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On the cover:
What's better than Disney on ice? Miatas on ice!
Spec Miata (green) vs. street Miata (white).
Photo by Andrew Beyer

From the Editor -

So I know it's a little early to start talking about spring, but the way I see it, we all start to lay the groundwork for next season right about now. The end of the season wipes the slate clean and we can all start over next year. Now is the time to think about what held us back last year, and how we can come out swinging in the spring. Hopefully everyone sets goals for themselves at the beginning of the year. Whether it's to set a personal best lap around Watkins Glen, or crack the PAX top ten for the Solo season, a goal can help you take the right steps to get there.

Sometimes the answer is as simple as bolting on some new parts. Of course, the smart thing to do is to modify the car based on the desired class and do only what is allowed. The draft of the 2013 Solo rules have been published on the SCCA website, and there don't appear to be any drastic changes this year. Of course, there have been adjustments, so you should check to see what might affect you and what you plan on doing to your ride. For the most part, the changes most people will feel is their class's index multiplier adjustment, though unless you're a national level competitor, this probably won't have an impact on what you drive next year.

Spring will bring other big changes for our membership. A number of us will be having or will already have had new additions to our families, including myself. Hopefully this will be the start of a new group of CNY SCCA members, a fresh round of competitors that can follow the lead of our current junior karters.

