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**Isn't it dangerous to sleep out on the
ice?**

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Wednesday April 13th,
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The RE Korner by Joe Kramer

For anybody who hasn't heard, Sonya Snyder, our Solo Registrar, has been ill. She had surgery for kidney cancer and is recovering in a rehab facility (Loretto, I think). We as a region sent flowers to the hospital to help cheer her up. I have just received a nice thank-you note. Sonya says they think they got all the cancer, which is good news! Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recover.

Activities Chairman Bruce Parker came up with another great idea in the Highland Forest Sleighride event. Attendance was good, and I think everybody enjoyed the night. I know that Joyce and I did. It was good to see the families of some of our members: spouses and kids and all. I was impressed with the lodge at Highland Forest. Bruce got us the big room with a nice stone fireplace to keep the sleighriders warm between rides. See Bruce's report somewhere in this issue for more details.

And your RE has just returned from the NEDiv roundtable in the Rochester area. One of the themes I heard even more than last year was member retention. As a division, we seem to be feeling the effects of some competition from other organizations, especially on the regional level (solo and club racing for some regions).

Retention of venues was also a concern for the Solo II folks.

Our region is not the only one experiencing difficulty finding new places to play.

I attended a good solo course seminar, a nice refresher just before the season starts.

I also got to meet Steve Johnson, the Top Dog at SCCA, Inc., who carried some sad news as well. Theresa Boden, a Data Processing Specialist at National Headquarters, was killed in a traffic accident in Topeka on March 9th. She was 28 years old.

Other than that, there was the excellent-as-usual dinner on Saturday night. And of course the divisional meeting on Sunday morning.

And it won't be long before the warm weather competition starts up again. In club racing, New England Region starts things rolling with a Drivers School April 15 & 16 and Regional on the 17th at NHIS.

On the Solo side of the street, Western New York Region has their first event April 17th for those who want to get started early. Our neighbors at Finger Lakes are next with their first event April 24th. And our first CNY Solo II is May 15 at the NYS Fairgrounds. – Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines!

Well, that's all I have for this month. So....

Until next time, keep the rubber side down.

CNY General Membership Meeting
held on March 10, 2005 at the American
Legion Post in Liverpool, NY.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm by CNYR Director **Joe Kramer**. Joe couldn't stop talking about the Highland Forest get together trying to make all that could not attend feel guilty for not going. Needless to say his guilt trip didn't work. Past award winning newsletter editor, **Sonya Snyder**, is recuperating from surgery. We wish her all the best.

Assistant R/E: **Mike Donofrio** said that he had nothing to report and hoped to have his car up and running before months end.

Activities: **Bruce Parker** began discussing the activities that went on at Highland Forest and was completely taken back by the fact that someone put chili on their hotdog, creating a chilidog. It appears that in the sheltered eccentric life of Bruce that chilidog's have never existed. Go figure.

Treasurer: An appearance was made by the mythical **Frank Beyer**. His report consisted of "we are status quo". On the rally front, only 3 cars showed up at the last winter rally. He was visibly upset by this lack of enthusiasm, and had to take a moment to wipe a tear from his eye.

Competition/Merchandise: **Joe Zingaro** reported that the 2005 Solo II rule books have been ordered. On the competition end there is nothing going on to report since it's the off season.

Solo II: **Mark Bizzozero** confirmed that there are 2 autocross dates set for the NYS Fairgrounds, May 15 and July 24. There will be a total of 7 in region events and 3 out of region events. Points will be based on your best 6 finishes. The other in region locations will be Cherry Valley, Shoppingtown Mall, and Drivers Village. All dates to be announced shortly. **Ed Hefferon** mentioned that he has heard a rumor that go karts will be required to have a kill switch this year. Confirmation is forthcoming.

Flagging/Communications: **Mike Fuller** mentioned that there will be some sort of training at Watkins Glen regarding flagging and communication. For further information contact Mike directly.

