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Your Glen Region representation at the 2016 National Convention - minus the Gersteins, who were somewhere not too far away.

REport

Glen Region Members,

The SCCA National Convention was held on January 21st-24th and was back in Las Vegas after a few years in Charlotte, NC. The Convention was revamped and much more intense than the past few years. All attendees I spoke to were happy to see the Convention return to its former level of quality.



The SCCA Annual Corporate Meeting shown that our club is in good financial and program states. All aspects of the club were financially sound. You may not know how our club is set up in terms of business. The 'National Club' is SCCA Inc. That 'company' owns a number of subsidiaries which include: SCCA Pro Racing, SCCA Enterprises (builders of the Spec Racer Ford, FE, etc) and the SCCA Foundation. Our region is a Chartered Region of the national club (much like a franchise).

As usual, we attended many meetings at the convention. These included Risk Management (the 2016 Insurance Updates), the Competition Racing Board Round Table (with updates on the Runoffs and new items for 2016 in Club Racing), the RE/BoD Lunch (where the REs meet with the Board of Directors to discuss concerns), Planning for MAJORS Success (updates, ideas and changes in 2016 to the MAJORS Club Racing Program), All Safety Steward Training (SCCA has combined all Safety Stewards Training into one – Club Race/Solo/Rally/Rally Cross – as they all are dealing with the same issues in terms of Risk). We also attended the RE/New RE Training Session to cover any new changes in Charter process. The next meeting was on Regional Racing Program Development, where we shared ideas on building a strong Regional Racing Program. Our own NeDiv Championship Series was well received as a strong example of regions working together for success.

Allan Kintz and I then attended the Pro Racing meeting. There is a push for SCCA Pro to increase the involvement of the local regions where Pro Races are being held. The final meeting I attended was Steward Documentation and Appeals. While I am not a Steward (yet), it is important for Race Chairs and REs to know the process.

The Hall of Fame Reception and then the Awards Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction were a great success...with a few initial hiccups. The first two(!) award winners were in the bathrooms when they were announced. All had a great laugh of this happening twice during the evening. Seeing favorites like Randy Pobst and legends like Roger Penske, and good friends like Bob Henderson being inducted was a great honor.

In other news, we will be hosting the MAJORS in late June to start our club racing season. Then we will be hosting one of the two 2016 Divisional Race events at WGI this year. That race weekend will also host the NYSRRC, NARRC and ProIT series, amongst others. And finally we will still be holding the Last Chance event in October, but this year we will be combining the event with the Vintage Racers Group (VRG) in an effort of reducing costs.

The Solo Board has a tentative schedule put together for the 2016 Season. And before we know it, the Green Grand Prix will be upon us!

Finally, please do 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...



Ed Sanders and Allan Kintz "pose" with Tim Meddaugh before the hall of fame banquet begins at the National Convention.

Green Grand Prix

Our Bob Gillespie is again looking for volunteers for the 2016 Green Grand Prix.

The 12th Annual Green Grand Prix SCCA TSD road rallies will be held Friday, April 15th.

We need volunteers! As always, all SCCA volunteers will receive a complimentary dinner at the Glen Club later in the day.

This year our schedule needs to be flip-flopped because we won't have access to the WGI track until 2 PM, so we will hold the public road rally segment in the morning, operating out the IMRRC.

We will need tech inspectors, people to help with registration, gridding, and flagging.