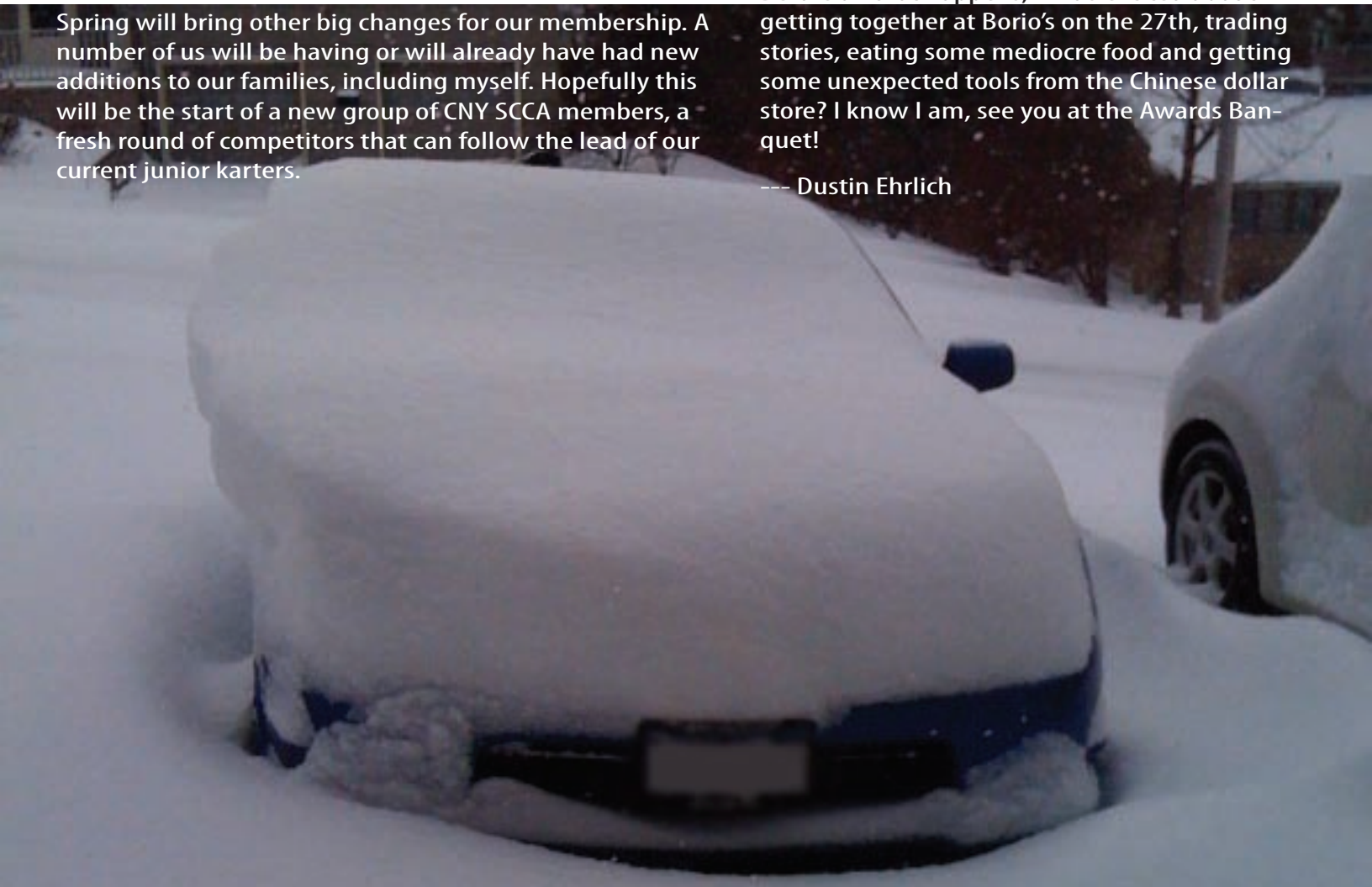


Photo: Kathleen Ehrlich

Perhaps that's looking a little too far into the future. In the more near term future, I hear the new track at CNYRP is moving along, at least as much as it can over the winter, with permits and financing in place and the track roughed in. Ed and I have both written about why this is an exciting prospect, whether you're drooling over the road course, the parking lots, or both. If everything goes smoothly we should be able to lay some rubber down by the fall.

Before all that happens, who's excited about getting together at Borio's on the 27th, trading stories, eating some mediocre food and getting some unexpected tools from the Chinese dollar store? I know I am, see you at the Awards Banquet!

--- Dustin Ehrlich



Event Schedule

January 5th - Winter Rally #1, The Long Way Home, Piffard NY

January 9th & 10th - RallyX #1, Black Rock Speedway, Dundee NY

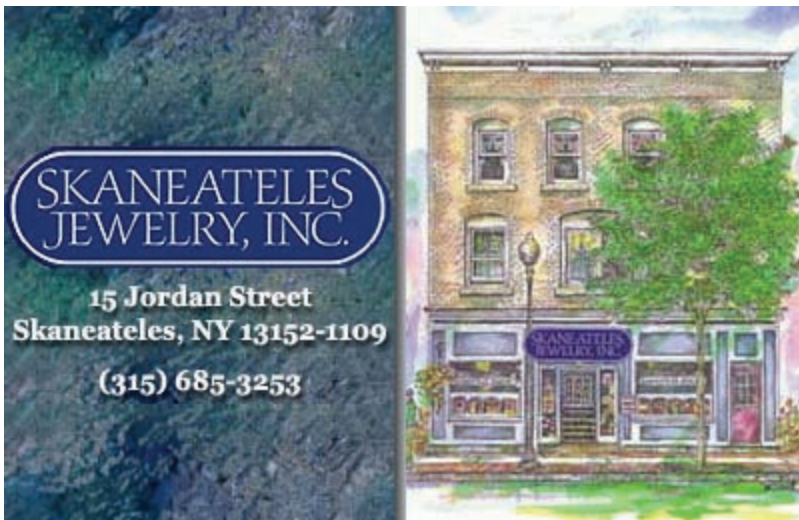
January 19th - Winter Rally #2, Ithaca Winter Rally, Ithaca

January 27th - CNY SCCA Awards Banquet, Borio's Restaurant, Cicero, 3:00-6:00pm

March 9th - Winter Rally #3, Absolute Zero, Details TBD; contact Frank Beyer

March 10th - RallyX #2, Walczyks Farm, Weedsport

Other events ... watch this space ...



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Assistant R.E. Report

From the Assistant R.E., Ed Leubner

Greetings!

It's that time of year where the summer toys are once again snug in their beds for the winter hibernation or being rebuilt for the next racing season.

Elections – The time honored tradition of bribing the membership with food (in this case pizza and wings – thanks Jay) to attend the monthly meeting succeeded in enticing a large number of members to come out and vote for the 2013 slate of club officers. Congratulations and welcome to Scott Newton as our new Regional Executive. I know that Scott will do a great job and I look forward to working with him.

Also, I want to thank Mike Donofrio for the great job he has done over the past years as R.E. I know he is looking forward to some new challenges.

