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On the cover: Scott Newton plays in the dirt with his daily driver and tow rig, a 2006 STi.

From the Editor -

Most people that know me would agree that I'm usually a pretty quiet person. Instead of quiet I prefer to think of it as thoughtfully reserved. Some folks just adore the sound of their own voice and yak on and on whether they know what they're talking about or not. If I have nothing to contribute to a conversation then I tend not to say anything. I'm that much less likely to put my foot in my mouth that way. Of course there are a few things I know quite a bit about, and I have no problem making my opinion known. Since I doubt too many people reading this care to hear a diatribe on modern architecture, or the blight of urban sprawl, I'll write this month about something else near and dear to my heart: Automotive ADD.

While I don't think it's officially recognized by the American Medical Association, Automotive ADD is a very real affliction, affecting nearly 9 out of 10 SCCA members. Side effects may include quickened pulse upon hearing an unfamiliar exhaust note, restlessness when looking around at car shows, and constant perusal of Ebay Motors and various car forum classifieds. My name is Dustin, and I suffer from Automotive ADD. Sure, a lot of people like cars, but a lot of us SCCA members occupy a specific niche of car crazies, racers and racing enthusiasts. I've never owned a car I've disliked really, but the desire, nay, need, to race makes it much more difficult to choose just the right vehicle.

When I first got into autocross I had just bought a Subaru STi. It was a fantastic car, and I had promised my wife that I would have no need to spend more money on mods since it was already the top of the line Scoob and the fastest car I had ever owned. Well, the more I got into Autocross and the more track days I did down at the Glen, the more go-fast parts I "invested" in, and the more I told you so's I got from the wife. It could have been worse, but before I went too over the top (depends on your definition I suppose) I had a moment of clarity and realized I was at a



crossroads of sorts. I was spending a lot of money making my daily driver into a race car, and I would always want it more powerful and stiffer for racing, all the while making it less and less suitable for its daily duties.

Obviously (to me), I needed a real, hardcore race car and a comfortable, versatile daily driver. I spent over a year waffling between various solutions. Ultimately I settled on a Formula Ford and Rav4 V6 sport. The FF offers the perfect platform to experience a real race car on a small budget, and the Rav4 is guick enough to entertain on on-ramps (seriously, with the V6 it's the quickest vehicle Toyota sells in the US including the new FRS, shame on them!) and has a couple thousand extra pounds of towing capacity than I need for the FF. With a 950 pound car and a 500 pound trailer I could probably have chosen a GTI or something like that to tow it, but I wanted the 4WD and ground clearance for the winter, since I live on the side of a hill. It's also nice to not scrape on every driveway apron and get my kidneys pummeled on every pothole I forget to dodge.

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I had examined this decision from every conceivable angle and felt it was the right one. I still do, and yet, less than a year and a half later I'm dedicating an inappropriate amount of time to Ebay motors and, at this snapshot of time, the classifieds section of bimmerforums.com. One of my issues is that I have this awesome car I the garage and since it's not street legal I get to drive it for six minutes total every four weeks, if that. I was obviously aware of this before I did it, but I thought I could live with that. Every time I see someone drive by in a sportscar in this warm weather though, it's killing me.

My other thought is that I can't (and/or don't really want to) do track days in the FF. When I had gone this route CNYRP wasn't public knowledge yet, and with the price of playing on Watkins Glen, I was willing to give up road courses for at least three years. Now we have a track being built twenty minutes from my house with the promise of cheaper club rentals. Ideally I would keep the FF for autocross and I'd get a daily driver I could take to CNYRP and the Glen a few times a year (sure, I say a few now...). An E90 M3 could tow 1500 lbs right? Or maybe an RS4, then I'd have AWD for the winter. But the M3 would likely be a bit quicker on track. Then again, I've always wanted an Exige. An Exige S with a tune could outrun the Germans and be a lot more lively and fun too. It could also replace the FF as my autocross car. An Exige could be many things, but while I could drive it to work on a nice day, a daily driver it is not in this climate. So then I would need another second daily driver vehicle. Around and around I go.

Anyway, it's frustrating, but it's also fun in a twisted kind of way and really exciting when I do act on a decision. I know I'm not alone in this affliction, so feel free to chat me up when you see me around, I promise I won't be quiet or reserved on this subject.

