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The Glen Region Sparkplug May, 2012

Do You Know??

Hey Glen Region member....did you recently move, change you cell phone number or have a new email address?? If so you need to make the changes with the national SCCA office, NOT with the Region. How to do this? Log onto www.scca.com On the right side of the home page is member log in. Just follow the directions from there....**you can do it** and we can then communicate with you. It really is that easy!!

Family Membership: If you and your spouse are members you should sign up your minor children too. There is no extra charge for them and they will have the advantage of SCCA insurance at our events providing that their parents sign a minor waiver form. All SCCA members are protected with the best event-related insurance program in motorsports at no additional cost. Properly registered SCCA members who are accidentally injured while participating at SCCA events are covered for up to \$1 million in medical expenses. SCCA members, in certain circumstances, are also provided with limited third-party liability insurance coverage at most events.

Share this news with a friend or relative who is not yet an SCCA member: VOLUNTEER TO BE AN SCCA WORKER AT THE RACES - YOUR FIRST WEEK-END IS FREE!! The SCCA has a CLUB RACING VOLUNTEER program. This program is applicable for those who have not been a SCCA member in the past 18 months. This membership is renewable for a second and third year with the only requirement being that you volunteer four days. Come to race registration to sign up!!

The Glen Region has a new club racing event on May 26/27, 2012. "May Madness" will be a Double Regional, utilizing the long course on Saturday and the short course on Sunday. This will be a NYSRRC and a MARRS event. Friday, May 25 is a WGI Promoter's Test Day. Registration for the race is at Motorsportsreg.com; registration for the Test Day is on-site. Please see the Glen Region website for all other details: <http://www.glen-scca.org/>

Also on Friday at 7:00 PM, the Glen Region will have a membership "social" with RSI members at the Pavilion in the WGI Worker Campground. We had dinner with both organizations last year; about 30-40 people attended and we had a very nice evening. This is a dish to pass event; let me know if you are interested in attending,. If you would like to try your hand at a specialty, please consider doing so at this race. Contact me if you need the name of a specialty chief [or see page 2 for contact information] so that he/she can assist you in preparing for a race.

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February 16, 2012 Board Meeting Glen Region, SCCA

Board meeting called to order at 7:20 PM. **Present:** Ed Zebrowski, Tim Meddaugh, Kyle Colbey, Phil Kelley, David Cole, Larry Emery, Sandy Sanders, Allan Kintz, Jennifer Follette, Rob Craig, Cheryl Zebrowski,

Motion by Cheryl, second by Sandy: Accept January minutes as presented with spelling corrections and changes to MARRS info. Carried.

Calendar Committee: Comprised of Activities Director, CRB Chair, Solo Chair and Rally Chair to submit proposed schedule to BoD by 3/1. Kind of already do this.

Received a thank you letter from WG library for our recent donation. Letter from Treasury: We will retain tax exempt status but did have some [minor] deficiencies.

Treasurer's Report: Currently \$73K in checking and about \$82K in investments. Still have \$4600 to pay for the van –question again if we want to pay it off or not-to think about. May event update: Registrars are okay with charging registration fees a bit earlier than normal-but still working out the best timing. **Motion:** Phil, 2nd Dave: Accept Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.

Membership: 282 members. No new expired members to mail notices to. **Motion:** Sandy, 2nd Ed: to accept membership report as presented. Carried.

Motion: Ed, 2nd Kyle: Approve Tim Meddaugh and Jon Stocum to CRB. Carried.

CRB Report: Possible first meeting on 2/25. Will be checking availability soon. May event will be a double regional [long course and short course]. MARRS estimates 70 cars. Working on Supps now. Tim will be chair for the National event. Chief Steward has been assigned.

NRC Updates: Possibility to revive NESCCA Championship series. Will need to get feedback to know what the drivers actually want. Will be continuing discussion at Round Table. Also discussing a fee per car for the series [\$10?]-pending driver interest. Curious to see if the region would support such a series.

