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From the Editor:

This month has been hectic for me. A vintage race in Pittsburgh, a two-day Solo at Seneca Army Depot, and other minor details like work and life.

For once I don't have a column ready, and I'm not going to hold up publishing this issue while I write one.

So: Go to the club picnic on the 12th, go to the NEDiv Championships August 8 and 9, and plan on attending Finger Lakes Region's Fun One next month, just after you take in the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival on Friday the 11th, and the SVRA races the rest of the weekend.

Be seeing you, -Karl

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Region Events Calendar

August 12Annual picnicAugust 23ENDURO: Cherry Valley Kart TrackSept. 9Membership meetingSept. 12NIGHT EVENT: Cherry ValleyOct. 4Solo: NYS FairgroundsOct. 14Membership meeting



Membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Liverpool American Legion Post 188 205 Cypress St. in the village of Liverpool





Exhaust Pipe Dreams

From the Assistant R.E., Jon Coffin

No dream, this is real.

Haven't the autocross courses at the NYS Fairgrounds been great this year? I hope you've been one of the 100+ entrants who've enjoyed them this season. With apologies to those left out, kudos to Karl Hughes, Rex Franklin, Leo Sawyer and others for laying out those challenges. The courses have followed well, "flowed", with few people getting lost, and not many cones getting hit, and they've been swift. The last SOLO, we got in eight runs each, and were done before 4PM. It worked for me the day before to show up for course set-up, and it was fun to share in the process, throw in my two cents, and spread the work load. Hey, there's no better way to learn the course than to help set it up!!!

We've got another event at the Fair the first Sunday in October; think about it; do it; help with the course set-up; you'll smack your forehead and ask yourself "How come I haven't done this before?" Thinking about Fairgrounds autocrosses, it's been a popular venue for years. I remember the first time I ran there was a course I don't think we've run since. On the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, 1968, the club ran an autocross on the one-mile clay oval. My mind's a little hazy, but I recollect there were a few pylons to slow us down some, however our speeds were higher than anything that would be allowed at a SOLO now. I met up with a buddy who had a TR4 that I'd autocrossed a few times previously that season, and had a riot running a lap around the "Moody Mile." And, I had so much fun, I immediately went and (late) registered my own



slightly modified VW Bug so I could attack the track again. The "flexibility" the club allowed then was amazing.

And mentioning a hazy mind, I have fragments of memory of another event during that era that I wish I remembered more clearly. Does this sound familiar to anyone? The summer of 1970 (or 1969?), the Southern New York Region had a hillclimb/autocross in a park setting (County, Town, State?) in the West Windsor (Windsor?) area just east of Binghamton. I remember a somewhat uphill road, with decent pavement, some pylons, some trees, not too long, some curves, quite some fun!! I think it may have been run only once. I've asked John Sheridan about this, but I think it was just ahead of his time in southern New York. My thanks certainly, to anyone who recognizes any of those elements.

The Club Picnic's coming up at the Yacht Club, great fun. The Kart Track enduro and night run are coming up. Jump in the activities, and drive!

-Jon Coffin







Membership Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Bob Holcomb

CNYR General Membership Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2009 at American Legion in Liverpool, NY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by R.E. Mike Donofrio at 7:19 p.m.

R.E. REPORT: Mike Donofrio reported that the current issue of Snarling Exhaust arrived before the monthly meeting and that he was extremely pleased with the content. Mike also said that he will not be able to attend our next SOLO event at the New York State Fairgrounds on June 28th.

ASST. R.E. REPORT: Jon Coffin said he had nothing new to report other than the fact that he had a very good time at our SOLO event held at the Cherry Valley Kart Track.

SECRETARY REPORT: Bob Holcomb asked for a motion approving the minutes of the May meeting as they appeared on our web-site and in Snarling Exhaust. Lee Hidy so moved, Karl Hughes seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Jay Cartini reported that despite billings being sent out, we have still not received payment from several SOLO sponsors. Reminder notices may be necessary. Other than that, we are current with bills.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: Mike Mollura reported on our upcoming picnic in August. The date will be Wed., August 12, 2009 at the Onondaga Yacht Club in Liverpool, beginning at approx. 6 p.m. with first food off the grill about 6:30. Bruce Parker will be in charge of grilling the hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, peppers & onions. Member price for the picnic will be \$10 per person. Side dishes such as salads will be purchased. Bruce Parker won the monthly 50/50 drawing for \$16.

