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# Drive Fast and Take Chances

by Mike Donofrio

Welcome to the new look of this column, a new name, author and year! For those whom I have not met I am the new Regional Executive. My words have graced these pages in the past but in a different capacity, as the Assistant RE. Therefore this is my first correspondence as **The RE**.

Let me begin by saying that I look forward to serving the club this year. Also, with the help of the collective members expand our club activities and membership base. No longer will we be the Secret Car Club of America. We will accomplish this through many different avenues such as increased promotion of the club within the region, increased Solo II events, and an all new website.

Our first promotional activity of the year will be the Auto Expo at the Oncenter the First week of February. There we will have cars on display and members on hand armed with SCCA paraphernalia. Suggestion of future events to participate in would be appreciated.

This years Solo schedule will be available early, at the latest by the Auto Expo. We may return to Griffiss this year and we will most likely have an event at the Seneca Army Depot. Plus our usual favorites the Fairgrounds, Cherry Valley, Shoppingtown and whatever else our Solo chair has up his sleeve.

By the time you are reading this the NEW website will be working. The new address is [www.cny-scca.com](http://www.cny-scca.com). This is the new home of the CNY SCCA, so take some time to check it out. Also don't forget to log in so that we can have a more complete member email list. The site is filled with many new features for us including a discussion forum, and The Snarling Exhaust can be viewed online. Send your praises to your new webmaster and newsletter editor Joe Kramer.

Expect some other exciting things happening in the near future for the CNY region. Furthermore suggestions from club members regarding new ideas is not only appreciated but encouraged! Do we want to have some road rallies, more Solo events, or other club activities?

I speak for the newly elected staff including our consigiliari a.k.a. Bruce Parker when I say we all share the same goals. We all see the benefits this club has to offer to us and to all automotive enthusiasts, We provide and have the resources to do more than any other car club in the country. As I said earlier we will no longer be the Secret Car Club of America. Through our promotional events and website we will be able to reach out to those who did not know we existed or did not know where to find us.

Lastly I would like to encourage those members we rarely see to come to a club meeting at the American Legion or Solo a event. The club has many members yet a large portion are never seen. Also, if anyone has anything they would like to submit to the newsletter please contact Joe Kramer. Perhaps a Solo, road racing or random story, or maybe a new column idea. George Nagle can do it, you can too!

Joe used to always end his column with the same parting words, so for this month as a tribute to him I will do the same. However I will use the parting words from my lawyer, "drive fast and take chances", you may not keep the rubber side down, but the story will always be better!

# **CNY-SCCA.COM**

## **Central New York Region – SCCA has a new website!**

Now you can:

- Check the Events Calendar
- Read the Latest News – by Category
- Participate in Discussion Groups
- Upload Files
- Read the Snarling Exhaust On-line
- Upload Your Motorsports Pictures

All in one convenient location – **[cny-scca.com](http://cny-scca.com)**

Anybody can access the contents without registering. But only registered users will be able to add news items, post to discussion boards and upload files and pictures.

Many thanks to John Croasdale, who has kept the region up to date via the [cnyroadrace.com](http://cnyroadrace.com) website, which is an excellent central resource for motorsports information for the Central New York area.

# TIPS FROM THE CONE ZONE

A series of tips from the more successful Solo II drivers for the less experienced drivers and newbies. Lee Hidy graciously agreed to be interviewed.

Name: Lee Hidy

Car make/year/class: Black 1989 Mini Sprint powered by a Yamaha FJ 1200 motor. The mini sprint runs in AM.

What do you love about your autocross ride? Lee is enjoying the challenge of applying what he learned with his previous ride of 16 years ( sprint car ) to his new ride this year. He also appreciates its softer ride and the fact that its easier to push around the paddock area.

Daily driver? He drives a black 1986 Fiero GT with about 85,000 miles on the odometer.

Membership: Lee has been a member of the SCCA and the CNY Club for 42 years!

Number of Solo II events last year: Six

Other hobbies: He crews on a racing sailboat captained by his wife Alice.

What do you do in off season? Lee enjoys working out in the gym about five times a week. He also snowshoes.

One thing about you that might surprise other club members? Lee has built a lap dulcimer and is trying to learn how to play it.

Most important tip to newbies? Your car tends to go where you are looking. Look ahead ... Lee actually tries to look one if not two turns ahead when he's out on the course.

Prerace breakfast? He usually doesn't eat breakfast ... or lunch.

Most important thing regarding walking course? Lee carefully examines the entrance and exit for each turn. In most cases, he tries to find and visualize a constant radius racing line. He also paces off the distance between cones in slaloms. Sometimes course designers can stretch distances in back end of slalom which can provide the opportunity to accelerate.

Between runs? He tries not to focus on errors. He tries to replay in his mind a visualization of how he would like to drive the entire course. Likes to imagine how the course flows .

How do you practice between autocrosses? Lee believes that street driving at safe speeds provides numerous opportunities for improvement. For example , concentrating on proper lines on Driving in the snow is a great time to develop your overall sensitivity to how your car feels as it approaches it's braking and turning limits. entrance /exit ramps.



