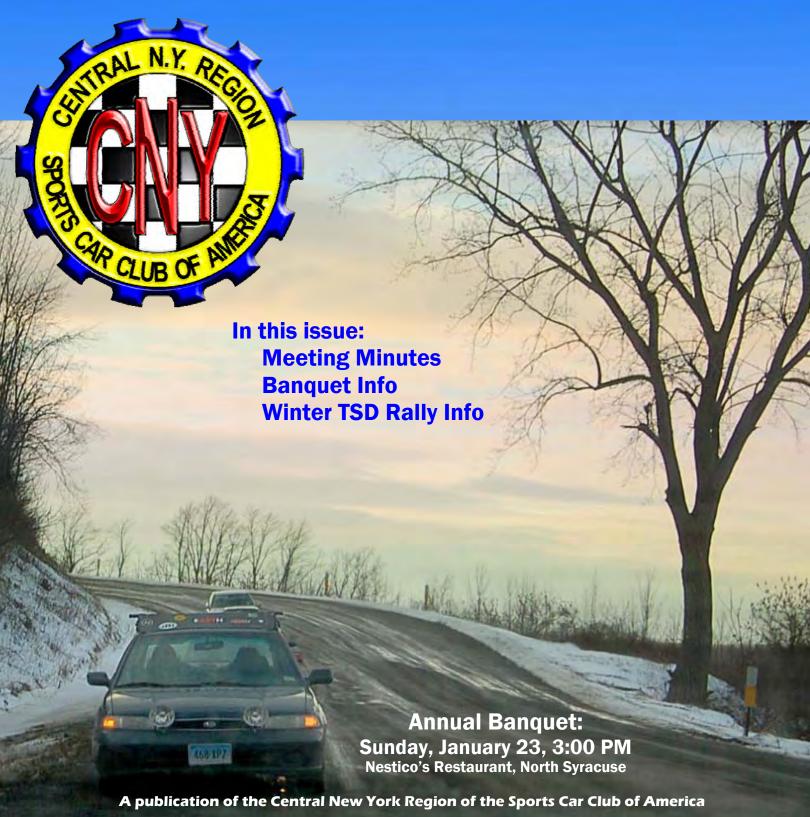
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WINTR rally #3

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Competitors pause at the roadside during a winter rally – Marnie Soom photo

From the Editor:

As we begin the new year, it strikes me that perhaps the Assistant R.E. position is the most important in the club. Well, to the newsletter editor, anyhow.

For quite some time now, I have relied on the Jon Coffin, Assistant R.E. and raconteur, for monthly columns for this publication. Others submit excellent prose as well, but only Jon has come through for me every month with something to fill his column.

Happily, Jon has handed the A.R.E. reins over to an someone who so far has been equally motivated, Ed Leubner.

We all seem to have our hands full at this time of year, with holidays, family obligations, and the demands of silly season. This issue would be a brief one indeed without Ed's column, so thanks, Ed, and keep 'em coming!

For me, winter season is a busy one in terms of motorsports. Winter TSD rallies are a favorite of mine, and ice racing is so much fun that it has me wishing for long stretches of cold weather, which I suspect puts me at odds with just about everybody else in central NY, except perhaps the other equally-demented people who participate in these sports.

Rallycross is also active in winter months, so maybe rallycrossers are as nutty too.

If you haven't tried out any of these activities, give them a thought. TSD rallies are a challenge at any time, but add in snowy, slippery roads, and you'll find them something that will take all your concentration to complete, especially if you want to be competitive at the same time.



Driving on slippery surfaces hones your car control skills in a way that driving on warm, dry pavement simply cannot do. If you strive to be the best-skilled driver you can be, you need to get comfortable sliding a car. You'll be faster in the rain, safer on the street, and better when trying to find and stay on that tricky limit that separates the fast drivers from the kinda fast drivers. Plus, it's fun.

Oh, and it's cheaper than racing on grippy pavement in warm weather. Ice racing is the best value in terms of dollars per seat minute of wheel-to-wheel racing, bar none. Two hours or more of seat time for a \$30 entry fee. Beat that!

I must warn you, though, that you might discover you like it, and you may realize that friends who previously considered you sane, or at least no immediate safety threat, will start moving away from you on the "Group W bench".

Be seeing you, -Karl



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The Long Way Home '11

January 15, 2011



It is once again time to enjoy the winter roads of the southern tier with the Finger Lakes Region's 2011 Winter Rally Series and the WINTR series. The second rally of the series consists of approximately 160 competitive miles using mostly unpaved, and some paved, roads in the New York Southern Tier. The Long Way Home is the first event in the WINTR Rally Series.

Entry fees are \$40/car for SCCA members, \$50/car for guests. There is a 35 car limit, so pre-registration is recommended. Series classes are Equipped, Limited, Stock, and Novice.

Snow tires are recommended (all season tires may limit your speed group eligibility), tow rope/strap, and 90 minutes of flares or one DOT triangle are required to compete.