-- Dustin Ehrlich



Event Schedule

June 10th - CNY Solo #3, Shoppingtown Mall, Syracuse June 13th - Membership Meeting, American Legion, Liverpool, 7:00pm July 8th - CNY Solo #4, Cherry Valley Motorsports Park, LaFayette July 11th - Membership Meeting, American Legion, Liverpool, 7:00pm July 14th - CNY Rallyx #3 (Night Event), Walczyk's Farm, Weedsport August 4th - CNY Rallyx #4, Rolling Wheels Raceway Park, Weedsport August 5th - CNY Rallyx #5, Rolling Wheels Raceway Park, Weedsport August 8th - Membership Meeting, American Legion, Liverpool, 7:00pm August 25th - CNY Solo #5, Cherry Valley Motorsports Park, LaFayette August 25th - CNY Solo #6 (Night Event), Cherry Valley Motorsports Park, LaFayette





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Assistant R.E. Report

From the Assistant R.E., Ed Leubner

Greetings:

AutoX Event #2:

May 20th saw the CNY Region at Mid-State Microds, in Groton (outside of Cortland.) This track might be familiar to some of the long time club members. I've been told that CNY ran at this site almost 20 years ago, so the May event was a homecoming of sorts.

Weather wise, in contrast to the damp, cold, (low 40's) and overall nasty weather we had for the season opener in April, this event had all sun and temperatures in the 80's.

35 competitors took to the course that consisted of an oval used primarily for Microds connected to a winding road course that presented the drivers with multiple challenges in the form of some great elevation changes and a tight, narrow winding course before exiting back on to the main oval portion. A typical run consisted of two laps for a time.

The oval portion had been recently sealed which presented some slick surfaces as the sun and heat increased during the day. Unfortunately, the road course portion has sat dormant for many years, and it began to succumb to the pounding from the heavy cars and sticky tires. This required us to adjust the course a few times to avoid having broken pavement on the racing line. Ultimately, the heat and pavement issues forced us to cap the day at five runs a piece.

Overall, it was a fun course. It was new and challenging. However, prior to running any future events there repairs will need to be made. I want to thank the club members who traveled down a week before the event to do clean up and some concrete work to make the course useable for our event. I'm sure this will be a topic of discussion for the next membership meeting.

Non-Ethanol Gas:

I'm sure most everyone is aware of the problems that using gas with ethanol in all types of engines can cause (typically 10% ethanol in this area.) However, here in the Central New York area, the Nice n Easy gas station at the corner of Henry Clay Boulevard and Route 31 is selling non-ethanol gas. It is more expensive than the standard E10, but given the problems that ethanol can cause, it may be worth it for your application. I am not sure how often they get their nonethanol supply, so you may want to check before driving a distance to fill up.

Speaking of gas and prices, for those of you with smart phones, a great App is GasBuddy which is available for the iPhone, Android, and Blackberry operating systems. It does



not identify stations selling non-ethanol gas (although I'm sure there is an Apps for that too,) but it does map out locations and prices for gas based on your location. And it's free.

Finally, you can not be a car or racing fan and not take a moment to note the passing of Carol Shelby. He will be most remembered for the amazing cars that carried his name, particularly the Cobra's and the modified Mustangs (my favorites) although he was also instrumental in the creation of a number of other high performance cars including the Dodge Viper. Also, if you read closely in the April issue of SportsCar, you would have seen him listed as a 60 year SCCA member. Whether you agreed or disagreed with his politics and the controversy he was involved in at various times regarding "real" versus "fake" Cobra's, he was always an interesting person, starting out as a driver, race team owner and then car builder. Amazingly, even in his late 80's he was still involved in the car business. He was also the longest surviving heart transplant recipient. The sport and industry has lost a great individual.

See you around the grid. **Ed Leubner**



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READER'S RIDE: Scott Newton's 1990 KBS Mk5b

Chassis:	KBS Mk5 front clip, Mk7 rear clip, 800# with driver
Engine:	Rotax 494 (500cc 2-stroke twin), originally powered a Ski-Doo Snowmobile, 105hp @ 8000rpm
Fuel Delivery:	Dual Mikuni VM38 round-slide carburetors, 93 octane pump gas, oil injection pump
Exhaust:	AAEN tuned exhaust with single expansion chamber
Drivetrain:	Snowmobile CVT clutch system, solid rear axle
Front Suspension:	Unequal-length double a-arm suspension, pushrod activated rubber springs, no dampers
Rear Suspension:	4-link trailing arms with watts link, pushrod activated rubber springs, no dampers
Brakes:	Wilwood dual-piston calipers in front; A single Wilwood 4-piston caliper in the rear; Dual
	master cylinder pedal
Tires:	10x8.5x18 Hoosier racing slicks, 10x7" front wheels, 10x8" rear wheels.