All the other elected positions remain the same. This includes yours truly, so with your membership you get another year of my ramblings as the Assistant R.E.

2012 NEDiv Mini-Con – The Glen Region hosted this years November event in Ithaca. The conference sessions centered primarily around Club Racing. Along with meeting both new and old friends from around the Division including our President and CEO, Jeff Dahnert, a couple of topics caught my interest.

Majors Program – In an effort to provide quality over quantity in Club Racing events, the National Office has announced a new program and pathway for Club Racers to get to the National Championship Runoffs. This new Majors program will eventually replace the current Regional and National racing structure. The concept is the country would be separated into four conferences (with these conferences crossing over existing Regional borders) with 24 races from across the country being used to calculate points towards participation in the National Runoff Championships. For the east coast, Road Atlanta, VIR, New Jersey, Mid-Ohio, and Watkins Glen International would all hold 3-day double events that will be included in the points chase. To qualify for the Runoffs, competitors would need to run in at least 6 events. Details are still being worked out. The goal is to reduce the number of overall races and weekend overlap at nearby tracks. The National Office would coordinate these races to avoid the current situation of events where many cars classes have very few entries and limited competition. It is also an attempt to address potential worker shortages due to the large number of events. The comment was made that there were 85 Club Racing events held in 2012. This is considered to be too many to properly promote and man with workers.



To implement this new program, additional per-car fees will be required. No doubt, this will raise a number of discussions within the membership. The latest issue of SportsCar includes additional information on this new program.

New Track Day Program? - Another session I participated in at the NEDiv Mini-Con, was hosted by Area Directors John Walsh (Area 10) and Dick Patullo (Area 1). Their presentation was titled, "Attacking the Barriers to Entry in Club Racing." This concept is proposing an instructional series that falls in between the PDX "trackday," Time Trials (TT), and full blown Club Racing as a path for new drivers to experience and learn the skills required to drive and race on a real track and obtain a competition license. The concept which is in the early stages, would consist of full-caged race cars (-i.e. ex. IT or SM level prepped cars) that would be run as an instructional session to provide new drivers an opportunity to learn and have fun with cars that are prepped for the track but are not street cars.

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The plan is to schedule these events during Club Racing and PDX/TT events. As noted, the cars would require full-cages and safety equipment per the GCR, although HANS devices would be highly recommended but not mandatory. Eligible cars would be limited in their level of performance to avoid having beginners driving high powered GT class Vipers or Corvettes for example, during the sessions. Events would be timed, but not scored as a race. Drivers would obtain experience and seat time that would be counted towards obtaining a competition license. Again this is still in the early development stages. Additional details are expected to be printed in upcoming "Fastrack" newsletters. If you have comments or suggestions, feel free to contact our Area Director John Walsh.

And finally, during the lunch session, a representative from Pocono Raceway gave a short presentation describing the improvements that have been made including additional road racing surfaces added to the infield. These new additions allow up to 17 different track configurations. Check their website for more details.

That's it for now. Hope everyone has a Happy Holiday and that you find those new go-fast parts under the Christmas tree!

Hope to see you all at the January awards banquet.



Where Nate Walczyk practices his mad drifting skills . . .



Event #1 of the 2013 Winter Rally Series

Saturday, January 5, 2013

The Long Way Home

It is once again time to enjoy the winter roads of the Southern Tier with the Finger Lakes Region's 2013 Winter Rally Series. The first rally of the series consists of approximately 160 competitive miles using mostly unpaved roads in the New York Southern Tier.

START/FINISH LOCATION:

The Yard of Ale and Canal House Inn
3226 Genesee Street Piffard, NY

SCHEDULE:

Registration3:00 to 4:00 PM
Novice school 3:30 PM
Drivers' Meeting4:10 PM
First car starts4:31 PM
First car finishes..... about 11:00 PM

ENTRY INFORMATION:

- Fees: \$35/car, SCCA members, \$45/car, guests.
- 35 car limit - pre-registration is recommended
- Series classes — 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.


Contact the rallymaster to pre-register
and for answers to questions:

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OOOPPPSSS!

BY BOB HOLCOMB

The weekend of January 11, 12 & 13, 2013 was the Florida Region "Double Rational" held at Palm Beach International in southern Florida.

