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MEMBERSHIP MEETING = RALLY

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When: Saturday March 28 at 6:00 PM

Where: International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen

Program: Lyn Rexford will hold a brief rally school for both beginners and more seasoned rallyists followed by a “walk through” rally to get experience.

Food and drink will be available.

This program will assist you in getting prepared to enter the May 2nd Glen Region sponsored rally. See page 6 for details.

If a rally may not be of interest to you please attend the meeting and enjoy “bench racing” or just use it as an excuse to welcome spring....the beginning of the race and solo seasons. See you there!! Bring a friend!!

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REport: for March and April

Glen Region Members,

As we start this 2009 Race Season, and with the current economic climate being what it is, I wanted to remind all of you of ways to save some money with your SCCA activities. As an SCCA member there are MANY discounts available to you. I have asked our webmaster to post the fourteen page list of automotive discounts, consumer products and gifts discounts, food, travel and publications discounts, as well as personal service discounts. Due to the length of the list it would be too costly to include it in the newsletter; however If you need a print out let me know and one will be sent to you. Please read it on line and take advantage of being an SCCA member and a wise consumer.

Membership Programs and Incentives

Now as for Membership Programs and Incentives, go to www.scca.com and log in using your membership number and password. Then under the "Member Home" tab, scroll down to "My Membership" and click on it. Under My Membership, you will see the tab "Volunteer Participation". Click on that and it will bring you to where you can add the dates that you worked, at what track/event, and what area did you work.

I know it can be a little hard to find this on the website, but with membership renewal discounts of up to \$30, it is well worth it!

If you have any problems using these discounts, please contact the Membership Department at the National Office. Participate and START SAVING!!!!

In The Spirit Of The Sport, --Ed...

Glen Region Members,

Now that we are into 2009 everyone knows the financial situation by now. The nation's economic status has effected everyone including the SCCA. We are all doing more with less, but the key here is that we are still doing "it". Our "it" of course is our motorsports activities that allow us to escape the everyday world and be in our "fun place". More than ever the region will need volunteers and helpers to make our fun time happen. The BoD, Club Racing Board and Solo Board are working harder than ever to keep our events fun, safe and fair, as well as economically stable. The club's financial health at the National level is the same as it is at the regional level. But just as I wrote last month, there are a TON of savings and discounts available to you as an SCCA member. Work events and get money off your membership renewal. Bring new members into the club and save even more!

But most importantly, STAY INVOLVED! Come out the Green Grand Prix, the Solo School and Solo Events, the Club Races, and most of all the Membership Meetings. Remember, this is our "fun place", and we need you there to make it happen.

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January 15, 2009 Glen Region SCCA BOD Minutes

First Glen Region board meeting called to order at 8:08pm.

PRESENT: RE: Ed Zebrowski; Assist. RE: Tim Meddaugh; Immediate Past RE: Barb Luther; Treasurer: Sandy Sanders; Secretary: Allan Kintz; Activities Director: Cheryl Ragalevsky; Directors: Rob Craig, Larry Emery, Pat Scopelitti

NOT PRESENT: Director: Steve Moore

MOTION: Larry Emery, to approve December 2008 minutes as-is. Seconded by Tim Meddaugh. CARRIED.

Letters received:

Carl/Kathy Matuszek: Reminder of the NESCCA website and that it exists.

Tom Campbell: NYSRRC to refocus road racing at WGI

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Sanders. Balance sheet is currently up to date. Terri Dobbs to be assistant treasurer. If anyone wants anything in detail, email Sandy.

MOTION: Barb Luther, to approve treasurer's report. Seconded by Tim Meddaugh. CARRIED.

Activities Report: Membership meeting on Jan 24th @ 6pm. Will be screening documentary on the Driver's School by an Ithaca film student. Membership committee meeting will be at 5pm. Sweetheart rally postponed until further notice. May move to March.

Election results update: Ed contacted Tom Hoffman, currently holding off [on a decision]. Joe Atkinson spoke with a judge he knows - there could be potential for severe penalties from a lawsuit as every member could be held liable if the board is found to be null and void. Ed will contact Roy Bergman (outside person who is also a lawyer).

MOTION: Sandy Sanders, for Ed to contact Roy for advice regarding the current Election Results situation and future procedures if it were to happen again. Seconded by Cheryl Ragalevsky. CARRIED.

Charter Renewal: currently on time and progressing with specialties and appointments.

- two positions currently still "open": Club Property and Public Relations.

- full list will be ready for February meeting.

- F&C: Sandy Sanders; Assist F&C: Larry Roland; Grid: Larry Emery;

Registration: Jerry Brown; Scrutineering: Dan Glueck; Sound Control: Skip Testut;

T&S: Marie Sheehe; Budget & Finance: Tim Meddaugh; Historian: Bill Green; Driver

Licensing: Jerry Brown; Membership: Cheryl Ragalevsky; NYSRRC Rep: Bill

Weaver; Solo Board: Kyle Kubick; SPARKPLUG Editor: Barb Luther; Vehicle Admin:

Jim Brown; Webmaster: Pat Scopelitti.

MOTION: Barb Luther, to accept appointments as presented with the exception of Starter and Comp Board. Seconded by Larry Emery. CARRIED.

Larry Emery volunteered to be Comp Board liaison. Pat and/or Robbie will be Solo

SparkPlug currently making transition to digital. As of the meeting, two requests for paper copy. People may not be reading it.

Looking for ideas to save financial loss for this year. Dave Davies will be attending Feb meeting to review investments. Will need to sell current investments for operating costs for the year, roughly \$15k.

MOTION: Tim Meddaugh, for Comp Board and Solo Board to determine fees for the year and present to the board for review/adjustment by March board meeting. Seconded by Sandy Sanders. CARRIED.