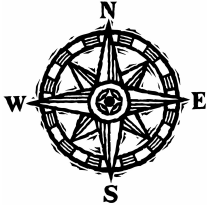
Secretary: **I** asked that the minutes be accepted as published, other then **Rex Franklin** complaining about being referred to as a 13 year old, the minutes were accepted.

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Rex Franklin** mentioned that there has been ice racing the last 3 weekends. **I** won the \$14.00 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Submitted, **Jay Cartini**, CNYR Secretary.



The Eleventh Annual
United States RoadRally Challenge
20-23 October 2005

Presented by the St. Louis Region, Sports Car Club of America

The Challenge Rallies

TRUST ME

FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2005

The Eleventh Annual United States Road Rally Challenge opens with a new edition of the St. Louis Region's Trust Me Course Rally. It will provide contestants with great roads and the interesting scenery of rural Illinois. Trust Me is a moderate difficulty course rally that both veterans and newcomers will enjoy. Rally teams can expect moderate average speeds with a mostly paved route. The rally will employ a standard written instruction format with course following and timing traps using both open controls and DIYCs.

PETIT RALLYE DU ROCHER

SATURDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2005

The Petit Rallye du Rocher Tour comes to the National schedule for the first time since it debuted as a rally in 1996. This time teams will encounter the roads along the east bank of the Mississippi River as well as the rural lanes that crisscross the fertile valley of the Kaskaskia River. Expect a standard written route instruction format with brisk average speeds and passage controls. Both paved and unpaved roads will be used. The beauty of the countryside and the entertainment value of the roads will surprise you.

SCENIC BYWAYS

SUNDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2005

We will conclude the weekend with a short, sweet all-paved Monte Carlo – GTA tour of the French and German settlement areas in Illinois. And while the driver is busy with the roads, rallymaster Ron Ferris has insured that navigators will have something to do, also. They will need to pay close attention to signs and landmarks along the rally route to fill in the blanks on the answer sheet.

This rally will also have a Historic Class available for those who wish to take to the roads in their vintage automobiles.

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Info: Ron Ferris, chairman: 314-921-4488 e-mail: fe2@mindspring.com

Registration and reception: Thursday night, 20 October 2005.

RoadRally Town Hall meeting: Friday night, 21 October 2005.

Dinner and awards: Sunday early evening, 23 October 2005.

Well, that was entertaining ...

By Mark Johnson

In the week leading up to the 2005 running of the Snow & Ice Rally, we lost three of our five checkpoint crews. Then, a personal issue drew away our rallymaster on the day of the event. Compound it with only three entries and there was mumbling of just going home.

But the routes had been printed, the trophies engraved and, hey, it's winter in Upstate New York - why not let everyone go for a fun ride? So we made some modifications to our usual checkpoint routines, bastardizing the Finger Lakes Region's run-work concept. We sent Eric Hobron and Steve McKelvie out to the first checkpoint and Frank Beyer and I went to the second. Eric and Steve waited for all three teams to wander in, then assigned outtimes and took-off down the course to the next checkpoint after us and that's how we spent the night - two course-opening/control crew cars hopping past each other and staying slightly ahead of the competitors.

It worked pretty well - everyone got to run the course, we manned every one of our controls (21 total, including the DIYs) and (almost) no one got (really) lost.

Gary Thomas and Dimitri Starostin took first overall and in Equipped with a total of 234 points. Second overall and first in Stock class were Zachary Klase and Gabriel Olochvoszu with a total of 378.

And if you were paying attention, I said almost no one got lost. Which is mostly true. Our novice team of Jason Woolver and Joette Coffin decided the dinner break at McDonald's in Cooperstown wasn't up to their standards and headed over to the neighboring steak house for a nice meal. Which was fine, but we were waiting for them at McD's and eventually sent out a search party ... only to find them waiting at the restart point, happily fed and enjoying themselves.

Hmm, burgers or steaks ... I like the way Jason and Joette approach rallying ...

