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Elections Incoming!

Glen Region Members,

It's that time of year again and your Board of Directors (BoD) is actively seeking members for the 2014 Nominating Committee. The Committee seeks candidates to run in this fall's election. If you have ever considered serving your region, this would be a good time to get involved in the process and help to make a difference.

The 'official' job description for the members of the Nominating Committee can be found in Article VI, Section 4A of the [Region's Bylaws](#) which are available on the Region's website. The basic duties of the committee are to recruit members willing to run for elected positions on the Board of Directors of the Region.

Please reply by July 31st to either me (Ed Zebrowski) or Allan Kintz if you are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

"When everyone lends a helping hand, the region is better for all!"

In the Spirit of the Sport,

Ed Zebrowski
Regional Executive

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BFGoodrich Tires US Majors Super Tour Recap

If you missed it (HOW WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE?), this past weekend was our turn for the "national" Club Race weekend at WGI. Except this year, like last year when Finger Lakes hosted, was a Majors Tour event... and not just a regular Majors tour, the BFGoodrich Super Tour event. I'm told that it's kind of a big deal... :)

You'll be happy to know that our event was well attended. We had nearly 250 registered drivers. Our smallest classes were definitely the Formula cars - but there was a competing All Formula event at Mid-Ohio over the same few days - so we likely lost a few entrants to them.

The larger classes were Spec Miata (as usual) with over 40 registered, Spec Racer Fords with about 30 cars, and a surprising number of entries in American Sedan (13), F500 (15), STL (24), and B Spec also surprised with 8 entries.

If you were there on Thursday, you know what a mixed day that turned out to be. WGI held their usual Promoter's Test Day, with what we could only guess was a good crowd registered, based on the lines at the Registration building. The morning was quite nice, but the skies opened up later in the day and the rain came and went multiple times in the afternoon. Overall, not a great day to get on track, but oh well. A few brave souls still ventured out here and there.

Friday was only slightly better. The rain mostly stayed away (though a few sprinkles came down at one point, very briefly) but the cold and the wind took its place. All of the groups seemed to flow smoothly and I'm fairly certain many cars bested some track records (surely the cooler temperatures helped with this). Qualifying wrapped up just about on time and everyone was treated to some food and friends at the small social gathering after the day was done.

The real action started on Saturday with all of the groups getting a few minutes for very brief warm ups - followed by 30 minute sprint races for all. The weather for these races on Saturday could not have been scripted any better - sunny, a few clouds, less wind than Friday, and thankfully NOT a blistering heat. Most races were very clean in the morning. It wasn't until about mid-day that we had a couple caution periods, but I'm sure that everyone had some fun.

After all of the racing had come to a close on Saturday we again moved everything to the (this time larger) social gathering under the pit grandstands for not only some food and beverages - but also some great door prizes from the Majors Tour. Five workers took home crisp \$100 bills and one of our drivers in attendance received a brand new GoPro camera (not sure if it was the Silver or Black edition).

After nearly everyone had caught up on some sleep Saturday night, the racing kicked off first thing Sunday morning with 15 lap feature races, starting with Spec Miata at 8am! Unfortunately I think we may have only had 1 or 2 race groups through the day with clean races on Sunday. Lots of close battles, and sadly, a few wrecked cars. Podium ceremonies for the day moved to Victory Circle where the top 3 drivers in each

class received their trophies and a bottle of champagne (to spray, or not to spray, that was the question). Each race group was again treated to a door prize from the Majors Tour - varying from a SafeRacer or Summit Racing gift certificate to another GoPro camera!

I like to think that the event went very well - if I do say so myself. Both Tim and I had a LOT of help through the whole event and we'd definitely like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the region and the club - especially given that this was a (major) holiday weekend. But really, where would you rather be? Lounging around at some BBQ? Or at the race track all weekend?

I know where I'd rather be... and I was already there.

The SCCA site has posted the results and some detailed stories on the weekend on our [Majors event page](#). Go check it out if you want to see how everyone did and dig a little deeper in to the weekend.

Again, thank you everyone. What a weekend...



Every morning is a beautiful morning at the track.

Solo Event #2 (and School!) Recap

A few weeks ago (on Father's Day, no less!) we hosted our 2nd Solo event of 2014. Along with that, we also hosted a Solo School after taking last year off. It turned out to be a pretty busy weekend, as you might imagine.

