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The RE Korner by Joe Kramer

Spring has sprung! Grass is ris'. It's time to put the finishing touches on those race and autocross cars for the new season.

Speaking of autocross, Mark Bizzozero has finalized the Solo II schedule for this 2005 season. The first event is May 15th at the fairgrounds. He's included 3 out of region events to give our members a chance to get a taste of how other programs run things while earning points toward our regional championship. And there are some pretty fast folks over in FLR, WNY and the Glen, just waiting to help us all find out how fast we really are. The FLR event is at the old Seneca Army Depot, a new venue for them.

For those who haven't heard, there is some sad news. Bob Van Norstrand, a long-time member of CNY region, passed away recently. He was one of the earliest members of the region and a former Regional Executive, among other things. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob's family.

In the wonderful world of Road Racing, there is a regional at Lime Rock on May 7 and 8, one at Pocono May 14 and 15, and another at Lime Rock on Memorial Day weekend.

We've taken the initiative to start a CNY regional email list. In this age of computers, this is a good way to keep at least some of the membership informed of developments in a timely manner. All members who included their email address in the membership information they sent to National were included in the initial mailing. But some of the email addresses bounced and we don't have email information for some of our members. Rest assured that this list will be used exclusively to distribute SCCA related information to our members. Membership in the list is voluntary. Just email us anytime to be taken off the list.

Now I'd like to get on the soap box for a bit... I'd like to say a few words about volunteers. We have close to 200 members in the region. But except for the names listed inside the cover of the Snarling and a handful more of dedicated volunteers who always seem to be there when their help is needed, we don't seem to have much involvement in the region's organization. I know that this is true of volunteer organizations in general. But we have some jobs that may take only an hour or 2 per month. If we could distribute these to more than that aforementioned handful of folks, it would make things a little easier. Try it, you just might like it!

Well, that's all I have for this month. So until next time, keep the rubber side down...

CNY General Membership Meeting held on April 13, 2005 at the American Legion Post in Liverpool NY.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by CNYR Director **Joe Kramer**. He had received a message from the recuperating, **Sonya Snyder**. She is recovering nicely and is looking forward to manning the registration table at this years autocross events.

Assistant R/E: **Mike Donofrio** went out and purchased 2 pop up canopy's for the Solo II events, but unbeknownst to him, **Joe Kramer** had done the same. This sent **Mike** into an intense pouting session that lasted the remainder of the meeting. He also added that he hopes to have his car up and running before the 1st autocross. Other than that, he had nothing to report.

Secretary: **I**, motioned that the minutes as printed in the Snarling be accepted. Other than one no vote (from **Rex**) they were accepted.

Competition/Merchandise: **Joe Zingaro** reported that the Solo II rule books were in and the cost would be \$20.00. The cost to the region is \$18.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping and handling leaving a whopping profit of \$1.00 per book for the region. Where will we spend it? He is looking forward to the upcoming season, but his car is not quite as ready as he needs it to be. He mentioned he has purchased a go kart and will be competing in the Solo II program this year.....all I can say is "bring it on".

Solo II: **Mark Bizzozero** mentioned that the complete schedule was in the last Snarling and he has added 3 out of region events to the website. The next Solo II meeting will be at **Rex's** house and will consist of a meeting and van cleaning and organizing party.....woo woo, can you feel the excitement building.

Activities: **Bruce Parker** discussed a road trip to Watkins Glen for the Nationals (?). It might include a road rally on the way down and perhaps an overnight. (Bruce seems to be hell bent on sleeping in a tent for some reason, and let's not forget dinner at Mr. Chicken.)

Treasurer: **Frank Beyer** reported that we still have checks, but the fund balance is dwindling rapidly. His solution, it's time to start having events. Brilliant. On the rally front, rally co-chair, **Mark Johnson**, will be moving out of the area at the end of the summer, so there will be an opening to fill his shoes. If anyone is interested contact Frank directly.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The old saying, "borrower beware", is very true, especially when dealing with **Rex Franklin**. It appears that he enjoys loaning out his car trailer. This would be a fine and noble thing, except for the fact that he removes the license plate, and then sits in his garage, giggling, and waiting for the phone call. Needless to say, an interesting conversation with a law enforcement officer will occur, as well as a variety of traffic tickets, and an overall unpleasant experience. Just be on guard is all I'm saying.

Joe is going to try to track down **John Sheridan, District 10 Area Director**, to see if he could come and pay us a visit at one of the upcoming monthly meetings.

