

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SPORT

The Glen Region Sparkplug March, 2012

How to Get Involved, 2012?

As I start my second term as Regional Executive of The Glen Region, I, again, want to challenge you to get involved with the Glen Region. We continue, as a Board of Directors, to have trouble thinking of Region Members to nominate for the Board of Directors vacancies and other leadership positions. We need to find new 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 I did. Finally, he suggested that instead of just being a spectator, I become involved. This invitation has led me to be a part of the the Grid Speciality 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 this year on any board or other leadership position in our region, I hope we not have any trouble thinking of members who would like to be involved and getting them to be involved!

2012 is going to be a challenge! On the Club Racing side, we have an additional race weekend, as in the days of old. This Regional Race will be modeled after the Finger Lakes Fun One, which will be a double regional with qualifying and racing on both Saturday and Sunday! We are currently working on having the MARRS racers return which, again will mean a full weekend.

We will be hosting a Pro SCCA Trans Am on our Glen National weekend which will be a Bonus National! In addition, there will be the PRO-IT group with us for the July Sprints, July 21 and 22.

The SOLO folks are finalizing their schedule and it looks to be an ambitious one with opportunities for one and all!

Finally, the Glen Region will be hosting the Northeast Division's Mini Convention in Ithaca the weekend of November 9-11.

Please keep up to date on the web site and become involved!

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January 19, 2012 Board Meeting Glen Region, SCCA

January board meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

PRESENT: Phil Kelley, Ed Zebrowski, Kyle Colbey, Dave Cole, Larry Emery, Sandy Sanders, Allan Kintz, Jennifer Follette, Cheryl Zebrowski, Tim Meddaugh

GUESTS: Bob Gillespie, Danielle Hauteniemi

MOTION: Kyle, 2nd Sandy: Approve December minutes as presented. CARRIED.

Correspondence: 3rd Annual Finger Lakes Winter Rally is coming up on 1/21.

Treasurer's Report: Currently \$75k in checking. About \$82k in investments. Some concern surrounding May event and doing pre-payment with MotorsportsReg. Would likely need to actually place charges earlier instead of closer to the event. Goal is to not borrow from investments. Payments to national are currently up to date.

Membership Report: Currently 284 members. 20 expired. Letters still to go out for expired recruiting.

CRB: Cheryl volunteering to be CRB chair (would be 3 yr term). Other potential CRB members: Ed Z, Jonathan Stocum, Nancy Cole. Will need to confirm availability and approve. Also will be considering changes to by-laws.

MOTION: Dave, 2nd Sandy: Nominate Cheryl Zebrowski as CRB chair. CARRIED.

MOTION: Sandy, 2nd Tim: Approve Ed Zebrowski, Ed Sanders to CRB. CARRIED.

MARRS at May Event: Similar to "Fun One" setup - short course and long course. All still to be setup by CRB. Cheryl and Sandy to co-chair event.

Solo Board: Danielle to replace Kyle as Solo Chair.

MOTION: Kyle, 2nd Sandy: Approve Danielle Hauteniemi as Solo Chair. CARRIED.

Spark Plug / Website: Have reached out to Barb and Pat - not had any news back. Would like to have first Spark Plug mailed by end of Feb.

Calendar: Need to appoint Calendar Committed by 3/1 according to the by-laws.

Round Table: 3/17-18. Fee is \$25. Will be a free new driver/person seminar on 3/17 - also plenty of training. Will be at Pocono Manner.

Susquehanna 500: "Make up" date from last year will be 4/27-4/28. 2012 event will be 9/22-9/23. Looking to maybe have 2 events per year anyway.

SpeedWorld Show: Will be at Oakdale Mall 3/2-3/4. Will have a Club Racing table there along with SNY Region. Tried to contact new promoter, had not heard back yet.

Green Grand Prix: Will be a 2 day event in 2012 on 4/20-4/21. Saturday 4/21 is opening day at WGI. Friday will be 3 hr rally on short course. Saturday will be 2 laps of short course and then on to public roads for the TSD rally portion. Registration is \$75 for an individual and \$150 for business. Will be a flat fee regardless if doing one day or both. Need to acquire transponders for Friday event - will need to use more than what the Glen region has. The Auto Career Development Center has donated \$1k as prize money for best school entry in the TSD rally.

Request to Borrow Van: Ken Moyer would like to borrow the Glen Region van for a church trip. Not sure if able to use or not. Possibly insurance concerns or other issues. Larry checked with our provider -they recommended against it.

MOTION: Phil, 2nd Sandy: Deny request to borrow van. CARRIED.