During Saturday qualifying a Honda 2000 blew it's transmission while passing our corner 4 flag station and pulled off drivers right. It was a nice, safe pull off considering the driver said he had flames inside the car followed by a huge amount of smoke.

A tilt bed was sent to pick up the car. While heading back to the paddock the tilt bed went over a concrete pad at our flag station, which caused it to bounce and that caused excess tension to the chain attached to the tow hook on the front of the Honda, which pulled the front tow hook off the car. While attempting to resecure the car, the tilt bed was lowered, putting extra strain on the rear tow hook, which then broke, causing the car to slowly roll off the rear of the tilt bed. It took a second wrecker to stablize the car while they reattached the rear wench cable to a factory hook by the rear axle and they were then able to safely pull the car back onto the tilt bed. All this took a good 20-25 minutes of qualifying time AND left the driver with two broken tow hooks which he said were worth \$140 each. The car did not reappear for the rest of the weekend.

All this and an International go-kart weekend at the go-kart portion of the track, followed on Sunday afternoon by the NHRA coming to the drag strip portion of the track with all of their haulers. Millions of dollars in portable machine shops that appeared so clean you could eat off the floors. Aside from rain on Friday morning before lunch, the weather was gorgeous. Next up, the Daytona ROLEX 24HRS, followed by the Sebring 12HRS in March, with the possibility of another SCCA Regional in February at Sebring. For this snowbirder, that is more than enough to keep me occupied this winter.

Bob Holcomb, Sec CNYR SCCA



Photo by Dave Haeussermann of the Florida Region SCCA.

ANNUAL BANQUET

WHEN: Sunday, January 27, 2013, 3pm - 6pm

WHERE: Borio's Restaurant,
8891 McDonnell's Parkway
Cicero, New York

WHAT: Chef Salad
Hot Roast Beef
Roasted Chicken
Penne Pasta
Meatballs and Sausage
Mixed Garden Vegetables
Italian Bread & butter
Coffee, tea, soda
Dessert provided by the region
Cash bar available for beer,
wine and liquor.

HOW MUCH: Cost will be \$15 per attendee.

WHY: Come in from the cold and get together with your friends from the region, have some good food, applaud the award winners, collect door prizes and witness the passing of the gavel!

Get in touch with a past or present member and remind them to attend!

Please RSVP to: activities@cny-scca.com

THE “OFF” SEASON

BY KARL HUGHES

It is a treasured tradition for some racers to talk about what they will be doing in the “off season”. Repair and rework the car, get involved in other activities, etc. Other, more-informed, racers know that the term “off season” is a myth. There are plenty of motorsport activities in the central NY region during this so-called “off” season.

Opportunities abound for drivers, non-drivers, even track workers, to be involved when the snow is flying and the ground is frozen. It’s never a bad thing to keep in practice with your favorite skills (and if you’re reading this chances are those skills include driving, working at a track, or perhaps navigating.)

TSD rallying: Time-Speed-Distance rallies do not take a break for inclement weather. In fact, some rallyists actually look forward to the winter rally season. The Finger Lakes Region puts on a superb winter rally series, with entertaining routes, challenging driving, and good competition at all levels. “On time, all the time” is the mantra, and on a dark, snowy back-woods road on a Saturday night, staying on time, and on course, is a fun and challenging game for driver and navigator alike.

<http://www.flr-scca.com/rally/index.html>

The winter rally series has already started, with a “warm up” rally on December 1st. The next winter rally is on January 5, 2013, and starts in Piffard, NY (near Genesee). If you’d like to try winter rallying without the drive to Piffard, you should plan on the Ithaca Rally (the second in the FLR Winter Series) on January 19.

<http://www.flr-scca.com/rally/2013/index.html>



This is a superb rally series, and often attracts national-level rallyists. There is always a seminar before each rally for novices, so don't think that being new to the sport is a reason to stay away. You'll want to check the series "General Instructions" (see the link on the schedule page) to make sure you and your car are properly equipped, and to have an idea of what to expect. If in doubt, contact the organizers. They're a friendly and helpful bunch, and are welcoming to novices.