History:

This car was built by a company named KBS in 1990 for the SCCA's Formula 440 road racing class - using a Kawasaki 440cc engine. As the class evolved, so did the car, moving up to a Rotax 494 engine and several other chassis upgrades through the years. In particular when the car was wrecked heavily at Buttonwillow in 1998, the entire rear clip of the car was replaced with that of the more modern KBS Mk7 design.

The car also has a rich race history, including wins in no less than 12 national races, and a podium finish in the 2001 runoffs (in the hands of Jeff Jorgenson). After the 2001 runoffs the car was sold to another driver who campaigned it in a few regional races until 2005, at which point it was parked in need of a new fuel cell. It was in this condition that I purchased the car in 2011, and was able to prep it to campaign the 2012 season.





What is Formula 500?

Formula 500 is an SCCA club racing class initially started in the early 80's with the intention of being a very low cost class for single-seater formula cars. As such, the rules are written in such a way as to allow durable low-cost cars to be competitive. Competitive club racing cars can be purchased for anywhere from \$15k (new) to \$7k (used).

In addition, cars with less of the club racing safety gear can be found in the \$2k-\$5k range and raced in the F Modified autocross class.

A simplified version of the Formula 500 rules is as follows:

- 1. Cars must be 800# or more with driver, 80" or less wheelbase, 55" or less overall width
- 2. Cars must use one of the following engines in stock condition:
 - a. Rotax 593 (600cc 2-stroke) w/ inlet restrictors (105hp, 850# minimum weight)
 - b. Rotax 493 (500cc 2-stroke) (105hp)
 - c. Rotax 494 (500cc 2-stroke) (105hp)
 - d. Kawasaki 440 (440cc 2-stroke) (75hp, 750# minimum weight)
- 3. Cars must have no wings, and a flat floor from the front to rear axle. Bodywork must extend to the full width of the chassis between the front and rear wheels.
- 4. Cars may have a full suspension, but may not utilize sway bars, dampers or metallic springs. Rubber springs may be used.
- 5. A solid rear axle must be used (no rear differential)



Membership Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Bob Holcomb

Meeting Minutes For CNYR SCCA, Wed. May 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by R.E. Mike Donofrio.

R.E.REPORT:

Mike Donofrio welcomed all to the May meeting and lacking a formal report, reminded those members present that live in the Cicero-North Syracuse School District that he is running for an opening on the CNS Board of Education.

This was duly noted by the affected members who had been enjoying pizza and wings prior to the start of the meeting.

ASST.R.E.REPORT:

Ed Leubner was absent as he was out of town on business.

Mike Donofrio mentioned that Ed had recently taken part in an HPDE driving event at Watkins Glen and was very thrilled with the experience. A future article for Snarling Exhaust of his experience was promised via e-mail.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jay Cartini reported that our three major sponsors are set with the recent payment from Skaneateles Jewelers, joining J&J Automotive and Burdick Scion.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Bob Holcomb moved that approval of the April meeting minutes be delayed until they appear in Snarling Exhaust. Rex Franklin seconded, motion passed. Snarling Exhaust editor Dustin Ehrich was absent so no release date for the April issue was available. Bob indicated he would have further items to discuss under old and new business.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Rob Sgarlata asked Lee Hidy if a date for our annual August picnic at the Onondaga Yacht Club had been confirmed. Lee said he had left a message and was waiting for a reply. Later in the meeting Lee received a confirmation and the date will be Wed., August 8th. Jay Cartini asked if anyone objected to using the same catering service as in 2011. All agreed that they were satisfied with that and Jay will contact him to set the date and menu.

SOLO REPORT:

Mark Bizzozero said the next event will be held Sunday, May 20th at the Microd track in Groton, NY. He gave thanks to Mike Donofrio and Leo Sawyer for meeting with him and helping prep the track, including trimming grass and filling in portions of asphalt. Mark did say the starting time has been moved back by one hour and will be so noted on our web-site and via e-mail. Registration is to start at 9 a.m. with the first car off at 11 a.m.

The next event will be at Shoppingtown Mall on Sunday, June 10th. No starting time was given.

Mark has also looked into the former Griffis Air Base and is awaiting a reply from them.

Lee Hidy mentioned he is getting information on staging a SOLO at Fort Drum to help benefit the troops stationed there. More information to follow as it becomes available.

RALLY CROSS REPORT:

Jim Quattro said that he has obtained more trophies and medals to use for 2012. We will have a Rally Cross on Sunday, June 3rd following the STPR Rally in Pennsylvania.