What do you focus on/think about right before you start a run? He likes to observe the how the driver in front of him tackles the initial turns of the course. Lee concentrates on correct RPM's for launching the car.

What do you focus on /think about right after you finish a run? He picks several sections of the course where he believes he could have gone faster. Then he incorporates the driving changes he will try and make into a modified visualization of how he will drive the course next time.

Anything different in driving on wet course? Lee admits to not liking to drive his open cockpit car with no fenders in the rain. It's not fun.

What aspect of your driving are you focusing on for improvement this year? Lee is sorting out and learning how to drive a brand new car. He's getting used to shifting gears again .

Favorite type of professional auto racing / favorite driver? He is not a rabid fan of current auto racing. Lee believes that 1950's Formula 1 remains the golden era of auto racing. Juan Manual Fangio (past five time world champion) remains his favorite driver.

Dream ride: Lee would stick with his mini sprint for competition (although he dreams about swapping in a Harley engine.) He'd love to have a second mini sprint (without the wings and with fenders) for street use!

Final words: Lee is not a big fan of the PAX index. He believes a well designed course should not favor any particular type of car. In the end it's all about the fun of driving.

Thanks to Lee for passing on the tips.

Until next time...Keep the pointy side up.

George Nagle

Central New York Region SCCA Annual Banquet  
Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006

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

Craftsman Inn and Conference Center  
7300 East Genesee Street  
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Hors D'oeuvres 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM  
Cash bar all evening  
Banquet Dinner Buffet 7:00 PM- 10:00 PM

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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The charge is \$35.00, per person, if your reservation and check is received after January 14<sup>th</sup>, 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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Noon to 5:00 PM Sunday

Wednesday is also the set-up day

Sunday is the tear-down day

To: All CNYR Members  
From: Jay Cartini, CNYR Treasurer  
RE: Past Editions of the Snarling Exhaust

With a new change in leadership came the opportunity to purge certain club records and miscellaneous paraphernalia. Somehow, I ended up with the box of old Snarling Exhaust's from years gone by. Well, here is the opportunity for you to clean out your filing cabinet, closet, attic, basement, garage, shed, storage facility, or where ever else you have things stashed away and perhaps help the club fill in some of the blanks in our library.

It appears that the first edition was published in 1951. I don't know exactly when, but here is a list of what we have or need:

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2003-**WE HAVE ALL EDITIONS**  
2002-we only have October & November  
2001-we need all editions  
2000-we need all editions  
1999-we only have February, March, May & November  
1998-we only have August  
1997-we need all editions  
1996-we only have September & November  
1995-we need all editions  
1994-we need all editions  
1993-we need all editions  
1992-we need all editions  
1991-we only have June & July  
1990-we need all editions  
1989-we need all editions  
1988-we need all editions  
1987-we need all editions  
1986-we only have March, May, August, September & November  
1985-we only have January, February, June & December  
1984-**WE ONLY NEED JANUARY & SEPTEMBER**  
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1982-**WE ONLY NEED JULY**  
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1980-**WE ONLY NEED NOVEMBER**  
1979-we only have March, May, September & October  
1978-we only have January, June, July, September, October & December  
1977-we only have May, June, July, August & October  
1976-we only have February  
1975-we only have February, March, April, May, November & December  
1974-we only have May, August & October  
1973-we only have September, October & December  
1972-we need all editions  
1971-we need all editions  
1970-we need all editions  
1960-1969-we only have a February, 1962 for the whole decade  
1951-1959-we need all editions

Well, that's the breakdown. If you can fill any of the voids please bring them to the banquet, the next membership meeting, or mail them to me. We have a history going back almost 55 year's, let's see if we can make that history as complete as possible.





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**Colan Arnold**  
Vice-President of Membership  
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To: Regional Executives, Membership Chairpersons

From: Colan Arnold

Date: 12/21/2005

Re: National Membership Dues

After almost four years since the last increase in National dues, the SCCA Board of Directors approved increases of \$5 for Individual memberships, \$10 for Family memberships, and \$5 for Spouse memberships. The dues for FirstGear and Military memberships are unchanged. Current members whose membership expires before February 1 may renew at the old rate. Members with a February or later expiration date will be sent renewal notices reflecting the new rate. The effective date for new members is February 1.

We will continue to accept membership applications from the Get Real Fast brochure at the old rate until the supply is exhausted. The decision to accept these applications at the old price will not impact the dues amount the region receives.

The new National dues price for Individual memberships is \$60, Family memberships are \$95, and Spouse memberships are \$20.

While no dues increase is ever welcomed by the membership, by streamlining its business and increasing revenue in areas of sponsorship and advertising, SCCA has been able to maintain a dues structure that has increased less than the cost of living increases in the last four years.

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Tom Shaughnessy     H 315-788-3112     C 315-408-4566



# Membership Application

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To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest member participation automotive organization, please complete the form below in full and return, with payment, to your region or the SCCA Membership Department, P.O. Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400.

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Have you been an SCCA member before?  No  Yes: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me a Crew License (check box)

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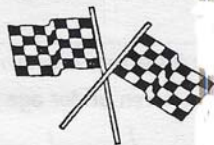
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