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# Sharling Exhaust 

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Cover photo by Jane Quinn. The Seneca Army Depot - a fine place to while away the weekend...

There are "car" people, and there are "driving" people.

Often these two groups overlap, but not always.
If you're a car person, it's all about the car. You enjoy the machine, you take good care of it, and you make use of it in whatever venue you prefer, be it car shows, daily driving, cruises, or motorsports. If you're entering competitions and this car isn't the fastest in its class, you'll stick with it because you enjoy the car.

If you're a driving person, it's all about the drive. To some extent the car you drive is irrelevant. It's about the adventure, the kinesthetics, the experience. It may be fun to drive a particular car, but the car is a means, not an end. If you have to switch cars or makes to be more competitive, you'll probably do it.

I'm conflicted. For me it's about the car and the drive. It helps that I find so much to appreciate in so many different cars. Like many other avid drivers, l'll get in pretty much any car and drive it, just for the experience. Each has its strengths and weaknesses, and each teaches you new tricks to add to your repertoire.

I also enjoy playing the mental game of examining rules and class structures to see where cars I like might be the cars to have. Still, if my preferred ride doesn't look like it will be competitive, I'll take a hard look at whatever might be a winner instead.

Then, of course, there's the money side of the equation. If you and your competitors are equally skilled, but they have more money,

they'll probably go faster. Even if they aren't as skillful as you, but they have way more money, they'll probably go faster. Unless!! Unless you can find a class where the fastest vehicles are well within reach of most all the competitors, and after a certain point spending more money provides diminishing returns.

Now you see why so many people like karts...
Be seeing you,
-Karl

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The courses were well designed, challenging and fast. I suppose we can thank the Glen Regions Bret Baver for that. Both courses had drivers running in the low to mid

40 second range. When I say fast I mean fast, with some drivers hitting third gear, and many running on the rev limiter in $2^{\text {nd }}$ gear.

To top it off the weather could not have been better. Partly cloudy in the mid 70's and no rain, at least not until the event was done and picked up.


We had a fair amount of representation from the Central New York region, a few from Finger Lakes and the rest from the Glen. As a testament to our CNY members Soloing ability, most won their class on Sunday.

All told it may be a bit of a drive for some and a logistical nightmare for others, but in the end it was definitely worth it. Besides how else are you going to run two events in one day, and as a bonus all for the price of one. The answer is nowhere; hope to see more of you there next year.


Open:
MON-FRI: 7:30 AM 5:30 PM

SAT-SUN: Call for Hours

## Ramblings from Rex

I was feeling pretty good. I finished my Snarling article and only had to e-mail it to Karl Hughes. I wrote it at work and realized I left it in the Miata. As I start to the garage, I noticed mail on the table by the front door that I had brought in from the mailbox earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I get the article and e-mail it. I put my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the trash can under the table. I notice the trash can is full. So, I decide to empty the trash can first. But then I think, since I'm going near the mailbox when I take the trash out, I might as well pay the bills and put them in the mailbox, Hah! Two birds with one stone!

I take my checkbook out and realize there's only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk upstairs, so I go to get them. Sitting on the desk I see the can of Dr. Pepper I had been drinking. I move it aside so I don't accidentally knock it over and notice it's warm. I decide to put it in the refrigerator to get it cold. Waste not, want not! As I head for the kitchen with the Dr. Pepper, I notice a vase of flowers on the counter - they look a little dry, so I'll keep Janet happy and water them. I put the Dr. Pepper on the counter and see my reading glasses l've been looking for all afternoon. I'll put them on the desk as I'll need them writing the checks. But first I'll water the flowers. I set the glasses back on the counter and fill a container with water. Then I suddenly see the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV I'll need the remote and I'll never remember it's on the kitchen table, so I'll put it by the TV.


Huh! First things first! As I near the flowers, some water spills on the floor! So I put the remote on the table and get some paper towels and wipe up the spill. Then the phone rings! It's Janet, she reminds me we're going out to eat tonight. I hang up and walk down the hall trying to remember what I was going to do.