Next month, **Karl Hughes** will be attending the Hershey Hill Climb. Anyone needing more information or interested in attending should contact him directly.

Before the 50/50 raffle was drawn **Bruce Parker** found it necessary to attack **Conner Hughes** and make the poor kid run off crying. Meanie. **I**, won the \$14.00 50/50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

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

Fuel for Thought !!!

Sonya Snyder

Recently I had an opportunity to spend some time in a rehab institution while recovering from an operation. I have been convinced it is how you attack such a situation that makes the internment there a good or bad experience.

I spent much of my time getting to know my fellow rehabbers and spent my hours exploring the 4 floors of the facility in which I was to call home for some three weeks. This is what I did.

While waiting my turn to walk the oval track in physical therapy, I would study the people around me and try to figure out what kind of car they drove. I could have sworn this one guy was a BMW or a Mercedes, but no he was an Oldsmobile. Again my snobbishness regarding my idea of what a car is or supposed to be kicked in and I did not speak to him again.

Then there was the son who faithfully came to visit his mother and looked like a stock car racer. After a few encounters with him near the library, I blurted out "Do you race cars?" Wrong again; so I gave up.

However I pointed out to the activities director that if they set up pylons in the halls we could have a wheelchair solo 11 event. I would have supplied the checkered flags. Before they took the wheelchair away from me I had some wild rides due to over enthusiastic pushers and I would shout to those health care workers occupying my imaginary racetrack, who did not pay attention to, "Clear the way a Corvette coming through."



I am not supposed to drive yet. However someone can drive me to the doctors, to a religious service, or to get my hair done. I had a doctor's appointment and I called a neighbor to ask for a ride. She came and got me and during our ride, she mentioned she was 84. You know I just don't pay attention enough. I just smiled and was so glad to have her taking care of me and thankful she was up to it and by the way drove very well.

Thanks CNY Region for the flowers and good wishes. All of that helped me to keep my focus and my spirit racing.

More: My PT person who visited me three times a week and would not allow me to sit still. "Move that body", was her battle cry and one day she decided to take me outside and walk me around the neighborhood. Well we had to pass her car in the driveway and it was straight out of the movie TRON. "What the heck is that I asked?" It turned out to be a hybrid Toyota. Hmm, I thought I gotta ride shotgun in that baby and I did. Wow it was fun. The car is really roomy inside, there is a big button you push and it starts up without a key or sound, smooth ride, she has a computer on the dash and can locate her clients and a map comes up showing her the way. Awesome and more! The speedometer is digital and is not on the dash but just under the front window in front of the driver. Best part: it is a fast little devil and comers tight and I know would Solo just wonderfully well.

- See you at registration.

WAIVER WORKER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Show up on time for your Shift! The person you are relieving may be running in the next group.
2. When people pull up to the gate that need to sign waivers, pull them over to the side so the gate is not blocked and other cars may come and go. This is especially important when people are filling out minor waivers or have a lot of people in the car who need to sign.
3. Be sure to use both sides of the waiver forms
4. It is your responsibility to fill in the Description/Location and date on the top line of both sides of each sheet and sign and print your name and the date at the bottom of both sides of each sheet because you are the person witnessing the signatures.
5. The waiver must be signed by each person receiving a wristband even if they have previously signed and want a replacement.
6. Tell people that the band should be worn on the upper half of the body and be visible from the front.
7. Minor Waivers - One form #M2-2 to be used for all "minors"
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 1. Minor drivers, passengers, course workers (and any other minor) whose official capacity requires him/her to enter a "hot" area, MUST be signed by BOTH parents/legal guardians. "Hot" areas may be defined by the region (in compliance with the applicable SCCA event rules) but must include at a minimum, the course and grid/staging areas. Other minors may be admitted on a per event basis with a waiver signed by one parent/guardian. It is highly recommended that both parents/guardians sign.

2. Minor waiver forms may be given out to be executed by the parents/legal guardians away from the event. However, they must be "received" and signed for on the waiver form by an adult SCCA member at an event as part of the registration process. A region may, at its option, require the parents to sign the waiver in the presence of an event official or have the form be notarized.

