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A message from your new-ish RE

Glen Region Members,

It's now 2014 and our race season will be here before we know it! This year will be a big one in more ways than one. The Solo Board continues to work putting together another successful year. It will be a big year for Club Race as the Glen Region will be hosting the SCCA MAJORS event this year at WGI. The region will continue to host the Green Grand Prix as well.

Our biggest continuing challenge will be to make our events and region financially viable. I invite each and every one of you reading this REport to ask "why is this event's registration fee what it is?" Like all regions, ours is a business as well as a Club. The Club Racing Board (CRB) and Solo Board (SB) as well as our region's Board of Directors (BoD) will be working extremely hard this year to make all of our events, safe, fun, fair, and financially viable.

On a personal note, I look forward to the challenges of being RE again and serving you, the members. Please feel free to contact me at any time with comments, questions, and offers to assist in making our region successful.

Please support the BoD and your region. Attend the meetings, events, and activities. Volunteer to help. Be part of the greatest region in the Sports Car Club of America.

In the spirit of the sport,

Ed
Regional Executive

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Board of Directors Spotlight - Secretary



Jack Dinehart, 2013 Driver of the Year, and Kyle Colbey, 2013 NYSRRC Best New Driver, accepted their awards at the Awards Banquet.

Regional Racing is Dead

Long live divisional racing.

SCCA Regional racing as we knew it is gone for 2014. This is the year of Divisional Racing and the Divisional Racing Series. All previous Regional races are now Divisional events. And in addition to the regular Divisional events, there is now a Divisional Race Championship (DRC) Series.

But WHY?

Well, that comes down to the ongoing reorganizing of SCCA Club Racing by the National office - including the Majors Tour. It also provides a structure for drivers at the Divisional level to gain invitations to the Runoffs. So what does this mean for the Glen Region?

In 2014, our usual Regional events, the July Sprints and Last Chance, will be Divisional races - but will NOT count for the Divisional Race Championship (or entry to the Runoffs). Tentatively, the Finger Lakes Region Fun One will be the DRC event at Watkins Glen for 2014 as the Glen Region will be hosting the

BoD: Secretary Life

Like all official positions within the Glen Region, the Secretary's duties are outlined clearly [our By-Laws](#). But what does the Secretary actually *do*?

The most obvious job of course, is to take notes and provide minutes for all of our membership and Board of Directors meetings - you can actually find these minutes [on our website!](#)

The other major duty reserved for the Secretary is the creation and mailing of the Board of Directors ballots (and the Annual Meeting notice!). This is done in coordination with the BoD, Nominating Committee, and Elections Committee and must be done according to a very specific schedule outlined in the by-laws.

Your current Glen Region Secretary does all of the above while serving as an Event Chair, Safety Steward, and T&S Chief for (and competing in) Solo, helping to chair events for Club Racing, editing the SparkPlug, and helping to manage our presence on social media... as well as a few other odd jobs. Why? Because racing. That's why.

Calling All Sound People

The Glen Region is in need of a new Sound Control person. We have been without a Sound chief for a couple years now - and while other regions have been gracious enough to help us thus far, ideally a more permanent solution is needed.

What does Sound Control do? This person measures and records dB levels of Club Racing competitors on track to ensure they are complying with the sound limit defined by the Supps (and

Majors event.

The Northeast Division has also established a new points structure for the DRC series. For more info on Divisional racing in NEDiv and the Glen Region, check out [this page on SCCA.com](#) and more specifically, [the approved NEDiv Divisional Racing Plan](#) (PDF).

National Convention Rides

Planning to attend the National Convention in Charlotte NC this year but need a ride? If enough parties are interested, the Glen Region will be sending the region's van and covering fuel expense down and back. The Convention is scheduled for March 7-9.

If interested, give [Tim Meddaugh](#) a call.



Winners of the 2013 RE's Awards and George Fetzer Service Award - presented at the Awards Banquet.

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WGI!).

Equipment and training is available - we just need a volunteer! If you're interested, contact [Cheryl Zebrowski](#).



Many of the 2013 Solo winners accepted their awards at the 2013 Awards Banquet.

NYSRRC Results

Four Glen Region members qualified for the end of year NYSRRC points for the 2013 season.

Jack Dinehart won first place in CFC with a total of 180 points out of 9 races completed. Matthew Clark finished 4th in Formula Vee with 79 points from 4 races completed. Kyle Colbey finished 2nd in ITA with 114 points from 9 races. Bill Weaver won ITS with 61 points from 6 races.

There were quite a few other Glen members in the overall NYSRRC points - but it seems that many did not fully comply with the eligibility requirements. Which, as I'm told by NYSRRC officials, is quite important. A reminder to drivers for the 2014 season - check the eligibility requirements!

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