

The September 2017 monthly meeting of the Central New York Region of the Sports Car Club of America was called to order at 7:15PM, Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the American Legion in Liverpool, NY by Regional Executive Ed Leubner. Twelve people were in attendance.

Leubner welcomed new member Rex Stetson. Rex has been running his 2nd generation Trans Am in CAM-T at some of our solo events this year.

Ed made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Donofrio and approved by unanimous voice vote. (Note: there was no August meeting due to our annual picnic.)

### **Regional Executive's Report**

Ed commented that the picnic was great and thanked Ted Barbuto for putting it together.

Long-time CNY member Bob Holcomb, who moved to Florida earlier in the year, sent a note that he survived the hurricane okay.

Ed stated that he attended the Vintage at the Glen and noted that the attendance was a little lower than in past years.

### **Assistant Regional Executive's Report**

A.R.E. Mark Bizzozero had no report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jay Cartini submitted a report (attached to e-mail) showing an August 1st opening balance of \$14,177.35. Monthly income of \$5,257 and expenses of \$2,201.72 resulted in an August 31st closing balance of \$17,232.63.

Jay also noted that our Solo and RallyCross programs are both showing positive cash flow.

### [Treasurer's Report](#)

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Pro Tem Mark Mangicaro had no report.

### **Activities Report**

Activities Chair Ted Barbuto announced that the picnic was well received. We had 42 attendees. He thanked Mark Mangicaro and Rex Franklin for assisting with set up. Since Lee Hidy is no longer with us, we no longer have an SCCA member who is also a Yacht Club member, so we may need to find a new location for next year. A brief discussion followed with several members mentioning various sites around the area. The discussion concluded with there being no great urgency to book something for next year and we can wait until the new calendar year begins to have another conversation about it.

### **Solo Report**

Solo Chair Scott Newton reported that we held 4 events since our last meeting. Participation was as follows:

July 22nd at Cayuga Community College - Fulton Campus: 35

August 13th at Oswego County EVOC: 50

August 27th at Oswego County EVOC (out of region event for FLR): 78

September 10th at La Fayette Motorsports Park (Lee Hidy Memorial Enduro): 39

Scott mentioned that we have the possibility of new site: the NYS Fair is planning on paving the Orange lot which lies between NY-695 and Onondaga Lake. It could be a very large area. We have no idea yet if there will be light poles, islands, or other deterrents.

There has been much talk lately of replacing out timing system. Scott received a relatively lengthy e-mail from a neighboring region outlining the headaches they had when upgrading their system. Mark Mangicaro noted he had conversations with timing people in another neighboring region and they too had difficulties when switching timing systems. The bottom line is there are a lot of issues with the newer systems and they are expensive. An AXware update alone is \$600. Because there is only one event left in the solo season a decision was made to defer discussion until January.

The dry line marker we use to line our solo courses is in a bad way. We need to come up with some sort of tray to put the liner in so that it stops leaking all over the floor of the trailer. In addition to making a mess, the liner material is corrosive if it gets wet.

### **RallyCross Report**

Chris Murphy reported that there were 20 participants at the last event. Glen Donnelly at CNYRP has put in a nice new 1-mile course with elevation changes. We have a 2-day event coming up there on September 23rd and 24th and we are planning another 2-day event there for sometime in October.

### **Flagging and Communications Report**

Mick Levy concurred with Ed Leubner's observation that attendance was down a little for Vintage Week at WGI.

Mick passed along the news that long time steward Bill Bradshaw has died. Bill was a Glen Region member for well over 50 years.

The Finger Lakes Region Fun One is coming up this weekend at WGI.

Mick is planning on attending the Runoffs in Indianapolis at the end of the month.

### **Racing Report**

No report.

### **Road Rally**

Frank Beyer reported that the Black River Stages were held last weekend.

### **Old Business**

Rent at La Fayette Motorsports Park (ne Cherry Valley) is now \$700 per day.

### **New Business**

Elections will be coming up soon. Be thinking about who might be a good fit for leadership positions. Some the current leaders would be more than happy to let someone else have a turn if there is interest.

Jay Cartini made a motion to form a trailer sponsorship committee. Discussion of the make up of the committee ensued. Jay, Mark Mangicaro, Ted Barbuto, Mike Donofrio, and Mark Bizzozero offered to serve on the committee. Jay amended his motion to include the aforementioned individuals. The motion was seconded by Mike Donofrio and passed by unanimous voice vote. The first meeting of the trailer sponsorship committee shall be held at 6:00PM on Wednesday, October 18th at the Retreat. (This time is immediately before our next monthly meeting.)

A motion was made by Scott Newton to have a window installed in the timing trailer before the beginning of next season. The motion was seconded by Mark Mangicaro and passed unanimously by voice vote.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Mark Mangicaro. Mark's prize was \$34.

At 8:35PM a motion was made by Rex Franklin to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mike Donofrio and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the American Legion in Liverpool at 7:00PM. Please note that this is the THIRD Wednesday of the month of October.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Mangicaro