SOLO REPORT: Mark Bizzozero reported over 51 participants at the previous SOLO, which included some new entrants. The CNYR SOLO van is currently at J&J Auto for inspection and tune up. Our next SOLO event will be June 28th at the New York State Fairgrounds. Karl Hughes will do course set-up around 5 p.m. on Saturday the 27th and welcomes any help offered. Mike Donofrio reported that the SCCA Divisional Safety Steward needs a "track map" of the Cherry Valley location for us to be insurance compliant with SCCA regulations. Karl Hughes offered to help with obtaining and submitting the map. Lee Hidy reported that he will be running at least one National Tour SOLO event.

COMPETITION REPORT: Bruce Parker reported that he ran the Green Grand Prix held at Watkins Glen with his Vespa, winning in class with an average of 87.6 mpg. Bruce said he may not make the HSR event at Watkins Glen as planned in his 1966 Crossle 9S, due to impending grandfatherhood. F&C REPORT: Mick Levy reported that the previous weekend was ROLEX 6 HR and KONI Challenge at Watkins Glen where he spent the weekend atop the starting stand. Bob Holcomb worked flagging in the boot for KONI and at station 5 at the start of the back straight for ROLEX. Christ Forte reported that he made his annual trip to Sebring in March for the 12 HRS and worked station 10. He said although the field was short on quantity, it was high in quality. The next event for Watkins Glen is HSR (Historic Sportscar Racing) the weekend of June 12, 13 & 14.

WEBMASTER: Evan Haas said he will be adding a pop-up to our web site to remind members we need current e-mail addresses to update our files.

OLD BUSINESS: Bruce Parker asked if we would be totally eliminating the paper version of Snarling Exhaust. Mike Donofrio said that is the current plan. Jay Cartini said that it will save the region over \$2,000 annually by so doing. As we still have money in our mailing account, hard copies will be printed and distributed until that money is exhausted.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Donofrio initiated a general discussion of having a non-meeting night gathering at the Cherry Valley Kart track for an evening of fun racing. This may be held on the Friday following our

Meeting Minutes continued

annual picnic, which would be Friday, August 14, 2009 and depends upon the weather. Jay Cartini will act as liaison between the region and the track and should have all particulars at our July meeting. Karl Hughes requested members to please submit more articles and photos for Snarling Exhaust, especially since there will be no additional costs for extended content when we go electronic. Articles on all events, SOLO, racing, rally, etc., will be welcomed. Karl did remind everyone that the deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month.

Lee Hidy then made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex Franklin. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by Sec. Bob Holcomb



CNYR General Membership Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2009 at American Legion in Liverpool, NY

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by R.E. Mike Donofrio at 7:18pm.

R.E.REPORT: Mike Donofrio reminded those present that our annual summer picnic will be Wed., August 12th at the Onondaga Yacht Club, Liverpool, NY, starting at 6 p.m.. Mike also mentioned we needed to organize a nominating committee for candidates for 2010 officers.

ASST. R.E. REPORT: Jon Coffin said he was very pleased with the way our SOLO season is progressing and encouraged members to come out and help at future SOLO events.

SECRETARY REPORT: Bob Holcomb read the minutes of the June meeting then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as read. Rex Franklin so moved, Bruce Parker seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Jay Cartini reported that we have received some partial payments from some SOLO sponsors. Otherwise, we are current with bills.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: Mike Mollura was absent so no 50/50 raffle was held. Mike Donofrio mentioned that the two chefs for our annual picnic were present, Bruce Parker & David Kicak and discussions were made related to time of food presentation. The picnic is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. with first food available no later than 6:30. Bruce Parker said set up helpers should arrive about 2 hours earlier. Dave suggested for safety, everyone should bring their own Tums, Rolaids & Pepcid. A reminder that the cost is \$10 per member for the picnic.