MOTION: Barb Luther, raise members, 1st gear, spousal regional dues by \$10/yr. Seconded by Tim Meddaugh. CARRIED.

MOTION: Cheryl Ragalevsky, to eliminate financial support to Read for Speed. Seconded by Larry Emery. CARRIED with 1 opposed.

February meeting will be postponed by 1 week as current date conflicts with the National Convention.

MOTION: Barb Luther, to sell \$15k in stock for operating startup expenses. Seconded by Larry Emery. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Submitted with respect, 2009 Glen Region Secretary, Allan Kintz

Wanted: Are You This Person?

The Glen Region is looking for a member who can assist with Marketing and Promotion of our events. Do you have experience in Marketing? Promotion? Do you like a challenge? Would you like to assist the region in making our events better? The Region has current Marketing and Promotion leads! We need a person to run with these leads!

If you are this person, please contact Ed Zebrowski or any BoD member. If you know of someone who is this person, let us know! www.glen-scca.org
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January 12, 2009 email from long time member Jerry Buckbee

Hi, Barb and Glen Region membership!

On January 9 Beverly and I learned that our dear sweet granddaughter Danielle was the recipient of the 2008 Glen Region Higher Education Grant. That was confirmed when we received the January "Sparkplug".

Wow! We have been trying to win that award for one kid or grandkid or another ever since we helped set it up back in the good old days! First time! We are very excited, obviously.

Thank you all for continuing to support such an important program, especially in these difficult times. And Barb, thank you for your continuing efforts to keep the Glen Region "Sparkplug" alive. Don't know where we'd be without you!

THE GREEN GRAND PRIX ROAD RALLY

Drivers of alternate fueled vehicles, hybrids and fuel-efficient, gasoline-powered cars will have two unique opportunities to test their vehicles – and have a lot of fun while doing it – at the 5th Annual Green Grand Prix in Watkins Glen on May 2, 2009

This year, organizers are offering the event's signature road rally through the region, as well as a new fuel economy competition.

The participatory events are part of a daylong celebration of sustainable transportation. The Green Grand Prix is based at the International Motor Racing Research Center (www.racingarchives.org) on South Decatur Street in Watkins Glen and at the adjacent Watkins Glen school district grounds.

Activities include educational displays, speakers, cars on show, exhibits, music and food.

Both road events are open to anyone, and organizers anticipate vehicles that will include all hybrid models, plug-in hybrids, hydrogen fuel cell cars and cars running on biodiesel, diesel, flex-fuel and pure electric. Organizers also expect many other interesting alternate fueled vehicles, such as those powered by vegetable oil, as well as by LP and compressed natural gas.

The Doris Bovee Memorial Road Rally is the only official Sports Car Club of America road rally of its kind in the nation. The time-speed-distance rally covers more than 60 miles of scenic roadways

It honors the memory of well-known area environmentalist Doris Bovee, who taught for many years in the Corning-Painted Post school district and was known for her love of plants and birds. She also was involved with SCCA road rallies and was part of the Glen Region SCCA (www.glen-scca.org) at its inception.

The Rallymasters are Dave and Connie Davies and the organizer is Bob Gillespie.

Workers are needed for registration, checkpoints and scoring. If you can volunteer your time we will put you to work. We also hope many of you will want to rally.

Come and celebrate spring with us and support this event.

To volunteer as a worker or for further information please contact Bob Gillespie at 315-536-7185 or email rgillesp@adelphia.net

Sparkplug on the Glen Region Web Site

This is the last issue we will mail to the general membership. The newsletter will be posted on the web site www.glen-scca.org

A few of you have contacted me to have the Sparkplug mailed to your home. If there are others who wish me to mail the newsletter please let me know by phone 607-734-1321 or mail to Barbara Luther 801 Sunset Dr. Elmira, NY 14905

Do You Need to Update Your SCCA Information?????

If you move, change phone numbers, or email address we need to know. The “member lookup” on the Region’s web site gets updated from SCCA National Office records. At present we do not have email addresses for about one third of our members. We need to have the records updated. So what to do?

Thanks to Mike Brunner of FLR Membership chair for the following:

1. Log onto SCCA at www.scca.com
2. On the right side of the page near the top click the “LOG IN” button.
3. Log in using your SCCA member number and password
If you have not registered, here are the first time instructions, the information you will need to register is printed on your current SCCA membership card.
 - A. In the box labeled SCCA Member Number, enter your membership number exactly as it appears on your membership card.
 - B. Your first time password is your 5 digit zip code, followed by the initials of your first and last names in lower case, and your two-digit membership expiration month.
4. On the next page verify all your personal information. If you need to change anything click “edit” at the top of the page.
5. On the next page you can edit your personal information and select other items such as your areas of interest in the club, or what emails to receive.
6. Once you are satisfied with your changes, click “save” and you are done.

RIGHT NOW: If you have a computer handy please do the above.

Thanks from the editor, RE, webmaster, membership chair and all the rest of us who want to reach you!!

Editor’s Note: Our next issue of Sparkplug will have a report on news from the National Convention and the Northeast Division Round Table.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please note that the Solo and WGI race schedules have been posted to our web site.

March: 19 BOD Meeting @ 7:00 PM @ Watkins Glen Library
28 Membership Meeting @ 6:00 PM @ IMRRC in Watkins Glen

April: 16 BOD Meeting @ 7:00 PM @ Watkins Glen Library

May: 2 Green Grand Prix Rally starts & ends in Watkins Glen
2 Solo School @ Seneca Army Depot
3 Solo @ Seneca Army Depot
16 EVO School @ Seneca Army Depot
21 BOD Meeting @ 7:00 PM @ Watkins Glen Library
31 Solo @ Arnot Mall

Note: There was no February, 2009 issue of Sparkplug