At the end of the day, I realize:
---the trash can is still full
---there is a warm can of Dr. Pepper on the counter
---the flowers don't have enough water
---there is still only one check in my checkbook
---I can't find the remote
---I can't find my glasses
---and I can't find my car keys
Then I try to figure out why nothing got done this afternoon. I'm baffled because I know I was busy all day!! And I ' $m$ really tired! And then the phone rings again - it's Karl, he wonders if I'm sending him my article!! I try to explain but he starts laughing so hard he has to hang up! Then my sweetie pie, Janet, having just walked in the door, hears me explaining and starts laughing too! It's a wonder I'm not severely traumatized, with all the clowns laughing at me.

So I postponed my original article and decided to let the loyal readers in on the turmoil I labor under. All sympathies extended will be appreciated!
-Rex


But first l'll water the flowers, good memory,

## Region Events Calendar

| July 9 | Membership meeting |
| :--- | :--- |
| July 20 | Solo - Cherry Valley |
| August 3 | Solo - Fairgrounds |
| Sept 6 | Solo - Cherry Valley Night |
| Oct 5 | Solo - Cherry Valley |



Recently, I got a ride with a cop.
At 125 mph .
In a 2005 BMW M3.
At Watkins Glen International.
He was a "student" (Advanced), and I was the "instructor." Sometimes, on track, in these high performance driving schools, you don't talk much, especially with an experienced student. At Watkins Glen, you can talk, comment, briefly on the straights, but with the speeds generated by modern, powerful cars, you never want to distract the driver from the primary task, getting around the next corner at speed, without falling off the road. And the experienced drivers are running closer to the cornering limits, so it's a matter of self-preservation to not distract the driver unnecessarily. It takes some discipline.

You end up talking in the paddock, and on the warm-up lap, and on the cool-down lap. I talked with this fellow about aggression, more accurately, about being aggressive on the track. This guy was very cool, seemingly unflappable. Good traits for a cop, don't you think? And, yet, in his job, and on the track, there are times you need to be aggressive, and get aggressive at the snap of a finger (pop). Being able to appropriately control, and channel that aggression pays off big in fast driving. Much of the time you have to keep it in check, you know, "slow down to go faster." But other times you need to act immediately to take advantage of a rare opportunity. And making those decisions correctly, consistently is what makes the difference between a good, fast driver, and a dangerous one. And no one is perfect.

Competition brings the good ones to the top.



There are plenty of competition opportunities within the club, and for observing, or just plain watching. There are National and Regional races at the Glen, and local autocrosses at the kart track in Lafayette, and at the State Fairgrounds. There's a big SOLO event at the Seneca Army Depot August 9-10, the Northeast Division Championships. If you've never been to the Divisionals, here's the chance in your backyard. It's a chance to run against many of the best in the northeast U.S., and learn a lot too, and meet many good people. And, if you don't want to run, work the event. Many volunteer positions are open, and our friends in the Mohawk-Hudson Region would welcome your help. Also, Rallycross lives in the area, under the Finger Lakes Region banner. You wanna run in the dirt, against the clock, check out the rallycross action!

Enjoy your driving, -Jon Coffin


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It started out as an average Saturday at Watkins Glen International. Porsche Clash weekend was underway on this, the 31 st day in May. A weekend full of 100\% Porsche race cars, no intruding BMW's, Corvettes or pesky little WRX's.

My flag station assignment was station number three at the start of the esses, usually a quiet spot with good viewing and close enough to the rail to feel the power of the cars as they race by.
Thinking I was on station alone, little did I realize how interesting the day would soon become. Just as the first session of the day was set to start a second flagger showed up. A veteran with far more experience than I, so now I had a yellow flagger to assist me. For reasons I can only think of as protecting the soon to be victim, we will call him Mr. John Doe.
"John" picked up the yellow flag, offering apology after apology for being late. "It had been a bad week at home, he had not realized we had an unusually early ( $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.) flag meeting and slept right through it, his stomach was really bothering him, etc." Just as he finished his apology he glanced back at his car and noticed the right rear tire was flat.
I told him not to worry, we could change it at lunch break. Well, let me tell you, that was just the beginning of the story.

