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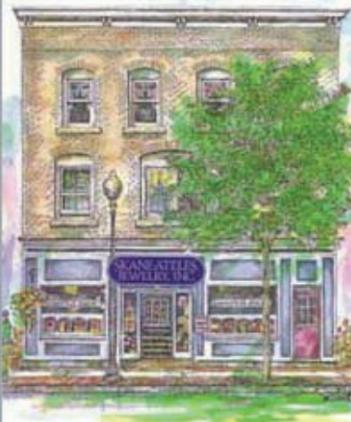
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The R.E. Report

By Ed Leubner

Another season in the books!

The more vintage I get, (sounds better than older) the more I see the truth in the old adage of time moves faster as we rack up more birthdays....

So, that means it is even more important to get off our butts and do something fun! And this year there was no shortage of things to do. It was a great season!

A recap:

We had some of the largest numbers of participants at our Solo events this year helped by the new sites we acquired and assistance from FLR losing their primary Solo site.

A big thank you and congratulations to all the competitors and season class and Pax winners that participated in the CNY Region events!

More good news, thanks to the hard work of our members our list of usable Solo sites has grown immensely in the last few years. We've gone from having years with only a single site for the entire season to having a current list that includes the Oswego County EVOC track, Cayuga Community College, Lafayette Motorsport Park (ex. Cherry Valley) and, for the 2018 season, it looks like Seneca Army Depot will be back on the calendar, along with the new Pineview Run Auto & Country Club.

On a serious note, it is absolutely critical we all remember that we are guests at these sites and need to be on our best behavior. That means picking up after ourselves and leaving the site better than when we found it, and most importantly, no reckless driving to and from the event.



The Club is looking at options to replace our aging Solo timing system. The current system is over 20 years old. We have been maintaining it and it has been working well most of the time. The preferred replacement would be a wireless system to eliminate running cables between the start and finish lines and the timing trailer. However, input from the neighboring Regions is that the wireless systems have their own set of unique problems. This will be an ongoing investigation. In the mean time we will continue to make repairs to the existing system.

Solo trailer – as you've probably heard and seen, we purchased a 16 foot trailer to replace our aging Solo van. However, after a season of being towed and disguised as a standard big white box with wheels, our trailer sides need SCCA, CNY Region, and most importantly, sponsor logo's to cover all that blank surface. If you know of any potential sponsors (or if you want to get your name on the side by sponsoring the club, please contact any of the officers (see Contact Info on the website) or better yet, come to a membership meeting.

RallyX has had a banner year. The RallyX Chairs have put a lot of time and effort into presenting great events. Their efforts are paying off. They currently have a couple of great semi-permanent courses at CNY Raceway Park and Walczyck's Farm that have attracted a large number of participants for this years events. If you ever wanted to give RallyX a try, check out the schedule.

My primary activity in the club has been Solo. However, this year I finally made my first trip to a SCCA Club Racing event. It happened to be the

“Fun One” at Watkins Glen International, hosted by the Finger Lakes Region. Having participated in many track days, it was interesting to watch the racing event and see how it was run. There was some great racing. I highly recommend attending an event. Your SCCA membership allows you entrance into these events.

Speaking of Club Racing, congratulations to CNYR members Dave Cardillo for winning the #1 points position (FV) and Mike Gould #6 position (FC) in the NYRRC Series Top 10 which includes points races at Club Racing events across the NE Division. I also want to give a shout out to Club Racing Class winners Jeff Knittel (HP) and Andrew Wickline (STL). Great job guys!

This year was also my first time to actually drive in a wheel to wheel event. For the last few years I've been part of the pit crew for a couple of local teams that include a number of CNY Region members. I've also run a number of HPDE events. But this year I finally had the opportunity to jump into the drivers seat as one of four drivers at a ChumpCar endurance event at Calabogie, Ontario. It was pretty awesome. My goals were to bring the car home in one piece, and try not to be the slowest car out there. I met the first goal and I think I met the second one. We did have a minor wheel bearing issue that we were able to quickly repair. But other than that, the MDR Motorsports Miata completed the entire 16 hours (8 hours each day) in its debut! Many thanks to Mike D. for the opportunity!

(<https://www.facebook.com/raceMDR/>)

Additional news is the opening of the new Pineview Run Auto & Country Club in Lafayette, NY. They are now accepting membership



applications (<https://pineviewrun.com/>). As I noted previously, we are planning on running Solo events here in 2018.

Things are pretty good for us car people!

Additional comments:

We are still looking for someone to take over as full-time Editor of the Snarling. We also want your stories and pictures for the Snarling. (We will assist with the editing.)

The officer slate will remain the same for 2018 with one addition. Chris Murphy has stepped up to work with Ted Barbuto to handle Activities. Thanks to all!

