless*	Houghton, Michigan	Dick Cole (313)685-2853	Rod Deline (906)482-8311
November 17-18	Oregon Trail	Tualatin, Oregon	Nicholas Moore (503)761-6026	Bob Moon (503)659-4092
December 8-9	Carson City International*	Carson City, Nevada	Erick Hauge (916)481-5176	

*Events listed as FIA Non-Championship International Rallies

Glen Region Members at Work

Photos by Carl Matuszek



Jude Morris in the Paddock



Phyllis Hoskinson keeps a sharp eye in the pits



Dave Marks dreaming up another Pylon Parade

1984 SCHEDULE
GLEN REGION, SCCA, INC.

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<u>JAN.</u>	14	(Sa)	BOD Budget Meeting
	21	(Sa)	Membership Meeting
	27-30	(Fr-Mo)	National Convention
<u>FEB.</u>	18	(Sa)	Membership Meeting & Movie Night
<u>MAR.</u>	4	(Su)	Rally School
	9-11	(Fr-Su)	NEDiv Roundtable (CNY) Syracuse
	18	(Su)	Championship Rally
	24	(Sa)	Membership Meeting
<u>APR.</u>	1	(Su)	White Cane Road Rally - Non-Champ
	8	(Su)	Solo II
	15	(Su)	Championship Rally
	28	(Sa)	Membership Meeting
<u>MAY</u>	5	(Sa)	Solo II School
	6	(Su)	Solo II
	19	(Sa)	Membership Meeting
	20	(Su)	Championship Rally
<u>JUN.</u>	3	(Su)	Solo II
	8-10	(Fr-Su)	Susquehannock Trail Pro Rally (FLR)
	16-17	(Sa-Su)	Club Race at Watkins Glen (TBA)
	23	(Sa)	Membership Meeting
	24	(Su)	Championship Rally
<u>JUL.</u>	6-8	(Fr-Su)	Pro Race Weekend - Watkins Glen
	13-15	(Fr-Su)	National Race - Watkins Glen
	22	(Su)	Championship Rally
	29	(Su)	Invitational Solo II
<u>AUG.</u>	3	(Fr)	Membership Meeting
	10-12	(Fr-Su)	NEDiv Championship Solo II
	12	(Su)	Championship Rally (Picnic?)
	17-19	(Fr-Su)	Trans-Am / National Weekend - W. Glen
	26	(Su)	Solo II
<u>SEP.</u>	7-9	(Fr-Su)	Regional Race - Watkins Glen
	16	(Su)	Solo II
	22	(Sa)	Membership Meeting
	23	(Su)	Championship Rally
	28-30	(Fr-Su)	Pro Race Weekend - Watkins Glen
<u>OCT.</u>	5-7	(Fr-Su)	NORRDIIC Championship - Pocono
	7	(Su)	Solo II
	12-14	(Fr-Su)	Dr. Sch./Regional Race - Watkins Glen
	20	(Sa)	Membership Meeting
	27	(Sa)	Championship Rally (Night)
<u>NOV.</u>	4	(Su)	Open for Rally Re-Scheduling
	9-11	(Fr-Su)	NEDiv Convention - Wash, DC
	17	(Sa)	Annual Membership Meeting
	24	(Sa)	NYSRRC Awards Banquet
<u>DEC.</u>	1	(Sa)	G.R.A.B.A.S.S.

NOTE: The schedule for the first 4 months is firm. Any changes beyond that point will be communicated thru the SPARKPLUG and/or membership mailings. Any changes or corrections to this schedule should be forwarded to; Tom Sparling, Activities Director, 516 East High Street, Painted Post, NY 14870, 607-262-0711.