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The Annual Meeting, Upcoming Race Season, and ITEZ

Please note that our Annual Meeting date has had to be changed from November 15, 2014 to November 22 2014 (the following Saturday night). This was due to a scheduling conflict with the Northeast Division MiniCon. Our cooperate bylaws do state that the Annual Meeting shall be the third Thursday of November but at the last Board of Directors meeting the board agreed that moving the meeting date a week later would not infringe on any of the region's bylaws.

In other news, we do have a very busy race season ahead of us! Solo events are up and running. The Green Grand Prix was a success again this year! Club Race continues to prepare for our opening event, the SCCA MAJORS on July 4-6th. And for the July Sprints (July 19-20), the FLR Fun One (September 13-14) and the Last Chance (October 3-5) we will be introducing a new race class called ITEZ. This class will be for cars that run in Ice Racing, ChumpCars, Lemons, etc. Be sure to check out the new set of rules for the class later in this issue. The class was created in conjunction with New England Region so there will be events from New Hampshire to Watkins Glen where these cars can run. Also, look for future news regarding a very special event during the Last Chance that we are working on...

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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2014 Green Grand Prix Recap

Bob Gillespie writes...

I have received a great deal of enthusiastic feedback about our Green Grand Prix rally event last Friday. The SCCA volunteers were great and absolutely essential. It went very smoothly. Gary Thomas and John Kastenhuber from Finger Lakes Region organized the afternoon segment. No fewer than 5 checkpoints.

We had a total of 44 entries in the rally: 12 school-entered vehicles, 12 business entries, 5 Eco-Modders, and 15 private entries. Eighteen awards were presented at our dinner with about 130 in attendance. Four of our awards are cash prizes of \$1,000 each.

Unfortunately the NYElectrathon race was scrubbed because of the weather. Approximately 200 Auto Tech students were at the Green Grand Prix. Fifty of them served as volunteers in tech inspection, transponder fitting, drivers, navigators, or directing traffic. My hope is that some of these are future Glen Region members. Other college students from Elmira College managed our Green Grand Prix Facebook page, which experienced a big increase in traffic this year. We are currently reaching 1,500 Likes (under the name Green Grand Prix Corporation).

Below is part of an email I'd like you to read from Jerry Bartlett, an Eco-Modder who participated for the first time this year with a 17 hp Fiat X1/9 special, with 17 hp Kubota diesel (200+ mpg) ... just when you think you've seen everything.

Changing the return route home to I-90 was a huge plus over going through Ithaca. Having nothing but time on my hands, I couldn't help but to reflect on the event itself. It was hugely inspiring to see so many younger folks/students interested in cars again. I haven't seen that in decades - I thought it was dead! They weren't just taking notes in the garage area: I had the pleasure of competing on the World's most famous racetrack alongside of them!

I will get all results, awards, and new photos posted on the website soon.

In the Spirit of the Sport,
Bob Gillespie
Executive Director Green Grand Prix Corporation

Solo Event #1 Recap

After a bit of a rocky start, our 2014 Solo season kicked off back on May 18 at the WGI TV/Media lot. What was so rocky about it? The road to scheduling sites was a mountain we did not anticipate climbing!

We lost a number of sites for use this year to a variety of reasons, and ended up delaying the start of our season due to those issues. Thankfully our season is finally under way and we have nearly a full schedule ready to go!

Even with the delay to the first event, we could not have asked for a better beginning of the season. We had 52 registered drivers, sunny weather, and 6 runs on a fun (and

challenging!) +50 second course.

Even with all of the rule changes for the 2014 season, not a lot has really changed when you really get to it. We still have the usual top runners: Brett won A Street in his Corvette. Allan won D Street in his WRX, Ken won E Street in a Miata, And Rob won in his Miata. Wait... Rob won, but it wasn't an older Miata in STS - it was a newer Miata in STR!

