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*In the Spirit of the Sport*

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## REport

### A message from your outgoing RE

Thank you for allowing me to be the Glen Region's Regional Executive for the last couple of terms. It has allowed me to work with some of the best people we have in our region and also very good people from other regions in the NorthEast Division.

On the Club Racing side, we offered a regional race in May for two years in a row and lost money for each of those weekends. The demand was not there to support the number of cars needed to break even. The Last Chance Race Weekend, in October, turned a profit this year with some unique races and hard work!

We will host the SCCA U.S. Majors Tour in July 2014 which should be well attended and profitable.

Our SOLO program has done well with a lot of effort from those involved. They worked very hard to secure venues for their activities and have had sufficient numbers to make for very competitive events.

The Green Grand Prix weekends, under the leadership of Bob Gillespie, have proven to be a unique offering which feature alternative fuel cars, in various forms of competition, for high school and college teams. The number of participants continues to increase each year.

We need to have more participation of our members in all of our activities.

Larry Emery  
Regional Executive

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## BoD Highlight

Everyone knows that we have a Board



Bill Weaver drove his RX-7 to a NYSRRC ITS Championship for 2013.

## Solo Rule Changes

The days of R compound tires ruling Stock classes are coming to an end. Starting in 2014, Street is the new Stock and a few more changes are on the way for 2015.

The biggest change for 2014 is of course the lack of race rubber and the new Street class structure - and there is also now a minimum tread wear rating for Street classes. For 2014 that minimum rating is 140 - then increasing further in 2015 to a minimum of 200.

Another interesting change is allowing a +/- 1 inch change in wheel diameter. Wheel width must stay the same, but diameter now has more flexibility with the intention of allowing greater tire selection for many cars. Drivers will also now be able to disable traction/stability control by removing a fuse or disconnecting a sensor.

With all these (and a few more) changes and the new Street classes, Stock as we know it is actually not going completely away... yet. For 2014 there will be Stock-R (SR) classes based on the 2013 rule set and allowing R Compound tires. For 2015, those Stock-R classes do go away and leave simply an SSR class for the current Super Stock eligible cars.

You can read more about these and other changes in recent issues of [Fastrack News](#) and keep an eye on the [Solo Rules site](#) for the 2014 rule book to

of Directors, right? And this BoD, they do stuff? Good. But do you know *what* stuff they do or what offices our board is comprised of? No? Well how about we tell you a little about the Board and what they do...

Our current Board of Directors is made up of 10 different people. Those positions currently include our Regional Executive (or just, RE), the Assistant RE (kind of like a VP), the Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director and four other Directors - as well as a past RE serving as a "Senior Advisor."

With the exception of the Directors (two year terms) all of the elected officials have a 1 year term. Directors also have a term limit of no more than two consecutive terms. After the term limit is reached, Directors could choose to run for another position or leave the board - with the option of running for Director again in the next election if they choose.

Hopefully many of you were already aware of how our Board operates (many of you have likely served on it!). For those of you unfamiliar, in future issues we will try to highlight each of the Officer positions so that you have a better understanding of the club's operations. Maybe you'll find something interesting enough to get more involved!

You can also find many of the past [Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#) on our website if you'd like to find out all of the little details!



Mark Sherwood in his Formula Atlantic won 1st place in class at the 2013 July Sprints.

be published. We'll all have a lot to catch up on for the 2014 season.

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## Awards Banquet

If you haven't heard by now (HOW COULD YOU NOT?!) there is an Awards Banquet coming up. The basic details are as follows:

- 2013 Awards Banquet
- Lib's Supper Club
- Saturday, January 11, 2014
- Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres starting at 12 p.m.
- Dinner served at 1 p.m.
- Many awards, 50/50
- \$27 per person
- RSVP by Jan 3, 2014

RSVP should be sent to Allan Kintz by US mail or [email](#) by 1/3/14. More details available [here](#) (PDF).

## Editor's Note

Some of you with Family memberships have the same email address associated with multiple family members. In order for everyone to receive the messages intended for them, I'd strongly recommend updating email addresses for those that don't have the correct one listed. Head over to the [SCCA website](#) to log in and get things updated.

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## Education Grant

This is something that should have been included in the previous issue of SparkPlug, but we want to send congratulations to Matteo Scaptura for being awarded our Education Grant for 2013.

Matteo is currently attending the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He and his father are both regulars in our Solo program (in fact, Joe won the GS class championship for the 2013 season).