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Meeting for December.
Next Meeting will be at the
Annual Banquet January 21st at the
Craftsman Inn, Fayetteville

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The RE Korner by Joe Kramer

As anybody knows who has been paying any attention at all, this will be my last RE Korner. The region will be in the capable hands of Mike Donofrio, our new RE, for at least the next year. I know he'll do a fine job. I'll be moving into the Newsletter Editor post, which will keep me out of trouble.

I do want to mention a few things that are going on, though. Mike has arranged for our CNY region to have a booth at the Syracuse Auto Expo this February – see the flyer elsewhere in this issue. The Auto Expo should provide an opportunity to get some exposure for SCCA in the community and to promote our activities.

And what would the new year be without the Annual CNY banquet. This year's feast takes place on Saturday, January 21st. See Bruce Parker's flyer in this issue for more details. For anybody who has missed this event at the Craftsman Inn the past couple of years, it is a top class event with outstanding food. And Bruce always finds entertaining speakers as well.

And now, I'd like to say what a privilege it has been to serve for two years as the regional executive for this region. I've gotten to know a few folks I wouldn't otherwise have met. And I went a few places I wouldn't otherwise have gone. And along the way I've learned some things. All in all, it has been challenging, demanding, frustrating, but most of all, rewarding.

As most of you know (or should know), the region needs more than one person to make things work. And I would like to take a little time to thank some folks for their help to me personally and for their contributions to the club.

Tina Reeves, for introducing me to the movers and shakers in the Northeast Division during the round table and mini

convention events. Also for offering her advice and help whenever it was needed. Mark Bizzozero for taking on the Solo Chair with some big shoes to fill when Tina stepped down. And for running the program with dedication to the sportsmanship that makes Solo what it is.

Mark Johnson and Frank Beyer for co-chairing the Rally program and for all the hours they put in organizing and running the events, including the ill-fated Black River Stages.

Sonja Snyder and Tammy Franklin for registering all those folks at Solo events and collecting the money.

Rex Franklin, first of all for helping me transition into the position of RE, then for offering his help and advice as time went on and various issues came up. Also for keeping up the Solo Van, providing a place to store it, and making sure it got to all the events (one way or the other).

Mike Donofrio for filling in while I was out of the country and for his continuing support and numerous car-related favors (including the Mini trips to Albany, Mike).

I also want to thank all the other chiefs of specialty and chairmen for their effort and dedication to the club.

Finally I want to especially thank all of the members who attend the meetings, share their opinions, and participate in the process of running our club.

That's it for now. Until we meet again, keep the rubber side down.

CNY General Membership Meeting held on November 9, 2005 at the American Legion Post in Liverpool, NY.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20PM by CNYR Director, **Joe Kramer**. He announced that he was excited about the fact that he was not in Jordan on assignment in light of the most recent hotel bombings there. Other than that he had nothing to report and wanted his last official membership meeting to go smoothly and without incident.

Assistant R/E: **Mike Donofrio** announced that he has arranged for us to have a display in the upcoming auto show to be held in February at the Oncenter. More details will follow as they become available, but be aware that we will need volunteers to man our booth during the event.

Treasurer: **Frank Beyer** announced that there were only 2 checks remaining and it appears that they have been earmarked for golden parachute payments to exiting CNYR Director, **Joe Kramer** and **himself**. I guess the new administration will have some work to do to rebuild the treasury after such generous distributions.

Secretary: **I**, asked that the minutes as published in the Snarling be accepted. They were. As if there would be any doubt, or even if they weren't, what do you think the likelihood is that I would actually change them? Exactly, slim to none.

Solo II: **Mark Bizzozero** has already begun the Herculean task of laying out the 2006 Autocross schedule. In addition to that, the final results for the

season were being calculated, trophies were being prepared, and speeches written for the upcoming awards banquet/holiday party.

Competition/Merchandise: **Joe Zingaro** mentioned that if anyone needed anything regarding merchandise to let him know. He also asked that if someone would step forward and take over the merchandising responsibilities as he will be taking over as Secretary next year. On the competition front there was something at the Glen. **Tim Murphy** gave us a rundown on his first Spec Miata race at the Glen. Then we were treated to the story of how **Joe** sold his (OK **Mike's**) car and at the same time bought a new(er) one. It appears that **Joe** is quite the wheeler dealer. So if anyone has anything they need sold or bartered, just let him know.

Activities: **Bruce Parker** gave us a blow by blow account of his last race of the year at Watkins Glen and how someone decided that he was going too slow and "helped" Bruce off the track by rear ending him. The holiday party will be Saturday, January 21 at the Craftsman Inn in Fayetteville, NY. There will be a cash bar and munchies from 6-7, dinner and awards from 7-10. The cost of the dinner is about \$38.00, it was determined that the charge to the members would be \$25.00 with the club picking up the difference. **Bruce** is putting feelers out to see if there is any interest in renting the facility at Highland Forest for a mid winter get together. If you are interested let, him know.