Mostly clear roads and a star filled sky made some of the speeds a little slow (the event was mileage and checked in snow storms), but the frost heaves, pot holes and twisty bits kept everyone on their toes. That combined with the first ever mobile petting zoo kept us laughing. Seen ON the course, not just alongside it: rabbits, field mice, dogs, a horse, a cow, a dozen wild turkeys and three fighting alpacas. I kid you not - there was more loose livestock than competitors.

Yeah, that was entertaining.

Snow Ice 2005

March 5, 2005

Central New York Region - SCCA
NorthEast Divisional *RoadRally*

Driver	Navigator	Vehicle	CI	OA	IC	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Gary Thomas	Dimi Starostin	91 Eagle Talon	E	1	1	234	1	22	3	3	0	8	19	21	1	0	9
Zachary Klase	Gabriel Olochwoszu	02 Subaru WRX	S	2	1	378	3	23	5	1	16	0	4	18	9	30	2
Jason Woolver	Joette Coffin	02 Subaru WRX	N	3	1	2722	300	300	10	33	39	77	126	19	27	300	300
							12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
							2	35	29	0	36	1	3	37	2	2	
							0	77	84	32	26	13	11	2	9	13	
							4	56	25	216	209	6	66	300	9	300	

Rallymaster: David Lewis

Workers: Eric Hobron, Steve McKelvie, Frank Beyer, Mark Johnson

The Yellow Car

Tom Shaughnessy

QRE Racing had another busy season last year. We started the year off with 2 yellow cars, one for Ryan Hall and one for me. I had the pleasure of testing the new 493 motor in Regional races that is legal this year. Testing took on a whole new meaning. Practice-blow up, Qualifying- meltdown, Race- a combination of the two. We worked out all the demons and then replaced the old 494 motor back in the car.

I started the National Season off at Lime Rock with the pole. Things were looking good and I was leading the race, however the car died. Seems there was a plastic bag in the new fuel cell. That problem took a long time to diagnose, and I thought testing was bad. The next race was Watkins Glen. I ended up in a 3 way battle for the lead with Dave Lapham and Doug Marsh. I was ecstatic to be running with these guys. On the last lap I passed Dave and took the checkered flag. What a race! However, (there is that word again) not everyone finished the race as there was a big wreck on the last lap. You guess it; they went back a lap for the results. I had to give Dave the flag, hat and Champaign. Still it was a great race, an Invader won and I had the fastest race lap so not all was lost.

The second National at Lime Rock was a demolition derby. There were only 7 green flag laps as the fords continued to run into each other at every comer. Two fords tangled at the uphill and one was launched into the trees.

I had a great view of the trees parting and a Formula Ford disappearing. Great stuff as long as you're not in it! I ended up where I started -3rd.

Next came the great flood at Pocono. The entire garage paddock was under water. It was terrible to see street cars as well as race cars with water up to their head lights. The entrance tunnel was completely flooded. Racing was cancelled. However, (here we go again) SCCA decided to send 2 groups out at the end of the day. We raced on a fairly dry track with small lakes in the infield. Going into turn one was similar to water skiing. Each lap was like getting an enema at speed. F- 500's and deep puddles don't mix. I haven't felt that "fresh" in years, so holding on to a 4th place was fine with me. The second day brought beautiful weather. I ended up in another 3 way battle for the lead with Dave Lapham and Jim Shultz. My car was totally hooked up (must have been the power wash the day before) so I tried a bonsai pass in turn one.

There were no puddles so what could go wrong. The car got loose under braking and I hit the tire barrier at the apex. This launched me into the air sideways. Dave went underneath me hoping I wouldn't land on him. Luckily I landed on two wheels, bounced and came down on all four. Quadrini and the guys gave me a 9.5 for technique but marked me down on style points.

Oh well, the end of another great racing season. It had its ups and downs literally, but overall I had a fantastic time.