Things started off on Saturday with the School. We ended up with 10 registered "students" with a handful of instructors and volunteers on hand to keep things moving. What we lacked in student attendance, we more than made up for with seat time!

Students spent time on multiple activities in the morning, eventually putting everything together in a full, impromptu Solo course. Individual activities included a slalom, skidpad, hard braking, and a lane change exercise. Nothing was timed but there were plenty of opportunities to hone your skills.

A few of our school students even decided to return the next day for our event! We had 49 registered drivers for our 2nd event (making our average so far around 50!).

We used some elements from the School and setup a bit longer course than previous years - a full 60 second average run time - compared to about a 40 second average in years past.

Our drivers were split across over 20 classes on the day, with the largest ones being B, F, and G Street, as well as Street Modified, which had 6 drivers. Some of our classes were blowout wins, but we also had some close competition.

The Raymond family Mini returned in G Prepared for a shootout decided by 0.062 seconds with the win going to the elder of the two. Speaking of elders, we had FIVE different father/son pairs in attendance with 4 of those 5 pairs competing in the same classes.

In the end, the father/son battles ended up 3-1 in favor of the younger generation. I'll let you infer whatever conclusion you want to from those results!

Rob P's new Miata in STR was a runaway PAX winner on the day, putting him barely in 1st place in our season PAX standings after 2 events. He's followed closely by Rob C in his kart and Bruce C also in a kart.

Overall we had great weather, a fantastic turnout - and even added wireless, live timing into the mix for up-to-the-minute results! What more could we ask for in an event?

So what's next then? Well, our 3rd event takes us to a completely new location. We are venturing to the east to Shangri-La Motor Speedway, outside of Owego. It should be an interesting setup as we will likely be using the concrete oval as a base for our course. That event is THIS WEEKEND! We'll be there on Sunday, July 13, bright and early. We'd love for you to join us. Online registration is still open and [available here](#).

Also, [full results](#) and [PAX results](#) from the 2nd event are available on the website. You can also check out the [Season Points](#) totals and [Season PAX](#) results after our 2 events so far.

July Sprints

Registration is open for the July Sprints, if you hadn't heard. The Supps are also available online. WGI will be holding a Promoter's Test Day the Friday before the event as well.

We'll have our "usual" regional race groups for this event as well as welcome the Historic Race Group (HRG) cars and ProIT! It looks to be a great weekend for some racing and we're hoping you'll come join us.



One of the Raymonds flashes by in their GP Mini at our 2nd Solo event. (Ken Moyer photo)

Head over to our website to read the [Supps](#) (you do read the Supps, don't you?) and then head over to [MotorsportReg](#) to get signed up!



Mike's A Street Corvette stirs up some course lines at the Domes. (Ken Moyer photo)

Elections are Coming

As has been said many times, this region runs on the dedication and hard work of our volunteer members. If you've been looking for a way to get more involved or even to jumpstart your involvement in the region - your time is coming.

Soon we will be holding our annual Board of Directors elections. Along with interested bodies to fill the Nominating Committee as Ed mentioned above, we will also be seeking members to run for various positions on our Board.

Any of our positions would be open to those interested in running. Are you good at dealing with money? Maybe run for Treasurer. Do you like recording information and keeping our members informed? Why not Secretary? And if you're bold, there's also the Regional Executive position! I hear that one's actually pretty easy though, don't let the hype fool you!

There are also Director positions, Activities director and also the Assistant

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 - **DONE**
- 6/15 - **Solo** - Elmira College Domes - **DONE**
- 7/4-6 - **Club Race** - Majors Tour @ WGI - **DONE**
- 7/13 - **Solo** - Shangri-La Speedway
- 7/19-20 - **Club Race** - July Sprints @ WGI
- [SPRINTS REGISTRATION](#) -
- 7/27 - **Solo** - Elmira College Domes
- 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

July Birthdays!

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

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| Norm Adelewitz | William Emery |
| John Albarano | Scott Gorg |
| William Alsted | Jose Martinez |
| Dennis Buford | Richard Patchen |
| Matthew Clark | Ed Sanders |
| David Colbey | Howard Sisson |
| Philip Cornell | Steve Steinbacher |
| Chuck Dobbs | Tom Weaver |



One of the Scaptura family streaks by in their

RE spots that will be up for grabs. If you think you might be interested in any of these or would just like more information (including for the Nominating Committee!), please do reach out to one of us.

G Street BMW. (Ken Moyer photo)

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