We had some tight battles for sure though. Four of our classes were won by less than a tenth of a second! Peter and John battled in B Street with Peter's BMW edging out John's Evo by 0.032 seconds. C Street came down to Greg's BRZ and Willie's M Roadster, with the BMW taking it by an even smaller gap of 0.030! A slightly unusual SEVEN competitors in G Street were left mostly watch Matteo's BMW fight it out with Jeff's Volvo for the top spot. The twin-charged, Swedish wagon just barely cleared the German hatchback by 0.083 seconds. The other tight battle came down to Bruce and Rob in karts - and maybe if Bruce was able to get his first three runs in, he could have gotten the necessary advantage to beat Rob.

We had a handful of new drivers mixed with many of our usual competitors and made a great day of it. As we look ahead to the rest of our season, we should be so lucky to have each of our events in 2014 turn out as great as the start. Perfect weather, a great course, and a ton of fun. We hope to see many of you the 14th and 15th of June for our Solo School and event #2.

[Full results](#) and [PAX results](#) are available on the website!

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!

5/18 - **Solo** - WGI Media Lot - **DONE**
6/14 - **Solo School** - Elmira College Domes
6/15 - **Solo** - Elmira College Domes
7/4-6 - **Club Race** - Majors Tour @ WGI
- [MAJORS REGISTRATION](#) -
7/13 - **Solo** - Shangri-La Speedway
7/19-20 - **Club Race** - July Sprints @ WGI
- [SPRINTS REGISTRATION](#) -
8/17 - **Solo** - Shangri-La Speedway
9/14 - **Solo** - WGI Media Lot
10/3-5 - **Club Race** - Last Chance @ WGI
10/5 - **Solo** - WGI Paddock
11/22 - Annual Membership Meeting

Club Race ITEZ Class

SCCA Regions across the northeast band together to include ITEZ class.

Region Birthdays!

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

May

Lillian Klein
Benjamin Cole
Ken Moyer
Thomas Tremper
Philip Borden
Richard Klepacz
David Hendrickson
Daniel DeBell
Matt Bernard
Pauline Colbey
Mark Lockhart
Dell Boyle
Bill Vockroth
Carolyn Scopelliti
Donald Giroux
Paul Campbell
Richard Valenti
Joseph Atkinson
Jeffrey Williams
David Brumsted
Jim Seafuse

June

Evan Bellinger
Matt Garwood
Robert Gillespie
Kevin Hendrickson
Gary Kittell
Randy Kuster
Harry Laffkas
Stephen Lesnak
Les Lewis
Steven Moore
Wil Oberlies
Daniel Paradiso
Lester Reimsnyder IV
Carlos Rodrigues
Pat Scopelliti
Jason Stine
Donna Wiernicki

The Finger Lakes, Glen and New England Regions are all including the accessible ITEZ class in their regional races. The rule set adopted is designed to allow any car that meets Improved Touring safety rules a place to race. In other word there are no illegal cars. Most cars built for other series already meet SCCA safety standards and this class will give them another place to race.

With all three regions adopting the same rules racers can run their ITEZ car at 10 events at 5 different tracks.

5/24-5 New Hampshire, New England Region
6/20-21 Lime Rock Park, New England Region
6/21-2 Nelson Ledges, Finger Lakes Region
7/12-13 Thompson Motor Speedway, New England Region
7/19-20 Watkins Glen, Glen Region
8/9-10 New Hampshire, New England Region
9/6-7 New Hampshire, New England Region
9/13-14 Watkins Glen, Finger Lakes Region
10/4-5 Watkins Glen, Glen Region
10/4-5 Thompson Motor Speedway, New England Region

Many other organizations licenses are already accepted for SCCA Regional races. See appendix C of the [current GCR](#) for a complete list. For a step by step guide to SCCA licensing see [this article on the SCCA website](#).

Experienced racers wanting to race with SCCA can apply for license waivers from the [Divisional Licensing official Pete Smith](#). For those needing to attend a SCCA Competition Driving School there are schools scheduled at New Hampshire on May 23rd or at Watkins Glen on October 3rd.

In the spirit of the sport...

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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

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