Flagging/Communications: **Mic Levy** there will be a limited schedule at the Glen next year due to repairs/maintenance and whatnot.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Nominations for officers was opened up to the floor. There were no credible nominations made so it was determined that a unanimous ballot would be cast for the nominations as printed in the Snarling. The motion was unanimous, and the officers were voted in. They are:

R/E	Mike Donofrio
Assistant R/E	Anthony Donofrio
Secretary	Joe Zingaro
Treasurer	Jay Cartini
Activities	Bruce Parker

Someone noticed that **Bruce's** last name was missing a vowel. We had to explain that **Parker** was the name assigned to him by the Witness Protection Program. That's all we can divulge at this time.

The 50/50 raffle for \$15.00 was won by **Mike Zingaro**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.

Submitted, **Jay Cartini**, CNYR Secretary.

PS....This will be the last minutes that I prepare for the club as I have been elected Treasurer for the upcoming year. I hope that all of you have found the minutes if not completely factually correct, at least entertaining. The goal was to get people to read the minutes to have an idea as to what was going on in the club. Hopefully, I accomplished that goal more often times than not. I have enjoyed being your Secretary, and look forward to continuing servicing you as your Treasurer.

Central New York Region SCCA Annual Banquet
Saturday, January 21st, 2006

Please join us for our annual awards banquet on Saturday evening, January 21st at the

Craftsman Inn and Conference Center
7300 East Genesee Street
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Hors D'oeuvres 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM
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All who have attended the last three years will agree the food and facility are second to none. The guest speaker presentations have always proved to be especially entertaining and enjoyable, as well.

As usual, the CNY SCCA will be heavily subsidizing the event. This is to show our appreciation to all of those who have worked so hard and participated to make our club events such a success.

We hope everyone will plan to attend.

The charge is \$25.00, per person, if your check is received on or before January 14th, 2006.

The charge is \$35.00, per person, if your reservation and check is received after January 14th, 2006, or at the door.

Please send your reservations and checks made payable to CNY-SCCA to:

Bruce Parker, Activities Chair
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Central New York Region SCCA Annual Election Official Results

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:
Mike Donofrio**

**ASSISTANT REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:
Anthony Donofrio**

**SECRETARY:
Joseph Zingaro**

**TREASURER:
Jay Cartini**

**ACTIVITIES:
Bruce Parker**

Congratulations to All!

The Yellow Cars

QRE Racing had another rewarding season in F-500. We were down to 2 cars as Ryan Hall had commitments at Skip Barber. The June National at Lime Rock was as bumpy as ever. The track surface is getting worse each year and it is like holding on to a paint can shaker. Mike Brent was first and I came in third, happy it was over.

The next race was the June Sprints at Road America. This was my first trip to the track and it is like a giant Watkins Glen, although I could have used a few more sessions to learn the track. There were 50 combined F-500/FV's in our group, much larger fields than I'm used to. Mike Brent finished 3rd and after a bad start I made it up to 12th.

In July QRE went to Watkins Glen. Qualifying went well but at the start of the race I had a tire failure in the first corner. Mike Brent lead the race until the last lap when a mechanical demon took him out. That was not one of our better weekends. Next we went back to Lime Rock for the second National. There was only one qualifying session and as I went out on the track, another tire failure! We ended up changing the tire and getting in only

one flying lap – outside pole next to Mike Brent. We finished the race in the same order but it was close until the final laps.

During August QRE went to the double National at Pocono. Saturday's race ended with Jim Schultz first and I finished 2nd. A lot of Central Division drivers were there for points so it was nice to race some new faces. Sunday's race ended up this Jim 1st, Mike Brent 3rd and I was 4th.

The runoffs were a fantastic experience. Mike Brent was on the pole all week. It was his race to win, however the race was black flagged and we sat in the pits for a long time with the engines overheating. On the restart Mike was in third and unable to gain any spots as SCCA ended the race early. I qualified 16th, spun in the race and then worked my way back to a top ten finish.

All in all QRE had a good season. We ended up 2nd and 3rd in the Northeast Division in points and there were no major wrecks. Next year we are making some major changes to the cars and will be planning an assault on Topeka.

Tom Shaugnessy



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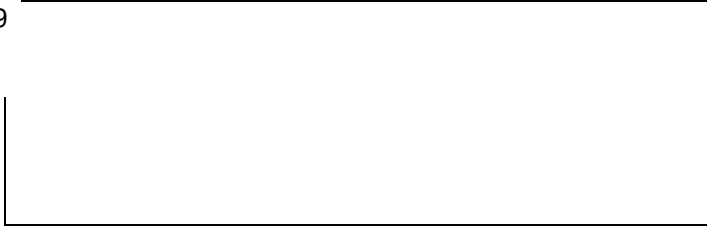
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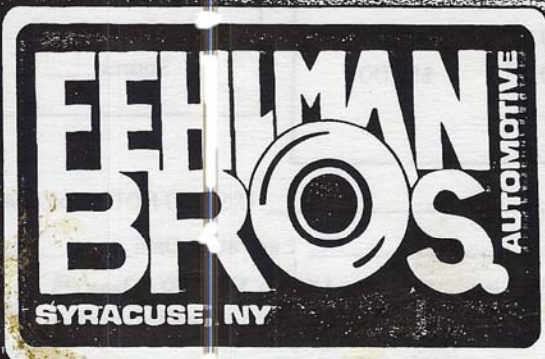
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