Start/Finish location: TBA

Schedule: Registration 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Novice school 3:30 PM

Driver's Meeting 4:10 PM First car starts 4:31 PM

First car finishes about 11:00 PM

Contact the rallymaster to pre-register and for answers to questions: Alan Smith, asmith2357@aol.com, (585) 359-4688

Asst. R.E. Report

From the Assistant R.E., Ed Leubner

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a good holiday. With the snow piling up, I'm sure many of you are either working on making those all important new improvements to your vehicle, or are planning them in anticipation of a new season of competition. For myself, in addition to the normal maintenance tasks on my Solo Miata, I am making some safety additions in anticipation of future HPDE events which include a recently acquired hardtop and a 4-point roll bar.

Speaking of competition, as I mentioned last month, I attended three technical seminars at the November Mini-Con. The seminars included Tire Performance Fundamentals, presented by Kumho Tyre (sic) Engineer, Frank Secondari; Suspension Basics presented by Formula Renault Engineer, Dave Weitzenhof; and Autocross Course Analysis presented by Dave Newman, NEDiv Solo Steward.

All three presenters did a nice job of supplying useful information along with answering many questions from the audience. I'm sure all in attendance were able to learn something new and useful.

Since it would be impossible to fit the entire day of seminars into this column, I have created a short list of the major points I got out of the three seminars. I think many of you will find these reminders useful regardless of the particular type of competition you participate in.

- Determine what you want the car to do (or not to do) with regards to handling (-i.e. understeer, neutral, oversteer) by selecting the appropriate springs and anti-roll bars.
- Aim for about a 1/8" amount of tire sidewall rollover when adjusting tire pressures. (Use chalk marks to measure).
- Keep notes on your set up and any changes made – good or bad.
- Walk the course until you can draw it from memory – you don't want to be surprised when you make your run.
- When walking the course, position yourself in the spot you would be in while sitting in the drivers seat.
- (Solo or RallyCross) Look for the key cones to determine where to place your car – where does this section connect to and where do you want to go (-i.e. slalom to big sweeper)?
- The slower and less you move your controls smoothness - the faster you will go.
- Minimize the time you are not accelerating again smoothness.



- If the car is constantly understeering, brake earlier and/or reduce the amount of steering input – once you exceed your tires grip, they will just slip.
- The goal is to maximize corner exit speed by minimizing the time spent braking and turning.
- Remember, you can't make up time after a mistake!
- Look farther ahead not just the next turn or cone.
- After your run, take a minute to evaluate it. Did you follow your plan?
- Worry about the things you can control yourself! Forget about the other guy!
- And most importantly, don't forget to have fun!

While this list is certainly not complete, these pointers should help you on your way to that championship run!

See you around the grid!

Ed Leubner





Region Events Calendar

Verify the event, in case this calendar is not up to date!

Jan. No membership meeting in January

Jan. 15/16 National Challenge Rallycross

Jan. 15 FLR Winter Rally Series #2 - Long Way Home '11

(This is also WINTR Series #2)

Jan. 22 WINTR Series #3 – Rally des Neiges, Quebec

Jan. 23 Annual banquet – Nestico's

Jan. 30 Rallycross - Rolling Wheels

Feb. 5 FLR Winter Rally Series #3

Feb. 19 FLR Winter Rally Series #4

Feb. 27 Rallygross – Rolling Wheels

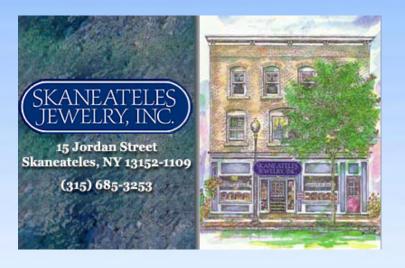
Mar. 5 FLR Winter Rally Series #5

Mar. 20 Rallycross - Rolling Wheels

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What:

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Beef tips over noodles.

Salad

Bread

Coffee, tea or soda.

Dessert will be provided by the region.

A cash bar will be available for beer, wine and liquor.

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Bob Holcomb

CNYR General Membership Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2010 at the American Legion in Liverpool, NY

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by R.E. Mike Donofrio.

R.E.REPORT:

Mike Donofrio welcomed everyone to the meeting, which started a bit late due to a last minute relocation to The Retreat Restaurant in Liverpool.

The custodian failed to show to open the Liverpool American Legion building for our meeting.

Fortunately the Retreat is just across the parking lot from the American Legion.

Mike said that due to the change of venue, the planned Executive Meeting session scheduled for after the regular meeting would be postponed.

Mike had nothing more to report at this time.

ASST.R.E.REPORT:

Jon Coffin had nothing new to report and as his term was soon expiring, he thanked all in attendance for the chance to serve as ASST.R.E.

SECRETARY REPORT:

After a correction to the Nov. meeting minutes by Rally Cross chair Jim Quattro (previously listed winter event dates of Jan, March & April were corrected to Jan., Feb. & March) Sec. Bob Holcomb made a motion that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Also that the Oct. minutes which had not been published by the November meeting, also be accepted.