Van Insurance: Current list of drivers insured on the region van out of date. Need to get it updated.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted Allan Kintz
2012 Glen Region Secretary

SOUTHERN TIER SPEEDWORLD SHOW

The Glen Region SCCA was represented at the Southern Tier Speedworld Show in Binghamton on March 2nd thru 4th. On display we had videos and slide shows of SCCA activities at Watkins Glen. We also had two cars to display. Brad Brooks brought his HP #15 Rabbit and Matt Bernard had his #20 ITE firebird to display also. Also in attendance with Brad and Matt were Matt's wife Linda, Brenda Brooks, John Hellmers, Nancy and Dave Cole.

The show mostly featured the local dirt tracks and cars from the southern tier area and our presence was a surprise to many.

A big thank you goes out to those who donated old Sportcar magazines to hand out. To John Hellmers who made the slideshow dvd of the Glen Nationals and especially to Matt and Brad for bringing their cars to display.

Judging from responses we received we may have some new members in the future .

All of the Glen members who helped out said that this was a fun weekend and was well worth our efforts .

Dave Cole

Check The Glen Region website for photos from the show.

Upcoming event:

The Glen Region will be hosting the Northeast Division's Mini Convention in Ithaca the weekend of November 9-11. This is a huge undertaking and requires many people to handle many chores throughout the weekend.

There will probably be over 100 guests that need to be fed, educated in SCCA seminars and entertained.

The registration/information desk should be manned throughout the weekend.

If you want to assist in the planning of the event or have any questions on where we can use your help that weekend please contact Sandy Sanders at eeyore6000@hotmail.com

2012 Green Grand Prix

Green Grand Prix at Watkins Glen International April 20 and 21

What: A two-stage road rally and an Electrathon race.

When: Fri. April 20 : Rally Stage 1 :130 mile fuel economy road rally for all classes of road vehicles on WGI short Course

Sat. April 21 : Rally Stage 2: 140 mile fuel economy rally (all classes) on public roads.

Both road rallies are conducted at highway speeds and hosted by the Glen Region Sports Car Club of America.

Our rally is named after Doris Bovee, who was

All fuel economy results will be posted on www.greengrandprix.com

The Green Grand Prix promotes innovation in sustainable transportation technologies.

and is attended by several area Universities and high Schools. Our annual event encourages technology students to stay in the Northeast and help move our area to become a center for clean energy.

Awards for first place University and High School entries will be sponsored by the Auto Career Development Center of Worcester, MA, and the Central New York Clean Cities Coalition.

Seminars are being planned for both days.

Both days Free and Open to the Public.

Electrathon race will be held at 2 PM, Sat. April 21 which is sanctioned and run by NYelectrathon. Single seat Electric vehicles from high schools powered by

The battery equivalent of 1 hp will have their own infield track, racing at speeds of around 30 mph. Last year's Green Grand Prix Electrathon drew teams from 10 schools in New York and Canada.

Saturday's activities will coincide with Watkins Glen International's Opening Day

Activities, Rally vehicles will be on display in the WGI Tech Garage Saturday afternoon 1 -5 PM. Visitors are invited to view the wide variety of fuel efficient vehicles powered by several different fuels including gasoline, bio-diesel, hydrogen,

Propane, Compressed natural gas, and others. Many hybrids, Plug-In hybrids, and full electric vehicles are also expected.

VOLUNTEERS are needed. Please contact Bob Gillespie

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SUSQUEHANNA 500 Mini Indy Race

Hi Gang:

It's time to come and play in the park in Williamsport, Pa. for 2012.

Our DATES are April 27-29 and Sept. 21-23.

Registration will open at 4PM Fri and any help you can provide on Fri. would be great, Sun. after the races also??

Thanks for your understanding of last fall's flooding problems and we sure hope we will see you twice this year.

Please RSVP me and Sandy Sanders if you can help that way we know who to expect. My phone is 570-326-6347. Lodging meals etc. are as in the past.

Hope to hear from you all soon. THANK YOU!!!! Steve Wilkinson

THE SCCA GRID Larry Emery, Chief of Grid

The 2012 racing season with soon be upon us. I know some of our snowbird members have been working some of the Florida races that are held this time of year. But alas, the rest of us will have to hang on until May for our first taste of the Glen Grid for the 2012 season. The staff on the Grid, wherever it may be located, although great in numbers and experience, are still looking for new members. The Grid presents a unique way to get close to drivers, crews and race cars, just before the cars enter the track for their practice sessions, qualifying sessions and races. The volunteers, as those in all the specialties, may have to work in all kinds of weather and be able to spend hours on their feet. The greater the numbers, the more the work can be spread out for all to share. If you or you know of anyone who would like to find out more about working on the Grid or volunteer for the Grid, please contact me through the Glen Region homepage or contact me at [www. sereneviewfarm@msn.com](mailto:www.sereneviewfarm@msn.com).

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am sure other race specialties; ie Timing and Scoring, Paddock, Registration, Flagging and Communications are in need of workers. Chiefs: please send me an article describing your specialty. Hopefully you will be able to get some more Region members on your team as we have FOUR race weekends in 2012 and we NEED workers in all areas. Thanks, bluther@stmy.rr.com