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Membership Options, Discounts, Incentives!

Have you had friends and neighbors (and even people on the street) ask about your Motorsports hobby? Have they come over to look at your car and ask, "Where do you race that?" I am sure you told them about the Glen Region and the SCCA. About all the events we host and the fun you have at them. But do you know about all of the different Membership options the club offers? Of course there is the Individual Membership, the Family Membership, and even the Weekend Membership.

But do you know about the First Gear Membership (under 25 years old)? Or how about the New Club Race Volunteer Membership? There is also the Military Active Duty Discount. Weekend Memberships can count towards the cost of any Annual Membership type.

If you are a current member, do you take advantage of the incentives and discounts offered? There is the Club Race Incentive for working Club Race events and the Membership Referral Program. Both of which have Multiple Discounts that save on the cost of your membership renewal.

Go to the [National SCCA website](#), Log into your Account (Check that your information and email address is up to date and correct!!!) and take a look at all of the different Membership and Discount options that are available you and the interested folks you meet asking what you do and how do they get involved.

Support 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

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Specialties: Timing & Scoring

There is one thing the stopwatch cannot do, and that is tell a lie. Welcome to timing and scoring, where we keep the time and make sure that the drivers are in the right position. Those are the basics, but how do we do it? If you have watched a race within the last 20 years, you won't be surprised to learn the timing part is done by computer. Though in the "old days," that was where the stopwatch came in.

In order for the computer to work, it needs a decoder to pick up the transponder hits. A transponder is a little box that has a unique number on every car; that's how we can keep track of all of the cars. We use the same system for races too, but it is not the primary. Per the rules in the SCCA, it is the human eye. We have a group (we can always use more!) to write the car numbers as they pass. These are compiled by one person onto a lapchart to try to make sense of all these numbers. If someone gets the all numbers, life for the lapchart person is easy. It's when some cars (or groups of them) get missed that this job gets fun. After the race, timing is also responsible for posting official results. This happens 30 minutes after the race, as long as there are no issues in tech or the stewards room. The last duty is to compile all of the results and make a book of results.

But who is the local timing and scoring chief? Well, that would be me, Kyle Colbey. I've just passed my 5 year anniversary of membership. In those 5 years, I have tried quite a bit that the club has to offer. I started with a few seasons in autocross before joining club race Timing & Scoring for the first time in 2010. Since then, I've tried to travel to other tracks and interact with other chiefs. It has certainly helped me learn the ropes quickly. After visiting a bunch of other tracks, I just had to try the driving for myself. I picked up a racecar in 2012, got my license and have been on track ever since. When not in the car, I usually can be found running around the timing room to help the event run smoothly. Race weekends are certainly not boring any longer. If you are ever interested in seeing what timing and scoring does for yourself, I would happy to have you meet (or join) the rest of the awesome timing and scoring crew that the region has.

Kyle Colbey
Glen Region T&S Chief

SCCA National Convention Recap

About a dozen Glen Region members made the trip to Charlotte, NC in March for the SCCA National Convention. Most of us attended (and some even instructed!) various sessions on

2014 Event Schedule

The following is a *tentative* event schedule for the 2014 Glen Region racing season. Please be sure to [check the website](#) as events approach for the most up-to-date info!

5/4 - **Solo** - Shops at Ithaca Mall

anything from Finances, Stewards Training, Solo Best Practices, Event Marketing and various Club Racing topics. I think everyone should be walking away from this event with many things to bring back to our region to better it in some way.

We also were able to attend this year's SCCA Hall of Fame induction ceremony and awards banquet, which included names such as Dan Gurney, Bob Bondurant, and Bob Hubbard and Jim Downing (the inventors of the HANS device), among others.

Speaking as someone having attended my first National Convention, it was a great experience. It is possible to be a part of our great region but not really realize that we are just a small part of a much larger organization of amazing people. The National Convention is something that can open your eyes to this realization. There is a lot going on that is well worth checking out.

Wherever the convention happens to be next year (Charlotte again?), I highly recommend attending!



Pat Scopelliti races for the finish at last year's first Solo event at the Ithaca Mall.

NEDiv Roundtable

The schedule has been posted for the 2014 Roundtable. You can view an [Excel version](#) of the weekend schedule or a [PDF version](#) listing all of the sessions on Saturday. In short, Registration is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and then 7:30 a.m. to

5/18 - **Solo** - WGI Media Lot
6/14 - **Solo School** - Elmira College Domes
6/15 - **Solo** - Elmira College Domes
7/4-6 - **Club Race** - Majors Tour @ WGI
7/13 - **Solo** - TBD
7/19-20 - **Club Race** - July Sprints @ WGI
7/27 - **Solo** - Tompkins-Cortland Comm College
8/16 - **Solo** - TBD
9/14 - **Solo** - WGI Media Lot
10/3-5 - **Club Race** - Last Chance @ WGI
10/5 - **Solo** - WGI Paddock
11/14 - Annual Membership Meeting

April Birthdays!

If you see these Glen Region members, wish them a Happy Birthday this month. We won't tell you how old they are!

Arianna Scaptura	Bruce Coulombe
Marc Gerstein	Mario Dokic
Nick Domster	Joe Scaptura
Frank Vultaggio	Dallas Zebrowski
Taylor Dobbs	Tim Meddaugh
Michael Freeman	Daniel McCarty
Arthur Dolch	Douglas Akin
David Button	Marie Sheehe

Solo CAM Class

I may have already mentioned the new Classic American Muscle (CAM) class for Solo in a previous issue - but I wanted to touch on a bit more detail of the class and what is involved.

The purpose of the CAM class is to attract some potential new participants to Solo that drive "classic" cars (or trucks!) mainly from the "Big 3" American manufacturers that may not be setup to be competitive in many of the normal Solo classes.

The class is open to all street legal, licensed, and insured vehicles from US-based manufacturers that are able to pass tech inspection and weigh more than 3000 lbs. They should also be of a typical FR (front engine / rear drive) configuration.

8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

There are plenty of sessions available on Saturday, ranging from a Race Experience and Driver Licensing course presented by our own RE to Flagging and Communications Licensing and Solo Safety Steward Training. Nearly all of the Club Race specialties are represented as well.

Also, if you are planning on attending for JUST the main training day, it is likely that the region's van will be making the trip down. I know I can speak specifically for Solo in that we hope some of you are interested in attending the Safety Steward Training.

[Registration is open](#) on MotorsportReg. The Glen Region will cover the \$25 registration fee for those willing to attend - so no excuses!

SCCA Foundation Raffle

The SCCA Foundation is raffling a pair of VIP Hospitality Passes to the Circuit of the Americas (CoTA) in Austin, TX for the the 2014 Formula One US Grand Prix.

Not just the tickets though, as \$5000 in cash will also be included to cover your travel expenses!

Raffle tickets start at just \$20 for a single ticket - or get 3 for \$50, 5 for \$75, etc. The drawing will be held on June 29th, 2014 - and entrants must be 18 years of age as of the drawing date!

All proceeds benefit the programs of the SCCA Foundation, including the Tire Rack Street Survival program, Formula SAE, and Historical Preservation!

To purchase your raffle tickets visit:

www.sccaraffleem.org

Currently the specifics of the class are flexible enough that many things can be accommodated via additional classes or if necessary, exclusions from classes. It is likely we'll be offering this class for the 2014 Solo season, so if you have some Classic American Muscle that is tired of the drag strip or show scene, bring it out. We'd love to have you!



Scott Adriaansen pilots his 3-legged Rabbit around our Solo course at last year's first event. He also drove the same car at our Club Race Experience at the recent Last Chance event!

In the spirit of the sport...

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