Test Day Insurance: Received a letter from WGI about a new policy for events. Will need to confirm with our insurance whose name shows up on the policy.

Solo: Full board has been chosen. Similar to last year. Members: Kyle Colbey, Bruce Coulombe, Allan Kintz, John Pierce, Pat Scopelliti [Danielle as chair]. **Motion:** Rob, 2nd Sandy: Approve proposed Solo Board members. Carried.

Sparkplug: Have not had one since May 2011. Email from Barb Luther that Larry shared. Discussion on how to proceed with Sparkplug and updating the website. Ideas of maybe a "digital newsletter" format vs a general PDF report? No decision yet.

Annual Meeting: Currently scheduled for Nov. 17. Likely at IMRRC but not confirmed yet. **Awards Banquet:** Possibly Sat. 1/12/13; still an evening dinner event. **RSI/Glen**

Banquet: Would like to have something like this again, possibly 5/25?

Printing/Letterhead: Previous contact at Sunset Printer no longer with the company. If needed, contact Allan Kintz for new contact.

David Cole will represent the Glen Region for club racing at the SpeedWorld show at the Oakdale Mall . We plan to have a couple of cars there.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. Respectfully submitted by Allan Kintz, Secretary

March 15, 2012 Board Meeting Glen Region, SCCA

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM. **Present:** Phil Kelley, Kyle Colbey, Dave Cole, Larry Emery, Ed Zebrowski, Allan Kintz, Rob Craig, Tim Meddaugh, Sandy Sanders. **Guest:** Josh Ashby.

Motion: by Phil, 2nd Kyle to accept Feb. Board minutes as presented. Carried.

Membership: 281 members. A few new ones expired-letters will be mailed.

CRB: Social gathering planned for 5/25 is scheduled for the worker campground pavilion at WGI. Would like people to bring a dish to pass. Had about 30-40 people last year. Next CRB meeting planned for 3/21 at 7 PM. Trying to finish May event supps.

Solo: Schedule is nearly completed. Planning on a RallyX event in October. Seneca Army Depot is basically out of the question for the season. Have had no contact from their rep. May need to try to coordinate scheduling with the other regions when looking at a site.

Motion: by Rob, 2nd Sandy: Solo to purchase new laptop, USB to serial cable, and AXW software update for up to \$750. Carried.

Sound: FLR will be covering Sound Control at our events until further notice.

Sparkplug: Latest issue has been sent via email and is available on the website for March. Some hard copies were still mailed.

SpeedWorld Show: Had some good coverage from local newspapers and had people coming to the event looking for the region's booth.

Announcing Update: Josh is trying to recruit some more people for the announcing booth. Currently only 2 regular people doing it.

Annual Convention: There was a large focus on membership and keeping members. Seems that many people are not renewing after a couple of years.

Round Table: So far 125 people are scheduled to attend-also expecting a few more walk-ins.

MiniCon: Cheryl has sent an email looking for volunteers and they have started to get some responses.

Treasurer's Report: Currently \$62K in checking and \$82K in investments. Still solvent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Allan Kintz 2012 Glen Region Secretary

Glen Region 2012 Solo Season

Danielle Hautaniemi, Glen Region Solo Board Chairperson

The 2012 Glen Region Solo season might be best considered as a “back to basics” season. We are back at a core of traditional venues, and are in the process of building up and training an expanded corps of volunteers to keep our events running smoothly. In particular, we really need to provide relief to our Solo Safety Stewards, and are always looking for willing Event Chairs.

Unfortunately, one venue missing this season is Seneca Army Depot (SeAD). Last year’s trial of an additional payment per driver to assist the site owner (Seneca County Industrial Development Agency) was a good-faith effort, but in the end it wasn’t sufficient to meet SCIDA’s needs. The Finger Lakes Region took the lead in this year’s negotiations, and their effort is much appreciated. SeAD is a potentially regionally (in the geographic sense) important site, and hopefully negotiations in 2013 can reach a more favorable conclusion.

