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Editor's Comments:

Yes the Glen Region newsletter is back.

We will publish a quarterly newsletter, with special publications in between if needed. The newsletter will be on our web site and a hard copy will be sent to each members' household.

I would like to include articles on the Solo and Race events if they are sent to me. My email address is bluther@stny.rr.com

This mailing includes a 2010 Glen Region calendar of events and the contact information for each specialty. It is a good idea to periodically check our web site: www.glen-scca.org for changes or updates to the calendar.

Now is a good time to plan what events you will attend and where you want to participate. The race and solo folks need and want new blood. They are willing, even eager, to train you to be valued members of the specialty of your choice and/or a great competitive solo driver.

YOU need to step up to the plate, contact the Region member who can be your mentor and go from there. Do not be shy about this.

At the end of 2010 please write to me and let me know of your adventure[s] and I will, with your permission, share your success in the newsletter.

See you at the races, meetings, solos and of course the parties!!

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REport:

Glen Region Members,

There have been some changes to the National Racing Schedule in the division for 2010 and 2011. A new group to coordinate the NESCCA Series of National Races was approved by the Regions of NeDiv. This group is called the National Racing Committee (NRC) and is made up of the REs (or their designates) of the regions hosting a national race. This group is tasked to coordinate the national racing schedule in the division, the budget of the NESCCA Series, and end of year awards. Also this group completes their work and then makes 'a group' recommendation on all items to the NeDiv Council of REs in the division for various required voting.

At the RoundTable held on March 12-14th, this group including myself, spent a total of over 5 hours meeting in a closed room. After much discussion, learning of each other needs, plans for the future, and statistics showing what the entrant drivers want, it was decided that in 2010 (this year) there would be one Double National event and it is to be held at WGI, hosted by the Glen Region on July 9-11th (Fri-Sun). All other 2010 National Races will be single events. In 2011, it was decided that (at this point in time...it could change at the next meeting of the NRC) there would be a Double National at WGI hosted by the FingerLakes Region, and one other Double National that would rotate around the division. The NRC will meet next in person at the Glen National in July.

The purpose of making the Glen National into a Double is to create a 'Divisional Signature Event', much like the June Sprints are at Road America. Therefore, the event shall be not only for the purpose of the Glen Region hosting a national, but also for the divisions to grow the NeDiv national racing program. There will be support from NESCCA for items such as advertising, promotion, etc. The event will also 'give back' to the division in ways such as assessment fees, etc. These are being worked out and will be in place once we have the events budget set.

It goes without saying that this event is going to be HUGE. We have been setting up an event committee. If you are interested in assisting in the success of this event, please let me or Larry Emery know ASAP. We will be looking for help on the committee in areas such as worker gifts, party, social, non-race social (off sight events), and more. This event will be more than just a Double National. It will be an "event"! Does anyone know of someone in the business of carnival rides?

Please pass the word that "the double at the Glen National is on for 2010"! And feel free to reply to me with any and all questions. --Ed...

Glen Region SCCA February BOD Minutes

February 18, 2010

February board meeting called to order at 7:25pm.

PRESENT: Ed Zebrowski, Kyle Colbey, Cheryl Ragalevsky, Sandy Sanders, Tim Meddaugh, Rob Craig, Larry Emery, Barb Luther, Allan Kintz

MOTION: Larry, 2nd Rob: Accept January minutes as presented with Call to Order time corrected. CARRIED.

Joe Stimola has passed away.

Treasurer's Report: Currently about \$38k in checking. Van insurance will be due in April. Would like to be able to put \$5k or so back into investments soon.

MOTION: Tim, 2nd Larry: Glen Region to pay 100% of NEDiv Secretary registration fee to divisional meetings. CARRIED.

Membership Report: Currently 286 members – including 2 new members.

Activities: Dates for 2010 events are in progress to get calendar completed and mailed soon.

Our charter has been renewed. May try to get it displayed at IMRRC in our case.

NEDiv National Race discussion. Ongoing discussion regarding national/double national events in the division. Have been taking changes/suggestions. Will be presented at Roundtable.

New membership programs from National office. Worker benefits, family membership changes, etc.

Green Grand Prix: Idea proposed to have student “reporters” at GGP in 2010. Videos will be edited and shared with area schools. GGP is requesting \$500 donation to purchase 4 Flip video cameras for the students to use.

MOTION: Larry, 2nd Tim: Donate \$500 to GGP for purchase of 4 Flip video cameras. CARRIED.

WGI Opening Weekend: Chance of opening weekend car corral “group thing” this year. Will decline that this year – but may do IRL weekend again.

2010 Sponsorship: Sunoco is sponsoring some west coast races. Chance of similar deal for WGI events. Would need to find/appoint some sort of “administrative” person to run it. Will get details.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Kintz 2010 Glen Region Secretary

How to Get Involved? By Larry Emery

This is my second stint on the Board of Directors of the Glen Region and each year that we are searching for Region Members to nominate for the Board of Directors there seems to be problems thinking of new and different people who might be willing to run for the various positions. We need new people to get involved in all of the activities of the Glen Region, whether it be a specialty of Club Racing or one of Solo. Please contact one of the Speciality Chiefs listed on our web site or show up at one of our events and make yourself known as a Glen Region member who may be interested in volunteering. For several years I got Bill Bradshaw, with whom I worked at Williamsport Area Community College, to allow me to come in as a guest and he did. Finally, he suggested I work on the Grid Speciality which I have now for almost 25 years! It has exposed me and my family to a life changing experience working with people that I admire and respect.

Whether you are a new member or one who has been a member, please get involved. And for current members, please reach out and invite others to share what the Glen Region and SCCA participation has to offer.

When we have a vacancy on any board on our region, I hope we not have any trouble thinking of members who would like to be involved!

Editor's Note: Larry is our 2010 Club Racing Board Chairman and the administrator of the grid at the racetrack....he really is involved!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

15 BOD* Meeting * Board of Directors
17 Solo Test & Tune @ Tioga Downs
25 Solo

MAY

2 Solo
8 Green Grand Prix Road Rally
15 Solo @ Seneca Army Depot
16 Solo @ Seneca Army Depot
20 BOD Meeting

June

13 Solo
17 BOD Meeting
27 Solo

THE GREEN GRAND PRIX ROAD RALLY

Glen Region TSD Road Rally

Sat. May 8th, 2010

WHAT: Green Grand Prix Doris Bovee Memorial Road Rally for gasoline - powered cars as well as alternate fueled vehicles.- Your big chance to beat the Chevy Fuel Cell car that won overall last year. Doris Bovee was a Glen Region member with a passion for rallying and the natural environment.

WHERE Starts at IMRRC, 610 S. Decatur St, Watkins Glen

COST: \$30 donation for SCCA members, \$50 non-members incl. t-shirts, lunches
Registration is online now at www.greengrandprix.com

SCHEDULE:

8:30 A.M.	Registration and Tech inspection at IMRRC
9:50 A.M.	Registration closes
10:00 A.M.	Driver and Navigator's meeting
10:30 A.M.	Rally begins (directions given out 5 min. before start)
2:00 P.M.	Awards Ceremony

Workers are needed for registration, check points and technical inspection. Come on out and play in the sunny springtime in the glorious finger lakes area!!
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