SOLO REPORT: Mark Bizzozero reported that the region SOLO van was back from J&J automotive in time for the last event held on June 28th at the New York State Fairgrounds. Mark said that the van no longer makes that agonizing "aaahhhhhhnnnngghhh" sound while turning. The Fairgrounds event had 56 entrants with each allowed up to 8 runs. The next event will be August 1st & 2nd in association with the Glen Region at the Seneca Army Depot in Romulus, NY.

F&C REPORT: Mick Levy reported on the recent Camping World Grand Prix at the Glen, Indy Car weekend. Despite the weekend starting out with cooler weather, Sunday was beautiful with Justin Wilson winning a terrific Indy Car race. The SCCA F-2000 group was also part of the weekend with races on Saturday & Sunday. This group had difficulty keeping it on the pavement. Mick and Bob Holcomb reported on numerous incidents both days with this group. The Speed World Challenge ran separate races for their GT & TC groups. Both fields were sparse but the racing was "spirited". Mick reported that the next event at Watkins Glen is July 11th & 12th for the Finger Lakes Region National.

COMPETITION REPORT: Dave Kicak reminded those present that the upcoming Finger Lakes National will also include the new Muscle Milk Trans-Am series. Dave will be driving a Porsche in an upcoming event at Beaver Run. Jon Coffin reported that Karl Hughes, Snarling Exhaust editor, will be running his BMW 2002 at the Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix, which has become very popular being run in the "old style" through a city park in Pittsburg, as a charity fundraiser. Bruce Parker said that he will have his 1958 Vespa 400 microcar at the Syracuse Nationals Car Show which is held mid-July at the New York State Fairgrounds. Ed Heffron mentioned that on Thurs., August 6th, the USAC Silver Crown Series will be at Oswego Speedway with some current NASCAR stars expected to run. Bob Holcomb mentioned that 17 yr old Brandon Kidd from Manlius, NY won his first ASA late model feature race at Adirondack Speedway on Fathers Day. Brandon had formerly run karts at Oswego Speedway with Ed Heffron & Jay Cartini.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

More Meeting Minutes continued

NEW BUSINESS: R.E. Mike Donofrio asked if there was any interest in having new regional tee-shirts designed and printed. Rex Franklin said he has some of the older logos and will check on prices and report back to the membership. Mike Donofrio brought up the subject of a nominating committee for officers for 2010. Rex Franklin volunteered to head the committee. Jay Cartini suggested we establish the position of "quartermaster" for the CNYR SOLO van. Karl Hughes name was placed in nomination by Jay, seconded by Mark Bizzozero, motion passed.

Rex Franklin made a motion to adjourn, Mick Levy seconded, motion passed at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by Sec. Bob Holcomb



GLEN REGION/CNYR SCCA Final Results, #5 - Seneca Day 2 - 2009-08-02 Total Registered: 35, with Times: 32

Super	Stoc	k' - Total En	tries: 2 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1Tm	1	Chris M	Elise	Red	Finger Lakes	59.559	51.862	111.421
		270708						-
2	3	Greg D	Chevy Corvette	Silver		68.276	50.980	119.256
								7.835
A Stoc	:k' - 1	otal Entries	: 1 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1Tm	42	Richard H	2008 \$2000	Blue	FLR	63.428	51.834	115.262
E Stoc	k' - T	otal Entries:	2 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		- Tota
1Tm		Tom D	Toyota MR2	Yellow	Glen		53.700	120.099
	<u> </u>	315033	-					-
2 m	4	Nile H	Toyota MR2	Red	Glen	67.129	53.051	120.180
		67395						0.081
F Stoc	k' - T	otal Entries:	3 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1Tm	71	Mark S	Camaro SS	Black	FLR	60.624	53.299	113.923
2 m	17	Bret B	Camaro SS			60.316	53.715	114.031
								0.108
3 m	93	Wes D	2004 Pontiac GTO	Silver	CNY	65.573	53.498	119.071
								5.040
G Sto	ck' - 1	Fotal Entries	: 5 Trophies: 2	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1Tm	41	John C	200 Neon	Silver	CNY	68.060	53.509	121.569
2Tm	16	Cody C	Subaru Impreza	Blue	Glen	68.122	54.074	122.196
		392893						0.627
3 m	7	Brett B	Nissan 240SX			70.759	52.583	123.342
								1.146
4 m	69	George P	2003 Nissan Altima	Blue	CNY	72.818	54.978	127.796
								4.454
5 m	71	Ron B	Nissan 240SX			80.539	58.407	138.946
								11.150