On a positive note, we’ve maintained strong connections with our other host sites, including the Arnot Mall, Corning Community College, The Shops at Ithaca Mall and Watkins Glen International. On May 19th we will return to the Murray Athletic Facility (a.k.a. The Domes) in Horseheads for the annual Solo School. Do you know of anyone with an interest in motorsports but who has hesitated to participate in the past because they don’t have a “real” racecar? Send them our way ... the Solo School is a great introduction not only Solo events, but also the Glen Region and the SCCA in general. I know that as a graduate I was surprised by how much fun I could have in my daily driver (when I wasn’t collecting cones)!

Back in March, a crew of Solo participants travelled to the divisional Roundtable event in Pocono Mountain, PA, and many of us came back excited about the possibility of adding at least one RallyCross event to our season. The Solo season still ends on October 7th at Watkins Glen International, but on October 21st we will be back at Black Rock Speedway in Dundee NY for a RallyCross event after several years’ absence. Cones, dirt and limited traction surfaces ... it should be a blast.

Please check the Glen Region website for schedule updates. We have a full schedule of eight events, not including the school and the October 21st RallyCross. Glen Region Solo events have a reputation as being safe, competitive and friendly, and we aim to keep it that way in 2012. Hope you can join us!

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

Can you hear me now?: musings from the announcer's booth

Recently while sitting in a club meeting I was approached by several individuals to contribute to the Sparkplug by taking photos at each of the events this year and to write a little blurb about each of the races highlighting how the Glen region members did. Now considering that I have never done anything like this before so please bear with me as I try to get the hang of this.

Well the 2012 season is almost here and this year is going to be a good one because this year we have four races at Watkins Glen International. We start out the 2012 season with a regional race on Memorial Day weekend dubbed "May Madness". From what I have heard we are expecting around 270 entries for this race. Like the "Fun One" this race will be run Saturday on the 3.4-mile long course and on Sunday we will run on the 2.45-mile short course. This race will earn points for not only New York Road Racing Championship [NYRRC], but we will be joined by the drivers of the Mid-Atlantic Road Racing Series also known as MARRS. The next event on tap is the three-day Glen Nationals, which will be held July 6-8th. This race will be extra special because the drivers of the Trans-Am series will join us for the first time since 2009. Also added to that weekend is a bonus national for FF, F5, and FV. Two weeks later we will have the Glen Sprints finish up the month of July.

Well that is all for me so far, I look forward to making my first official race report in the June Sparkplug. I will see you on the grid!

Josh Ashby

Need help in the announcers booth.

The announcers of the Glen region are looking for a third person assist in the tower during the events this year. Contact Josh at turnerashby_us@yahoo.com for more information.

Timing and Scoring Workers needed

Greetings from a far-away tower, also known as the T&S room. Can I interest you to have a day that you get to hang out at the track and figure out who wins the race? If that sounds like your idea of fun, I may be able to provide a race specialty for you. We, the Glen Region, need all the help we can get to tape and work lap charts. You might be thinking, "But with the transponder timing system, that does all of the work, right?" The transponders may be the primary system for timing, which is especially handy for qualifying. However, the people creating tapes (and lap charts) are actually the primary system during the race. That's the scoring side. But enough of the technical details, **I would like to extend an invitation to anyone even remotely interested in cars to give T&S a try.** You, the reader, are a member of the Sports Car Club of America; I think you might have the interested in cars part down. I will make sure you get paired with someone who has some experience for your few sessions working and rotate through all the different areas to see what you like to do best. We have all sorts of good snacks, friendly people and a temperature controlled room. This is especially nice for rainy days, or cold October mornings during the Last Chance. You don't need to commit for a full day, but come visit the T&S room in the tower during any race this season. I will be glad to show you the process and get you in the process of taping for a session. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: Kyle Colbey, cell: 315-264-7886 or email: colbeykd@gmail.com