Rallycross: Unlike autocross, rallycross has no off-season. CNYR SCCA and Finger Lakes Region both have active rallycross programs, and their schedules run year-round. After all, the whole point is running at speed on slippery surfaces, so why in the world would they stop for snow? Like autocross, the events are intended for both stock and modified cars, and are run one at a time on a closed course. Unlike autocross, all your runs count, so there is a premium placed on running within your limits and finishing every run. Consistency pays off.

<http://www.cny-scca.com/rallyx/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CNY.SCCA.Rallycross?ref=ts&fref=ts>

<http://www.flr-scca.com/rally/2012/rallycross/index.html>

FLR runs events in Perry, NY, and CNYR runs at several dirt track facilities, and in Weedsport, NY. You can compete in a daily driver in one of the stock classes (RWD, FWD or AWD) or in the prepared or modified classes (also split by drive configuration). Safety equipment rules are similar to autocross, so a complete set of racing safety gear is not required. Gaining proficiency on slippery surfaces is useful for street driving and racing alike, so why not give it a try?

Ice Autocross/Time Trials: SCCA doesn't conduct any winter autocrosses in this area, but other clubs do. The fledgling Finger Lakes Ice Racers group is planning to conduct some ice autocrosses. The Sports Car Club of Vermont has been running a successful program for many years. It's a bit of a haul from here up to the eastern shore of Lake Champlain, but you know they'll have ice up there. Other local ice racing clubs, like AMEC and CNYIRA have hosted ice autocross events in the past (see the ice racing info below). Ice autocross is a delightful way to practice car control, regardless of what you're driving. Classes are typically split into three groupings: Rubber-to-ice (no studs), street studs, and purpose-built ice tires. Depending on the club, classes may be subdivided by drive configuration also.

http://www.fingerlakesiceracers.org/about_flir.html

http://sccv.org/cms/index.php?page=Ice_Time_Trials

The tricky thing about ice autocross is you have to keep a sharp eye on the weather, and stay in touch with the hosting club to be aware of last-minute schedule changes due to lake conditions.

Ice Racing: If you yearn for wheel-to-wheel competition when the snow is flying, ice racing with one of the local ice racing clubs may be just the thing for you. Several clubs in the general area organize wheel-to-wheel ice races.

The Central New York Ice Racing Association is based in the Syracuse area, and races on lakes from Waneta Lake up through Syracuse and points north. The Adirondack Motor Enthusiast Club is based in the Albany area, and races everywhere from Lake George to Tupper Lake. Finger Lakes Ice Racers is a new club based in Rochester. If you want to drive a bit farther north, there is a club based in Minden, Ontario which races on a man-made track at the local fairgrounds. Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs also sanctions ice racing in their Ontario Region via various member clubs.

<http://www.cnyira.com/>

<http://www.icerace.com/>

<http://www.casc.on.ca/iceracing>

Wheel-to-wheel ice racing is great fun, and the local US clubs offer classes for both street-driven cars (rubber-to-ice or street studs) and classes for prepared and modified cars using purpose-built ice racing tires. Lots of former SCCA club racing cars have made the migration to ice racing, particularly when their useful Showroom stock lives are over. The street legal classes are intended for drivers who would like to race their daily drivers, and would like to take the car home in one piece at the end of the day. Contact is not allowed in these classes. This may strike you as surprising, if you've never participated in ice motorsports. Car control skills are key, as well as the judgment to decide which passes to attempt, and which to leave until the next corner.

Race Working: Aside from the driving, trained flaggers are always welcome at ice races. If you know how to flag, or how to time, you can be assured of something to do if you attend an ice race. It is important to note, however, that standing around on a frozen lake holding a flag is not always particularly warm. It's warm in the timing vehicle, though!

So, don't assume that winter means no motorsports. There are things you can go out and do, in between watching Paris-Dakar, Australian Supercars, and the Andros Trophy european ice racing series on your internet-connected device.

http://www.dakar.com/index_DAKus.html

<http://www.v8supercars.com.au/>

<http://www.tropheeandros.com/>

See you on the ice!





Event #2 of the 2013 Winter Rally Series Saturday, January 19, 2013

4th Annual Ithaca Winter Rally

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A rally of approximately 185 miles using both paved and unpaved roads in the southern parts of central New York State.