More Solo Results: SeAD

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'H Sto	ock' - 1	lotal Entries	: 4 Trophies: 2	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1Tm	711	Mark B	2008 Toyota Yaris	Blue	CNY	68.276	53.323	121.599
2Tm	14	Greg T	2007 Ford Focus	Blue	FLR	70.161	53.293	123.454
								1.855
3 m	18	Kyle C	G20	Black	Glen	72.301	54.174	126.475
		397984						3.021
4 m	00	James Q	2008 Toyota Yaris	Blue	CNY	72.323	55.015	127.338
								0.863
'B Stro	eet Pr	epared' - To	tal Entries: 1 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1T	60	Fredrick D	2007 STI	Silver		68.670	52.081	120.751
								-
'C Stre	eet Pr	epared' - To	tal Entries: 1 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1Tm	98	Joe C	1989 CRX Si	Black	CNY	70.377	54.732	125.109
'D Str	eet Pr	epared' - To	otal Entries: 2 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1Tm	42	Karl H	1987 BMW 325iS	Grey	CNY	61.874	49.206	111.080
2 m	10	Brent C	2000 Subaru	Blue	CNY	69.815	53.096	122.91
								11.831
'Stree	t Toui	ring' - Total	Entries: 3 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1 T	61	Joe F	2003 Mazda Protege	Blue		65.308	51.392	116.700
2 m	168	Pete H	2000 Subaru Impreza	White	CNY	67.309	49.469	116.778
								0.078
3	1	Jesse D	Mazda Protoge 5	Blue		64.563	52.849	117.412
								0.634
'Stree	t Toui	ring S' - Tota	I Entries: 2 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Tota
1Tm	60	Ed L	1992 Mazda	Red	CNY	69.528	55.036	124.564
2	1	Douglas B	Honda Del Sol	Blue		71.593	55.858	127.451
	1							2.887

More Solo Results: NYS Fairgrounds

'Stree	t Tou	ring X' - Total	Entries: 3 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Total
1Tm	88	Stefan C	240		Finger Lakes	64.559	50.243	114.802
		393123						-
2 m	48	Ken P	1987 BMW 325iS	Grey	Glen	65.646	51.872	117.518
								2.716
3 m	78	John P	1987 BMW 325iS	Gray	Glen	69.849	50.954	120.803
		294124						3.285
'Stree	t Tou	ring U' - Tota	Entries: 1 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Total
1Tm	8	Scott N	Subaru	Blue		65.962	50.056	116.018
								-
'Stree	t Mod	lified' - Total	Entries: 3 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Total
1Tm	11	Garrison M	1992 Subaru SVX	White	CNY			dns
2 m	462	Rob S	1992 Subaru SVX	White	CNY			dns
3 m	667	Tom P	2005 Dodge SRT4	Silver	CNY			dns
		400521						
'Stree	t Mod	lified 2' - Toto	al Entries: 1 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Total
1Tm	5	Nathan W	2001 Checy Silverado	Tan	CNY	69.491	52.477	121.968
		388551						-
'E Mo	dified	' - Total Entri	es: 1 Trophies: 1	Car Color	Region	Times		Total
1 T	52	Walt K	Mazda RX7	Red		74.485	58.701	133.186
								-

Top Times Of Day	Time	Class	#	Driver
Raw time	111.080	DSP	42	Karl H
D	02.840	DCD	40	Kaul II
Pax	93.862	DSP		Karl H
Stock	111.421	SS	1	Chris M
Street Prepared	111.080	DSP	42	Karl H
Touring	114.802	STX	88	Stefan C
Street Modified	121.968	SSM	5	Nathan W
Modified	133.186	EM	52	Walt K

(Note: Times include penalty counts - 2 secs/pylon)

These results are posted on the Glen Region website at http://www.glen-scca.org/Solo/2009/Results20090802.asp

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