A reminder to make sure your contact info (address, email, and phone numbers) are up to date on the SCCA national website. There are some member email addresses that get kicked back as incorrect and undeliverable. **Please check and update them.** It's the only way we can get info to you. (<http://www.scca.com/>).

For the latest club info check our website (www.cny-scca.com) and our FaceBook pages (<https://www.facebook.com/CNY.SCCA/>) and (<https://www.facebook.com/CNY.SCCA.Rallycross/>).

And last but certainly not least, our annual awards banquet will be Sunday, January 28, 2018. Details and reminders have been going out to the member emails on record.

See you around the grid!

Ed



Central New York Region Member Dave Cardillo, 2017 NYSRRC Driver of the Year and Eddie Whitmore/John Magee Memorial Trophy Recipient

Central New York Region member Dave Cardillo was voted the 2017 New York State Road Racing Championship (NYSRRC) Driver of the Year. In addition, he was the recipient of the Eddie Whitmore/John Magee Memorial Trophy, which is given to the formula vee driver who embodies the skill, sportsmanship, and spirit of racing. The Eddie Whitmore/John Magee Memorial Trophy is only given out when the Northeast formula vee community agrees there is a driver who meets the criteria for the honor. “I’m humbled and honored to be chosen for these awards” Dave said. “It’s a great way to end this season.”

Dave’s 2017 road racing season results certainly merit the accolades he’s received. He won the formula vee class in two different road racing series: the NYSRRC and the Northeast Division Road Racing Championship (NEDRRC). In addition to winning the formula vee class in the NYSRRC, he was also the NYSRRC overall series Champion, leading hundreds of other drivers in dozens of car classes in points. Out of the 13 races Dave participated in this season, he won 7 poles, had 8 race wins and two 2nd place podium finishes.

This season was Dave’s second full road racing season in a formula vee. In fact, it’s his second full season racing in anything. A few years ago, with no racing background and an interest in cars, Dave and his wife attended a Skip Barber one day driving school. “I knew immediately I wanted to drive cars competitively.” Dave continued his racing education by attending Skip Barber’s three-day racing school, which earned him his SCCA full competition license. He then attended their advanced car control clinic. “After going to Skip Barber I figured it was time to buy a car. But I wasn’t sure what class of car I wanted.

Ed Zebrowski invited me to a race weekend at Watkins Glen as a guest of the Glen Region. Ed took me around the paddock and introduced me to a lot of drivers. After that weekend, it was pretty clear if I wanted to improve my driving I should start racing in a formula vee.” Dave bought a formula vee and started racing in the Northeast the following season. “I learned pretty quickly how much of a team sport road racing is. I’ve had tremendous support from my wife/crew chief Tracie. She’s been at every race weekend. Gary Kittell, a top national level formula vee driver, has given me invaluable driver coaching and mechanical/technical help. The whole formula vee



Tim Meadow (R) presenting the Whitmore/McGee Memorial Trophy to Dave Cardillo (L).



Dave on the grid in his Vortech Formula Vee.

community has been there as well with advice, spare parts, or a helping hand.” Dave attributes his success to all of the help he has had. “Without everyone’s help and support, I’d still be working on the car in my garage at home.”

The 2018 season is going to be chock full of racing for Dave. He plans on continuing to race in multiple race series in the Northeast in his formula vee as well as giving ChumpCar a try. “I’m having a lot of fun road racing and I’m looking forward to next season.”

(Words and pictures supplied by Dave Cardillo – Nice Job Dave! - Ed)



2018 CNY Region Solo Schedule

(The schedule is currently being formulated. Check our website and facebook page for updates.)

Links to the 2017 Solo Final Results

[2017 Solo Class Standings](#)

[2017 Solo PAX Championship Point Standings](#)



2018 CNY Region RallyX Schedule

Date	Location
January 20 th	Walczyk's Farm
February 17 th	Walczyk's Farm
March 18 th	Central New York Raceway Park
April 15 th	Central New York Raceway Park
June 3 rd	STPR RallyCross
July 15 th	Walczyk's Farm
August 12 th	Central New York Raceway Park
September 29 th	Central New York Raceway Park
October 20 th	Walczyk's Farm
December 9 th	Walczyk's Farm

(Check our page for updates - [CNY RallyX Schedule](#))



CNY SCCA Awards Banquet

When: Sunday, January 28th, 2018, 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: Dinosaur Bar-B-Que

246 W Willow St, Syracuse, NY 13202

FREE Parking In Lot across Street

Upstairs in Main Room

<https://www.dinosaurbarbque.com/location/syracuse-ny/>

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-Smokestacked Turkey

-St. Louis Cut Ribs

Cornbread Muffins, Plus Sides, Soda and Coffee

CASH BAR

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