START/FINISH LOCATION:

Manos Diner
357 Elmira Rd (Route 13) in Ithaca, NY

SCHEDULE:

Registration2:00 to 3:30 PM
Novice school3:00 PM
Drivers' Meeting.....3:40 PM
First car starts4:01 PM
First car finishes.....~ 10:45 PM

ENTRY INFORMATION:

- Fees: \$35/car, SCCA members, \$45/car, guests
- 35 car limit - pre-registration is recommended
- Series classes — 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.

*Want to stay overnight after the rally?
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**Questions? Want to pre-register?
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Membership Meeting Minutes - November

Courtesy of Bob Holcomb

Meeting Minutes For CNYR SCCA For Wed., Nov. 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by R.E. Mike Donofrio.

R.E.REPORT:

Mike welcomed all to our annual election meeting and invited all to partake of the delicious pizza and wings that were available.

Mike mentioned that CNYR member Lee Hidy, our go to guy for parliamentary procedure, had recent surgery and was doing well at home and everyone present wished him a speedy recovery.

Other than that, Mike had nothing new to report.

ASST.R.E.REPORT:

Ed Leubner reported that he attended the North East Mini-Con held in Ithaca, NY the weekend of Nov. 10-11 and sponsored by the Glen Region, SCCA.

Ed said that he had accounting sheets available for the NEDIV if anyone cared to look them over.

Also that Pocono had undergone some improvements which offer up to 17 various configurations for events.

The new "Majors" classification was mentioned at the seminar and should combine the National level of racing with the Major class for 2013, then combining them into the Majors for 2014 with the overall goal of fewer but more competitive races leading up to the annual Runoffs.

Divisions will be created around the country with major tracks included in each division, for example tracks such as Road Atlanta, VIR, Mid-Ohio, Watkins Glen, Pocono and Nelson might be in one division with points accumulating toward the Runoffs. At this point everything is still in a state of flux and more information will be available as more decisions are made and put into effect.

Ed said there was also a seminar discussing establishing a PDX/Club racing format for race cars only to work similar to track days but also possibly leading to sign offs for driving licenses.

For 2013 the rumor is that Steel Cities Region will sponsor a Mini-Con.

Central New York Raceway Park and the new safety track near Oneonta are being considered for SOLO and other track events but nothing concrete at this time on either.

Seneca Army Depot is still being looked at for future SOLO events by Glen Region and Finger Lakes Region and it is hoped that negotiations will result in affordable contracts for future events there.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Bob Holcomb made a motion that the meeting minutes for September and October be approved as they appeared in the current web edition of Snarling Exhaust.

Karl Hughes seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jay Cartini said there are still a couple of unpaid bills, but we were awaiting the invoice before paying, including from the Liverpool American Legion where we hold our meetings.

Mike Donofrio asked for future meeting if Jay could give us a bottom line on accounts as previously requested in October, when Jay had been AWOL from the meeting.

Jay agreed to provide that information at future meetings.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Rob Sgarlata confirmed that Nestico's in North Syracuse, NY would no longer be our location for our annual awards dinner as they now are open on Sundays, a day we had previously used as they were normally closed on that day of the week.

Rob said he scheduled a date of Sunday, January, 20, 2013 at Borio's Restaurant on Lakeshore Rd. in Cicero from 3pm to 6pm for the banquet.

Several members present had a scheduling conflict with this date and Rob will now look into the availability of Sunday, January 27, 2013 for the banquet, and will get out the information via our web site and in Snarling Exhaust.

Cost per person will be \$15, which is the same as years past.

SOLO REPORT:

Mark Bizzozero said he is scheduling a meeting at his home for early April, 2013 to clean up the SOLO van and hold a meeting to determine the direction our SOLO program will take for 2013.

Jon Coffin brought up the subject of fun runs at our last SOLO event.

The issue was allowing or not allowing passengers during the fun runs.

Insurance and litigation being what they are in today's world, it was felt that passengers needed to be at least a weekend member to ride along.

Apparently most incidents during SOLO fun runs involved a passenger riding with a participant but not being a member or a participant themselves.

This will be discussed more in April but the general feeling among members was that a passenger needs to be at least a weekend member to ride.

Ride alongs are still considered a good recruitment tool and some sort of supplemental regulations may be added to cover this for future events.

For simple identification at SOLO events, Evan Haas suggested different I.D. bracelets and discussing the policy at the driver meetings prior to the start of the event.