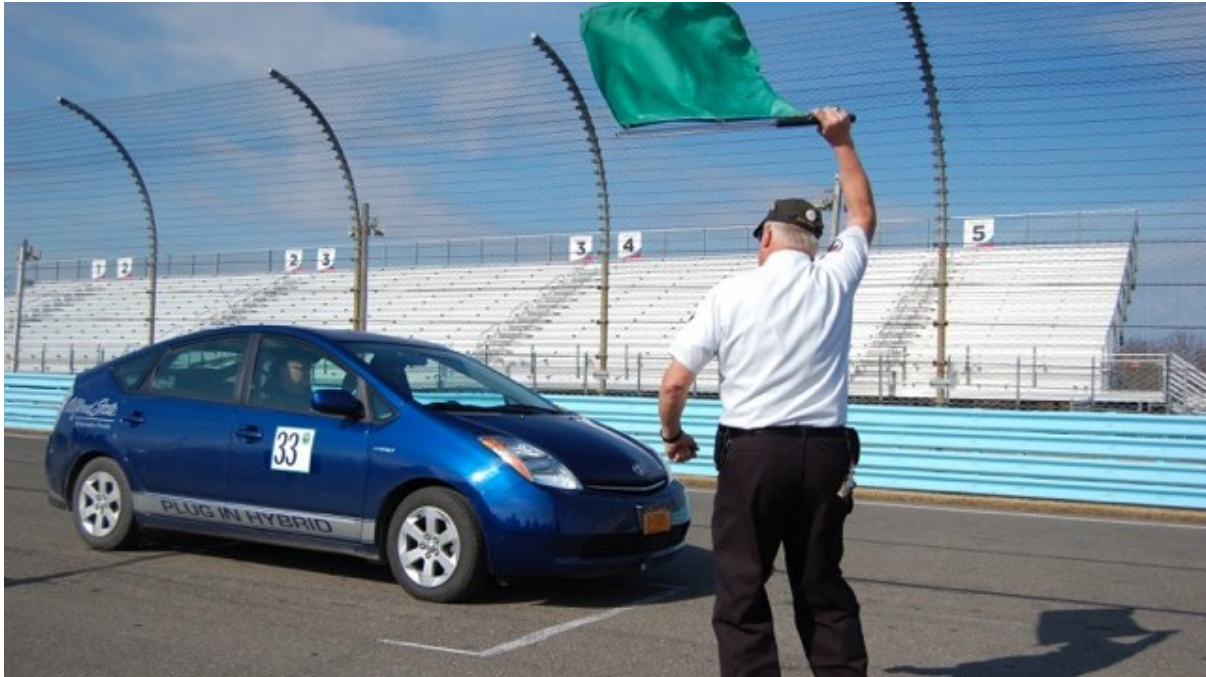
Here's what our basic schedule for Friday, April 15th looks like:

7:00 a.m.	Orientation for all volunteers	IMRRC
8:00-8:45	Registration and Tech inspection	IMRRC / adj. parking lot
9:30-noon	Doris Bovee Mem. Road Rally	starts @ Havana Glen
1:30 p.m.	Staging for Toyota Green Grand Prix	WGI Wedgwood Road
2:00-4:00	Toyota Green Grand Prix fuel econ. rally	WGI short track

We expect about 45 entries about half of which will be from schools.

Here is a chance to see some interesting technology and a bunch of enthusiastic Auto Tech students being introduced to rallying, and get a free dinner at the Glen Club. What could be better!

Please contact Bob Gillespie for details: rgillesp@roadrunner.com, ph. 315-694-2812



Don't miss Marty Laux doing his starter thing for each of the GGP stages!

2016 Racing Season Preview

I guess I should probably just call this Solo Season Preview... since most of us already know what's coming up for the Club Racing Season. But if you haven't been paying attention, here's a quick recap:

US Majors Tour: June 24-26, 2016

July Sprints: July 9-10, 2016

Last Chance: October 7-9, 2016 (hosted by VRG)

OK, on to Solo. The Solo board has been hard at work already this year, planning out the upcoming season. And they nearly have a full schedule confirmed and ready. Here's what the Solo season tentatively looks like at the moment. I believe most of these dates are confirmed, but as always, let's just consider this to be a tentative schedule and suggest you refer to our website for the most up-to-date information!

Apr 30 @ WGI Media Lot - **Test & Tune!**

May 1 @ WGI Media Lot

May 22 @ Elmira College Domes

Jun 12 @ Corning Community College

Jul 24 @ Elmira College Domes

Aug 7 @ Corning Community College

Sep 18 @ The Shops at Ithaca Mall
Oct 16 @ WGI North Paddock

As we near the beginning of the season, we'll get some pre-registration pages up on MotorsportReg and get them out to you. Also, similar to last year, plan on required online registration for the Test & Tune event.

NYSRRC Awards

CORRECTED Awards

Best New Driver: Evan Karl
Driver of the Year: Justin Noble
Inter-Region Award: New England Region

Awards I forgot!

Robert W. Stephens Award: Kyle Colbey
Jim Burleigh Award (Scuderia DOM): Terri Dobbs

(My apologies for getting a couple of the awards mixed up and even forgetting two - Glen Region awards no less! This is what happens when you think you remember what the awards are but the piece of paper you wrote them all down on is 2500 miles away.)