It was a quiet morning of flagging, only one car had a mechanical issue and text-booked a pull off and drive back into the slot, drivers right, just across from our station. Lunch time arrived and we checked on his flat tire. Sure enough it had a nail in it.
"John" drives an old Ford sedan with a full sized spare tire, no light little donut. You can see where this is leading, right? Sure enough, the spare was flat. So I drove John to the Tech Center and the kind gentleman there inflated the spare. He told us to bring the flat tire over when we had changed to the spare and he would pull the nail and plug the the tire.

We returned to the car and started jacking. Doesn't the jack slip and twist itself into a very unnatural shape? So, off we go to the Tech Center again. The same kind gentleman now gives us a floor jack that must have conservatively weighed 75 pounds or more. It worked perfectly, car jacked, removed flat, put on the spare and we're done.


Of course, lunch is now over, but with my own "spare-tire" I wasn't worried about missing adding more food to my tummy. "John" loads the flat and jack into his trunk and was going to return it to the Tech Center. I told him no problem, get it done, I could handle the station alone. Soon I notice him walking back to station and his car hadn't moved.
"My car won't start".
I know, I know, those of you with sick minds are already starting to shake your heads and snicker, no, some of you are laughing out loud about now, aren't you?

What else could one do, I called the flag marshal, he came over. By now "John" was feeling physically ill, so the flag marshal contacted the gentleman from the Tech Center and for extra measure people from medical. Both arrived, the car was given a jump start and medical checked out my co-worker and told him to try and relax and rest a bit.

Finally he appeared back on station, looked very shaken and we decided his best course of action was to go back to his camper for a nap.

My final words to him were to the effect that 5 years down the road he would look back on this day and laugh, just not now nor for a very long time after. I told him that we've all "been-there, done-that" at least once in our lives. So as the saying goes, some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed.
P.S.: The following weekend (Rolex-6 HR) he appeared in much better shape and made it through the long weekend without issue.
-Bob Holcomb

## Membership Meeting Minutes <br> Courtesy of Rex Franklin

## CNY General Membership Meeting Held on June 11, 2008 at American Legion in Liverpool, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:20 by R.E. Mike Donofrio.
Asst. RE, Jon Coffin. Not present.
Treasurer, Jay Cortini. Not present.
Solo Chairman. Mike Brizzozero. Not present.
Secretary, Me, and present. Moved and seconded to accept last 2 months minutes, which we got in mail last week. This months Snarling not received yet, so will vote on next month.

Activities, Mike Mollura. Not present. 50/50 raffle by "Rex"
Webmaster, Evan Haas. Not present.
Membership, Joe Kramer. Not present.
F\&C Mick Levy/Bob Holcomb. Chris Forte worked at the Canadian GP, Limerock is being totally repaved and slightly reconfigured in spots, the bridge raised a few feet.

Competition, Joe Zingaro. Not present
Old Biz, None.
New Biz. Club racing runoffs will be at Road America starting next year.
Lee Hidy moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded and so moved.
There were members present in the meeting, in spite of what the minutes may reflect, a number of people, actually. And a good time was had by all! More members should try it!!!

Submitted by the esteemed Secretary, Me.
Rex Franklin

The Northeast Divisional Championships will be held at Seneca Army Depot on August 8-10th. Information regarding on-line registration, lodging, event schedule, entry fee, etc will be made available as soon as possible.
http://www.nedivsolo.org/08divisionals/

Final Results, \#4 - Autox \#3 and 4 - Seneca Army Depot - June 28/29, 2008 Total Registered: 75, with Times: 70





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You can record your participation on-line, then print out a copy of that record to show your participation. This data will be used by Topeka to calculate your volunteer incentive discount on your membership fee (up to $\mathbf{\$ 3 0}$ ) so it pays to do it. Sanction numbers are not required.

This is how to record volunteer participation days on-line:

1. Go to www.scca.com and log in.
2. Click on "My Membership" on the left.
3. At the top and to the right on the next page, click on "Volunteer Participation".
4. That brings you to "Active Participation Information". Click on "ADD".
5. Fill out form exactly as instructed.
6. Go back to "Active Participation Information" to check if your dates have been listed.

Note that only SCCA Club Racing (and not SCCA Pro Racing) events count towards the participation incentives. You may still want to keep a log card as a record of all events worked for your own information.


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