It was further discussed that all cars participating in fun runs must have gone through tech inspection.

This will be discussed in more depth in April.

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RALLY CROSS REPORT:

Jim Quattro said he is now the Deputy Rally Cross Steward for NEDIV.

Congratulations to Jim, he works very hard on the Rally Cross program and is deserving of the office.

Jim reported that our latest event on Nov. 11th was our most successful yet and that heading into our last even in December at least 3 drivers are in contention for the championship.

Jim is working on getting a NEDIV Rally Cross Challenge date and is hopeful it will be in May, 2013.

Black Rock Speedway in Dundee, NY is being looked at for some future events.

A short discussion by Jim indicated that the Oneonta location previously mentioned for SOLO would not make a viable location for Rally Cross events as it doesn't fit the car types used in Rally Cross.

Jim also said no to using a dirt field location at the NYS Fairgrounds as the price, well over \$3,000 was simply not do-able.

F&C REPORT:

Mick Levy said that Watkins Glen International had put off the repaving scheduled for late fall of 2012.

Bob Holcomb added that at the Race Services Inc. banquet in late October, Michael Printup, Pres. of WGI said there would be no added race groups until after a repaving, which he said may not happen for between two to five years. Mr. Printup also said that NASCAR will definitely NOT be running the boot at this time, which went against the old worker grapevine, as did the rumor of IRL returning for 2013 or 2014.

COMPETITION REPORT:

Jim Quattro said that he will become a member of a Rally team based out of Wellsboro, PA in 2013 and has prepared for it by obtaining new safety gear.

Several members then offered up names of lawyers that his wife might consult for future divorce proceedings.

Just kidding about that Jim.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dustin Ehrlich said he needs more articles for publication in Snarling Exhaust and said it would be great for any member to send in something for him to publish.

As in the past, the 25th of each month is considered the deadline for submitting articles.

The question of advertisers arose and apparently according to Jay Cartini we only have four paying advertisers.

Bob Holcomb mentioned that his local homeowners association sells advertising either for one year, or on a newsletter by newsletter basis and suggested that this might be looked at to interest more advertisers for Snarling Exhaust.

The number of times to publish our newsletter was discussed and no firm decision was made, although publishing monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly will be looked into.

Mike Gagliardi said Central NY Raceway Park has obtained almost all the permits required and has applied for a sign permit, which would allow it to erect a sign on the location.

Other financing has come into place, the land is cleared and work should progress soon.

The state did require them to do a burial check, for ancient burials.

This is a common procedure, especially with the general CNY area having a rich Native American heritage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mick Levy said that former CNYR member Mike Fuller has several boxes of old CNYR paperwork and would like to know about getting it back to someone in the region, as he is currently storing them at his house.

This will be looked into.

A quorum of members being present for the meeting, Karl Hughes made a motion that the secretary make one unanimous vote for the un-opposed slate of candidates:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Scott Newton

ASST.R.E.: Ed Leubner

TREASURER: Jay Cartini

SECRETARY: Bob Holcomb

ACTIVITIES DIR.: Rob Sgarlata

Rex Franklin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The secretary cast one vote for each candidate and with no absentee ballots being received, the election was official.

Congratulations to the officers for 2013 for CNYR SCCA.

50-50:

Mike Donofrio won for the second month in a row...HHHMMMMMM...this time for \$17.

ADJOURN:

Mike Gagliardi made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Rex Franklin.

Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by Bob Holcomb, Sec.

Membership Meeting Minutes - December

Courtesy of Bob Holcomb

Meeting Minutes For CNYR SCCA For Wed., Dec. 12, 2012

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by R.E. Mike Donofrio.

R.E.REPORT:

Mike Donofrio welcomed all to the date historic 12/12/12 meeting.

He said he was looking forward, after a 7 year run as R.E., to turning the gavel over to R.E. Elect Scott Newton come January 1, 2013.

He is also anticipating many years of helping from "the other side of the table".

Otherwise Mike had nothing new to report.

ASST.R.E.REPORT:

Ed Leubner said he nothing new to report.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Bob Holcomb asked for a delay in approval of the November meeting minutes as the latest Snarling Exhaust had not been published as of the meeting date.