Sandy and Ed Sanders waiting to dig into our banquet dinner!

Grand Prix Festival Update

Casey Creamer gives us an update on the return of the full Grand Prix Festival weekend!

The Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival committee would like to thank the Glen Region SCCA Solo folks for all of their help with being part of enhancing last year's Grand Prix Festival.

As many of you know, due to the paving at WGI last year there was no SVRA participation in the Grand Prix Festival. That created a great challenge for the GPF Committee to come up with some enhancements to make up for that lack of SVRA race cars.

Fortunately the Glen Region Solo folks were ready, willing, and able to step up and work out a solo for that Saturday that would purposely include some of the Grand Prix Festival participants. And in spite of the cold all day rain, the extra participants seemed to have a great time.

Now it is 2016 and the Grand Prix Festival is back to it's regular format that also includes the SVRA race cars along with all of the other Participatory Stone Bridge Driver events that have been happening for over 20 years now.

Here is a little secret. The original Grand Prix Festival was designed to only go until 1998 and culminate in a celebration of 50 years of post war road racing in Watkins Glen. Fortunately a few of us on the committee thought that since most people didn't know that 98 was to be the last Grand Prix Festival, there wouldn't be much of a problem if we just kept doing it and of course along the way, improving it each year.

So, here we are 23 years later and still going strong. This year we will bring back the very successful Saturday Wonderful Waterfall Tour that we did last year due to it's immense popularity. What's cool about the Grand Prix Festival is that if you are into sports cars (which of course it the SCCA's middle name) there are many different options for ways for you to actually participate in the Grand Prix Festival via any one of our many Stone Bridge Driver Events.

Go to <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/> and click on Stone Bridge Driver Events to see descriptions of what is available.

It's all about having fun with cars and this year the Corvette folks get to be the stars as the Corvette is this year's Featured Marque. But of course there are ways to have fun with almost any car if you sign up for one of our Stone Bridge Driver events.

By Casey Creamer,
Stone Bridge Driver Events committee chair.



Pretty nice setup for the Hall of Fame banquet!

Region Positions (Still) Available!

A few of our appointed positions are open for the 2016 season and we're looking for anyone interested in helping the region in these areas! And as always, we could use help in many other aspects of the region. If you'd like anymore detail on these positions or any others, please either reply to this email or contact any of [our Board members](#).

Membership Chair

What does the Membership Chair actually do? Glad you asked! In short, the Membership Chair manages relations with our members. Welcome new members, maintain contact with existing members, reach out to old members, etc. Most often, this person reports current membership levels and data to the region's Board of Directors in our monthly meetings.

More specifically, you may contact an expired member and see if there's any way we can keep them involved. You might also reach out to new or weekend members and welcome them to the Region, let them know what we have to offer.

And, once per year, we honor our members that reach 5 year milestones in their membership with what we call membership tabs. These are little metal tabs that attach to an SCCA pin, signifying your length of membership with the region. The Membership Chair manages and distributes these tabs at our Awards Banquet each year.

Sound Control

Our Club Racing group is still in need of a Sound Control Chief for our events. Actually, we haven't really had one within the region for a few years now... but it would be great to have one if anyone is willing.

And just what does the Chief of Sound do? They measure how loud race cars are around the track in order to comply with noise limits posted at our Club Racing events. The Glen Region even has our own sound equipment that can be used - we just need someone able to do it! Training and guidance can be provided.

Everything Else

We are always looking for help in every aspect of the club. Solo could always use some help in every aspect of our events. Club Racing is always looking for volunteers to help in their various specialties - and working Club Racing positions at events even gets you discounts on your SCCA membership!

Official Region Merchandise Available Again

A while back, the region worked with SCCAGear.com to offer official, Glen Region-branded merchandise for sale. Then SCCAGear redesigned their website and all of the regional gear was lost (for all regions, not just the Glen).

Recently, they have re-established the regional part of the store and we again have Glen Region merchandise available to order. Perhaps the best part is that the region even gets a small percentage of sales given back - just like before. The selection is limited right now - but if there's something else on the rest of the site that you'd like a Glen Region version of, you can contact the site owner and request it.

Want to check out what's available? Head over to SCCAGear.com, select Regional Gear on the left and look for the Glen Region link.

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