Rex Franklin so seconded, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jay Cartini had nothing new to report other than we were current and solvent.

SOLO REPORT:

Mark Bizzozero said he is still finishing up the trophies for the January awards dinner.

He has yet to receive a reply from the NYS Fairgrounds as to requests for SOLO dates for 2011 despite several attempts at contacting them.

Mark has heard nothing new regarding the availability of the Seneca Army Depot for 2011.

Ed Leubner reported that Tina Reeves is leaving the SCCA SOLO Board.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Rob Sgarlata said the banquet plans are coming along fine.

He will be checking before the banquet for a head count.

No 50-50 raffle was held due the change of venue for the meeting.

RALLY CROSS:

Jim Quattro reported that the first winter event for 2001 will be Sunday, January 30th at Rolling Wheels Raceway Park near Elbridge.

There is a question over contracts for usage of Rolling Wheels in regard to the need for a seasonal contract vs. a contract for each separate event.

Jim will be looking into this with national and report back to R.E. Mike Donofrio.

Jim announced that Shaun Petrocci won the Rallycross Logo contest.

Jim, Shaun and Cody Gydesen have been invited to attend a Rally Cross in Connecticut.

F&C REPORT:

Mick Levy had nothing new to report regarding flagging.

He did report that Watkins Glen International will be undergoing some improvements for 2011/2012.

New permanent grandstands will be installed near turns one, ten and eleven.

Showers will be added to at least two existing infield bathrooms.

The Glen Club (formerly the Paddock Club for you old timers) will be rebuilt.

After the Glen Region "Last Chance" race in October of 2011, the track will be closed and more repaving will begin.

Mick also reported that "The Green Grand Prix" will be held at WGI the weekend of April 15, 2011.

In years past this event has just made a stop at WGI while covering many of the roads in the Finger Lakes.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Andrew Beyer reported a reduction in membership for November vs. October.

He will be contacting the eight members to see if they have actually renewed their membership and it hasn't shown up with national yet.

Andrew said we currently have 153 members, down from 161 in Oct.

Bob Baechle of the Corvette Barn in Syracuse celebrated his 45th anniversary with SCCA.

Peter Maciulewicz of Auburn, NY is our newest member and is interested in club racing.

Congratulations to Bob and welcome aboard Peter.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Leubner reported on the recent "Mini-Con" held in Rochester, NY.

He reported that John Sheridan will be stepping down as area governor and will be replaced by John Walsh from Finger Lakes.

Ed said that there were many good seminars to choose from, including SOLO and club racing.

There were up to 300 teams running Rally events in 2010.

The growing trend is on line pre-registration to participate in events.

Bob Holcomb reported that one web-site is dlbracing.com which he and his wife Nancy used to sign up for the mid-January SCCA nationals at Homestead.

Ed said there will be a Round Table in Scranton, PA the weekend of March 19 & 20, 2011.

Ed will report more on that at a future meeting.

There will be a double national at WGI & at Pocono for 2011.

Evan Haas thanked Scott Newton for the recent update of our web-site.

Lee Hidy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jay Cartini, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by CNYR Secretary Bob Holcomb



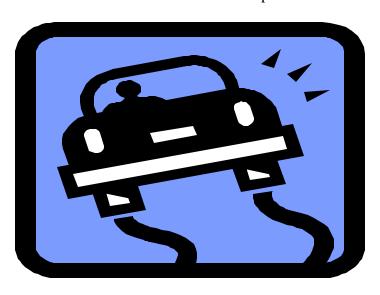
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The rally starts and ends at Manos Diner 357 Elmira Rd (Route 13) in Ithaca, NY

Schedule: Registration 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Novice School 4:00 p.m.
Driver's Meeting 4:40 p.m.
First car starts 5:01 p.m.
First car finishes 10:45 p.m.

There are several hotels in the area for those wishing to stay overnight after the rally. If you have any questions, contact Rallymaster Gary Thomas (a)

gary.george.thomas@gmail.com or call (607) 277-0501

Cabin Fever Rally 2011

WINTER SERIES EVENT #4 February 19, 2011

Please join us for another great event of the Finger Lakes SCCA Region Winter Rally Series. This event will travel approximately 160 miles of paved and unpaved roads in the New York Southern Tier.

SCHEDULE	
Registration:	3:00-4:00 pm
Novice School:	3:30-4:00 pm
Driver's Mtg:	4:15 pm
First Car Off:	4:31 pm
First Car Finishes:	11:00 pm (approx.)



Vehicle and driver requirements:

- Snow tires recommended (all seasons may limit your speed group eligibility)
- Current State Inspection Sticker
- Tow rope/strap
- 1 DOT Reflective Triangle (or 90 minutes of Road Flares)
- Valid Driver's license
- Proof of Insurance

Start/Finish Location: Yard of Ale Canal House, 3226 Genesee St., Piffard, NY

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Rally Master/Contact Information

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