Scott Newton and Ed Leubner said the minutes were available on our web-site under the title of "Monthly Meetings".

Since many of the members present were unaware of this, it was suggested by Mike Donofrio that we hold off approval of the November minutes until our next business meeting after all could read them via Snarling Exhaust and the members present agreed with that suggestion.

Bob mentioned that two legends in SCCA and International racing had recently passed, Bill Milliken at age 101 in July and John Fitch at 95 in October.

Bill Milliken had worked to help establish Watkins Glen as a viable race facility and John Fitch drove in numerous events and is credited with helping design some of the first safety barriers for race tracks.

Jon Coffin said he had seen John at an event earlier in the year as he mingled with the crowd.

Bob also invited all present to partake of the Christmas Cookies provided by his wife and fellow member, Nancy....and the cookies rapidly disappeared.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jay Cartini asked that anyone with outstanding bills give them to him before year end so that the region could make payment.

Otherwise we are good to go, he said.

SOLO REPORT:

Mark Bizzozero was absent due to illness.

Lee Hidy made note that some of the 2013 SOLO dates listed in the latest SportsCar are inaccurate.

Certain shopping center locations were asked about as possible SOLO sites, but it was reported that neither Great Northern Mall on Rte 31 or DestiNY are available.

RALLY CROSS:

Jim Quattro reported that our latest November event was attended by Area 10 Governor John Walsh who was very impressed with our program.

Congratulations to Jim who works very hard to keep us at the peak of the Rally Cross program in the North East.

Jim said that several members of the Finger Lakes Ice Racing Club also attended and had a very good time, intending to return for other events.

Karl Hughes said the group split off from the CNY Ice Racers and intends to run when there is ice, or on dirt when there is not.

Jim reported that our best event of the year had 26 participants, a definite improvement over the first few seasons.

As for 2013, Jim said that the North East Division will be holding a Rally Cross at the new Central New York Raceway Park on some currently undeveloped land.

CNYR will be hosts, but not the actual sponsors.

Anyone with information on obtaining rental for porta potties is requested to contact Jim.

Our first region sponsored event will be during the second weekend of February, details as they become available.

RALLY REPORT:

Frank Beyer said he is working on a Regional Winter Championship Rally for early March, 2013 which will hopefully include some of the top rally teams from the northeast.

Frank said he has already had interest from teams in Wisconsin, Ontario, New York and more, and hopes to have up to 40 teams.

It will be a day-night rally, between 6 to 8 hours, with the course yet to be determined

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F&C REPORT:

Mick Levy said that the Chump Car race scheduled at Watkins Glen for the weekend of April 12, 13 & 14, 2013 will have 7 & 1/2 hour races both Saturday and Sunday, with rolling starts, with the top 10 finishers on Saturday starting from the back of the pack on Sunday.

Jon Coffin and Karl Hughes are planning on entering the event, so we will have a local team to cheer on.

Mick said he is planning to work the Daytona 24 HRS in January, while Bob Holcomb said he is signed to work Daytona, plus Sebring in March and possibly the Rational at Palm Beach, in mid-January.

A fun way to spend the Snowbird season.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Andrew Beyer was absent, no report.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Rob Sgarlata was absent.

Scott Newton requested that everyone planning on attending the CNYR banquet in January RSVP either to himself, Rob or via the web.

Cost is \$15 per attendee.

No 50/50 raffle was held so R.E. Mike Donofrio's winning record of 2 consecutive 50/50 wins wasn't able to be extended to 3 at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jon Coffin reported that he had recently visited the new New York Safety Track near Oneonta, which had been discussed at previous meetings.

It is still under construction, although the base layer of asphalt has been laid down.

The top layer is scheduled for spring of 2013 when weather permits.

Whether the track will be financially viable for the region to hold a SOLO or RALLY CROSS event will have to be determined at a later time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Newton made a suggestion that our February meeting be held at the Karting complex at DestiNY, formerly known as Carousel Center.

Since our January date is our annual banquet, Mike Donofrio made the suggestion that availability of the Kart facility be looked into for a possible March date to give other members a chance to plan ahead.

General discussion agreed with this.

Scott will be looking into scheduling a date.

ADJOURN:

Lee Hidy moved to adjourn.

Ed Heffron seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Bob Holcomb, Sec.



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