Highland Forest Sleighride Report

By Bruce Parker

Think of them as two Miata sports cars. Yes, that's exactly what the driver said. He was referring to Max and Prince the 1900 lb. And 1700 lb. Percheron horses pulling about 20 SCCA folks along on the hay covered sleigh thru a forest trail. I know the Miatas would have more horsepower, but they would be a little short on traction. I am afraid a couple of Miatas hooked up to the sleigh would have gone absolutely nowhere. Also, forget about two buck a gallon gas. All Max and Prince needed were a couple of cookies after each trip to keep them happy. The dentist in me looked a little askew of feeding them such sugary snacks all nite long. But I assumed he brushed and flossed their teeth before sending them to bed for the night.

When the club decided to arrange for the winter sleigh ride party last fall, there were only two weekend dates available to reserve at Highland Forrest. We chose Feb 25 and what a choice it turned out to be. The weather was absolutely perfect. No snow falling so the drive to the Fabius area was easy on the dry roads.

A beautiful clear sky, no wind, low humidity, and a full moon that peeked thru the forest pines made it seem like a scene right out of a romance novel. The driver had an endless supply of stories and answered all questions from horses to the theory of relativity. He also pointed out the deer that had bedded down for the night along the trail. They seemed to enjoy their moment in the spotlight as the driver cast his lantern on them, trip after trip, so the passengers had a good view.

Inside the lodge there was food galore. Hot dogs, potato chips, soda, coffee, hot chocolate, potato corn chowder all provided by the club. Members brought lots of great food as well. Brownies, cookies, cupcakes, peanuts, and a couple of different varieties of chili brought by the Zingaro's and Simmons.

My brain tends to compartmentalize so I looked at it as a hot dog with chili on the side. Janet Franklin just astounded me when she made a chili dog. It was one of those "WOW!! Why didn't I think of that" moments.

A large screen was set up and DVDs of The Italian Job (new and original versions), Bullit, and Le Mans were shown. As promised a fire was going in the great stone fireplace. It provided a nice warm up spot when you came inside after a sleighride.

About 45 people attended. John Croasdale and family made it down all the way from the frozen north (Malone? Ogdensburg?..... wherever). Once you go past the Brewerton exit of Rt. 81 it is all the same to me. Sad for a boy born in Watertown, but almost true. I've become a southerner. I think it turned out to be a really nice family event for the club members and guests.

Might there be a repeat next year? Who knows? My focus now shifts to the second annual

CNY-SCCA trip to the Glen Nationals

this summer. I am thinking of **pumpin up the jam**

That could mean camp fires, overnight, and a rally involved. I hope you are reading this Frank and Mark my good rally co- chairmen. Maybe yes,,,,,,,,,,,,,maybe no. Stay tuned.

2005 SOLO II Schedule

May 15th New York State Fairgrounds

June 5th Shoppingtown Mall

June 26th Cherry Valley Cart Track

July 24th New York state Fairgrounds

August 21st Burdick's Driver's Village

September 11th Cherry Valley Enduro

October 9th Shoppingtown Mall

In addition, there will be three out-of-Region points events scheduled: July 17th at the Seneca Army Depot (FRL) is pending site approval.





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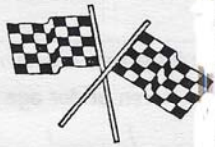
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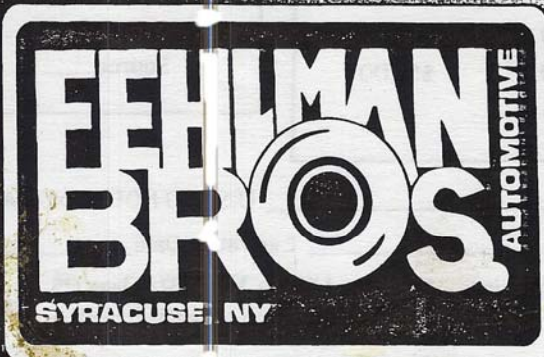
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