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*Some don't have to wait for Spring, but do they ever get to Ice Race?
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Patriotic Pants

Mike Donofrio

April has arrived and it is time to put the off season behind us. The first National in the north east takes place April 8th & 9th at Summit Point. Joe Zingaro will be making his road racing return at this event after taking off all of 2005.

All of our flagging and communication members can finally take their white suits out of the closet. As the racing and track days begin so does the work of the many volunteers that make it all happen. There will also be a flagging and communication school April 9th at the Liverpool Library. Anyone interested in getting involved contact Mike Fuller for more information.

The first Solo of the year is now only one month away. Time will tell if our efforts to attract new participants has paid off. I believe we will see many new faces and consistently see more of the old faces. We have started the year off strong and the best is yet to come.

The club van will be finally treated to some CNY SCCA vinyl graphics before the first Solo. This will now be our rolling billboard complete with the web address, www.cny-scca.com and the Solo II schedule.

There will also be some new chiefs of specialty including the worker chief and tech inspector. Most importantly we have new sponsors along with a new program to make certain they see an equitable return. They support us and I know that we can do the same for them.

With new chiefs, sponsors and graphics also comes a new system of event organization to streamline and simplify events from start to finish. 2006 will bring changes which will be

beneficial to participants and workers alike. Any suggestions or compliments are always appreciated and should be directed to the Solo Chair Mark Bizzozero.

The *May general membership meeting* will be at *Barbagallo's at 6344 East Molloy Rd.* They will have food and drinks available, and no 9 o'clock curfew. This most likely will become the new home of the general membership meeting. The April meeting will still be at the American Legion.

Those who attended the Motorsports Expo at the NYS Fairgrounds already know the impact the CNY SCCA made on the event. If the two cars in our display did not attract attention then our club mascot certainly did. The mascot, a.k.a. your club treasurer, Jay Cartini, came dressed for the event wearing pants that closely resembled an American Flag. Pictures do not even do this sight justice. Jay believed these pants would draw attention to the display. I believe they may have been drawing the wrong kind of attention.

Nonetheless it was another successful weekend of club promotion. We talked with plenty of people, and may see some new faces at both Solo's and Club Races. So maybe Jay was right and the pants do work! My only concern is that this may not be the last sight of these pants. So if you see a guy driving a go-kart draped in an American Flag, don't laugh. Instead take the time to ask yourself, not what this club can do for you, but rather what you can do for this club. I am sure Jay would be glad to tell you!

**CNY General Membership Meeting Held on March 8, 2006 at the American Legion Post in
Liverpool, NY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by CNYR Regional Executive **Michael Donofrio**. Calmed the crowd of zealous auto enthusiasts with a sharp drop of the gavel, and brought focus to the rowdy bunch. Michael spoke of the possibilities of exploring other options on meeting venues where CNYR members could grab a bite to eat, and socialize longer after the meeting. He also voiced that the region is currently accepting ideas, proposals, thoughts, freebies on any potential meeting venues. Mike also asked who was interested in volunteering at our booth in the upcoming Motorsports Expo at the NY State Fairgrounds on March 10th, 11th & 12th. Thousands stepped up to volunteer, and Mike selected only the finest representatives.....and treasurer, Jay Cartini.

Assistant Regional Executive: Anthony Donofrio,.....followed tradition and “had nothing to report at this time”

Treasurer: Jay “Uncle Sam” Cartini - Jay reiterated that he had recently forwarded bills to “Snarling” advertisers and Solo II sponsors. He went on to explain that many CNYR sponsors are back and board for 2006 and we have even obtained some new advertising partners. The prestigious list includes: The Corvette Barn, Donofrio’s Body Shop, Murphy’s Automotive Repair, Sterling Financial, Powder Plus, Sharley Fabrication, Rolling Chassis, Victory Karts, and Fehlman Bros. Automotive.

Secretary: Joe Zingaro - Joe asked that the minutes be accepted as printed in the previous Snarling, and after great debate the minutes were reluctantly accepted, although

there were still whisperings of “how they used to like it when the former secretary used to just make stuff up”.

Activities Chair: Bruce Parker was not in attendance, therefore, according to Region Bylaws must give up one of his personal automobiles for the use and benefit of the other executive committee members.

Solo II: Mark Bizzozero brought hope to many region members when he announced that due to some administrative changes, there may be a small glimmer of hope of a possible event again at Griffis Air Force Base?

Editor/Webmaster: Joe Kramer was not in attendance, no doubt busy coordinating our CNY Region television package to telecast our Solo II series.

Flagging and Communications: Mike Fuller made note of some new race workers in attendance at the meeting and further announced that anyone interested in working SCCA races should attend the flagging school being held March 3. Please contact him if you are interested in flagging at any events. Mike also sadly noted the recent passing of Jeff Davies, a CNY Region member who created the region’s distinctive logo. The region and its member’s sincere sympathy goes out to the Davies family and friends.

Competition/Merchandise: Joe Zingaro announced he will be passing the merchandise torch to the Murphy family and Solo II rulebooks will arrive shortly. On the competition front, many CNY roadracers are preparing to tackle the northeast tracks once

the snow melts including some in attendance at the meeting, **Mike and Anthony “ Team Donofrio”** and **Tim Murphy** will be heading to the New Hampshire Regional in their respective Spec Miatas. While **Joe Zingaro** in his Nissan and **Dave Kicak** in **Jerry Donor’s** F-Prod midget will be headed to the Summit Point NEDIV National on April 8th. It was also noted that **Mike Gould** would again be campaigning a ‘98 Van Diemen in Formula Continental in the upcoming season

Old Business: None

New Business: Excitement erupted with the announcement that the region “van” would

soon be “pimped out” with new vinyl graphics offering further exposure for the region. Under the direction of regional fashion expert **Jay “Uncle Sam” Cartini** the van will no doubt be not only distastefully bright, but gaudylicious as well. Luckily... regional executive Michael Donofrio stepped in and filed a restraining order whereby Mr. Cartini is not allowed within 10 feet of the beloved van.

The meeting was adjourned somewhere around 8:15 ish.

Submitted, **Joe Zingaro**
CNYR Secretary



Team Zingaro contemplate the new Nissan they'll campaign for the 2006 season

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