3. Do not have minors sign the adult waiver at an event.

4. Miscellaneous Information

a) The legal status of a minor's guardians or parents should be verified. If a parent/legal guardian claims to have sole custody or legal guardianship status, then verification should be received before allowing the guardian/parent to execute an annual/multi-event waiver. Such verification might include court papers or, at a minimum, a simple written statement from the parent/legal guardian. It is not acceptable to have anyone other than the minor's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) execute any waiver on behalf of the minor.

b) "Minors" are defined in almost all states as anyone under 18. A few states may impose a higher age limit. Check with the Risk Management Department or your states' authorities if you are in doubt.

c) Each region MUST implement an effective waiver retention system. Adult waivers must be retained a minimum of four years. Minor waivers must be retained until one year AFTER the minor reaches the age of majority. Do NOT send annual minor waivers to the National office.

NATIONALS ONLY

8. Sign in for your shift at the information tent to make sure that you receive credit for working.

9. All materials should be placed in the guard shack at night to protect them from weather and have them available for the morning shift.

10. MTAA and FAA personnel need not sign if they show you a FAA or MTAA ID card.

TIPS FROM THE CONE ZONE

A series of tips from the more successful Solo II drivers for the less experienced drivers and newbies. Joe Mazurkiewicz graciously agreed to be interviewed.

Name: Joe Mazurkiewicz

Car make/year/class: Silver 1997 Honda Prelude/ STS

What do you love about your autocross ride? It has over 100,000 miles on it! Also Joe likes the idea of competing in a car which is not too common in this particular class.

Drive it on street? Daily driver? He drives the Prelude in the Summer. In the Winter, he drives a 2000 Jeep.

Favorite fan: His wife Tanya. They are newlyweds, just married on February 1, 2005!

Membership: Joe has been a member of the SCCA and CNY Club for one year.

Years auto crossing: Two years

Number of Solo II events last year: Six

Other hobbies: Joe enjoys playing golf.

What do you do in off season? Mostly works and shovels snow.

One thing about you that might surprise other club members? Joe's occupation is conducting investigations on people.

Most important tip to newbies? Talk to other competitors, especially those who drive your type car or who are in your class.

Prerace habit/ritual/ superstition? Joe always makes sure that his seat belt is tight and the air conditioning is off.

Prerace breakfast? He has a McDonald's bacon, egg and cheese biscuit. Joe claims that he only has these on race days because otherwise he's never gets up that early!



Most important thing regarding walking course? Walks the course at least twice while mentally preparing a plan of attack (where to brake, turn, etc.)

Between runs? Joe tries not to tinker with the car between runs. He focuses on changing the driver rather than changing the car.

How do you practice between autocrosses? Safe driving on the street. Joe also admits to playing Gran Turismo 3 on Playstation 2 occasionally.

Left Foot Braker? No but he may try it this season.

What do you focus on/think about right before you start a run? Not bog the car on launch! He revs it to 6000rpm and engages the clutch.

What do you focus on /think about right after you finish a run? Joe's immediate thoughts are what's my time and how many cones did I hit.

Anything different in driving on wet course? He feels he does better on a wet course. He likes his four wheel ABS brakes.

What aspect of your driving are you focusing on for improvement this year? Joe would like to do more Solo II events this year. He also would like to try his hand at an open track day event.

Favorite professional auto racing? Joe is a fan of both Indy and Champ car racing. He has no specific favorite driver.

Dream ride: Black 1999 Porsche 911 twin turbo

Thanks to Joe for passing on the tips.

Until next time... Keep the pointy side up.

George Nagle

2005 SOLO II Schedule



May 15th New York State Fairgrounds

June 5th Shoppingtown Mall

June 26th Cherry Valley Cart Track

July 17th Seneca Army Depot (FLR OOR)

July 24th New York state Fairgrounds



August 21st Burdick's Driver's Village

August 28th Erie Community College (WNY OOR)

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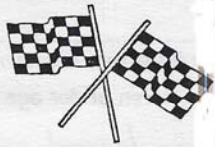
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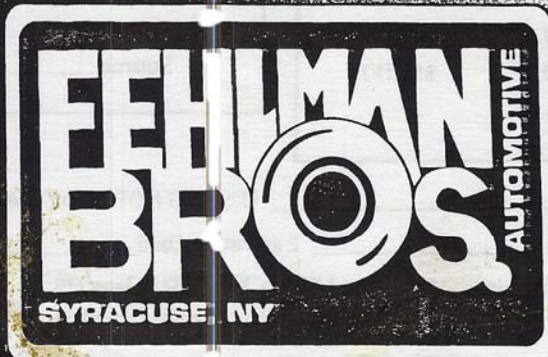
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