F&C REPORT:

Mick Levy reported that the Glen Region is hold a regional race at WGI over Memorial weekend. Also that the national race in July will include the Trans-Am series. Mick said he enjoyed working the Mini-Indy kart race held in Williamsport, PA at the end of April, a fun time with proceeds going to the Red Cross.

RALLY REPORT:

Frank Beyer said that without much publicity, New York State is becoming a hot bed for performance rally, with a total of 4 events scheduled for 2012, one of which has already been held.

Most are in the Catskill region.

Frank said he is hopeful that interest can be developed into getting a viable rally program re-established through CNYR SCCA.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Andrew Beyer was absent, no report.

COMPETITION REPORT:

David Kicak has been looking into requirements for CNYR to run a race.

The Central New York Raceway Park between Brewerton & Central Square would be considered as a location, however ground breaking is still underway at this point in time. David asked if anyone had an update on things there.

Jay Cartini said that according to his sources, all properties have been acquired, proper permits filed and construction should be under way by July, with a proposed opening of spring, 2013.

David continued that with so many race groups in SCCA it would be best to plan on starting with a Regional or Drivers School and a core group of CNYR members need to be formed for the required specialties.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Holcomb asked what was the status of our merchandise?

Rex Franklin said he had assorted merchandise in a bin at his house and would be happy to bring any merchandise that members request to a meeting.

Bob suggested that the merchandise should be made available at each monthly meeting, along with each SOLO and Rally Cross event.

Leo Sawyer suggested putting an ad in Snarling Exhaust listing what merchandise is available.

Mike Donofrio added that it could be included on our web-site via a link.

Lee Hidy asked if the region was still distributing anniversary pins at the annual awards dinner?

This is separate from the name plates issued through National.

This will be looked into.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Holcomb mentioned that a representative from the Liverpool American Legion said that any CNYR SCCA member that would like to enter a car in the Liverpool Memorial Day Parade was welcome to do so and that even competition vehicles would be considered.

Bob also said that he is trying to get local racer Brandon Kidd from Manlius to come to a future meeting and discuss his experience at a driving school and at a Miata race in California.

Brandon is best known as a round track racer and this is his first road racing experience.

David Kicak asked if we would be holding a kart night at Cherry Valley this year.

Jay Cartini will look into available dates.

David also asked about the status of returning to view the car collection at Giambatista's Railroad Construction after an incident there during our November, 2011 meeting. Rex Franklin said still a negative for any return visit.

50-50 RAFFLE:

Won by Rob Sgarlata for \$13.

ADJOURN:

Lee Hidy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mark Bizzozero, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by Bob Holcomb, Sec. CNYR SCCA

2012 Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Tour Schedule

March 9-11 Dixie National Tour South Georgia Motorsports Park Cecil, Ga.

Mar. 16-18 Sun Belt National Tour Texas A&M College Station, Texas

April 27-29 Southern Pacific National Tour Qualcomm Stadium San Diego, Calif.

May 18-20 Northeast National Tour at East Rutherford MetLife Stadium East Rutherford, N.J.

May 25-28 Spring Nationals Central States Championship Lincoln Airpark Lincoln, Neb.

June 8-11 Summer Nationals Southern States Championship Arkansas Aeroplex Blytheville, Ark.

June 29 – July 1 Western States Championship Hampton Mills Packwood, Wash. July 13-15 Colorado National Tour Pikes Peak International Raceway Fountain, Colo.

August 3-5 Northern States Championship at Grissom Grissom AeroPlex Peru, Ind.

September 4-7 Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships Lincoln Air Park Lincoln, Neb.

October 26-28 Tri-State Challenge National Tour Arkansas Aeroplex Blytheville, Ark.

2012 Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo Schedule

Round 1 April 13-15 Maryland ProSolo TBA

Round 2 April 20-22 Mineral Wells ProSolo Mineral Wells Airport Mineral Wells, Texas

Round 3 May 4-6 El Toro ProSolo El Toro Airfield Irvine, Calif.

Round 4 May 25-28 Spring Nationals Lincoln ProSolo Lincoln Airpark Lincoln, Neb.

Round 5 June 8-11 Summer Nationals Blytheville ProSolo Arkansas Aeroplex Blytheville, Ark.

Round 6 July 6-8 Packwood ProSolo Hampton Mills Packwood, Wash. Round 7 July 20-22 New Mexico ProSolo McGee Park Farmington, N.M.

Round 8 July 27-29 Toledo ProSolo Toledo Express Airport Toledo, Ohio

Round 9 August 30 - September 2 ProSolo Finale Lincoln Air Park Lincoln, Neb.



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