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**Membership Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 PM**  
American Legion, Liverpool

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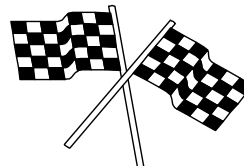


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Two laps of Cherry Valley with Scott Newton's FMod F440

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUVLTcr0qSU>

A lap of Laguna Seca in an F500

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Rallycross action at Walczyk's: Brendon Raymondi at full-lock – Evan Haas photo

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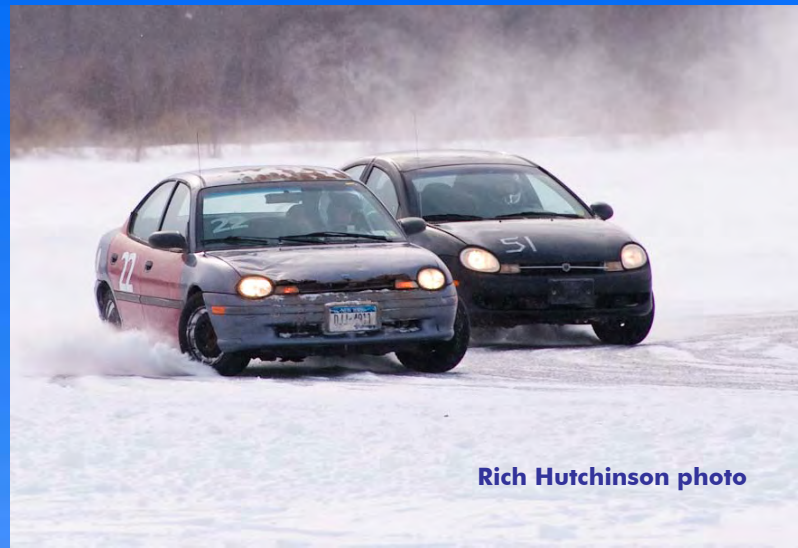
The most recent issue of "Solo Matters" included an interesting article about the declining participation in Stock classes. This was interesting to me, in part because I wasn't aware the numbers were declining. Perhaps this is because I haven't run in stock classes much, and at this point don't intend to.

Here's the article by Heyward Wagner: <http://solomatters.wordpress.com/2011/05/06/declining-stock/>

I was intrigued to read that one of the reasons the experienced Solo competitors cited is what has kept me out of stock classes – the high cost of entry. Even econo-class cars cost a fair amount of money to buy new, never mind sporty rides. If I were going to own one vehicle, and use it as a daily driver and occasional autocrosser, I suppose this would not be a barrier. But, I choose to own several different vehicles, so I'm unwilling to tie up a bunch of cash in a single car. Historically, my tow vehicles have tended to cost more than the race cars. Hmm.

Another aspect they mention is the perception that to be competitive nationally (in addition to being a talented driver, I suppose) you need to keep changing cars every season or two to have "the car" for the class. One of the best ways to divest yourself of loads of cash is to keep buying new cars every year or two, and I'm just talking about instant depreciation here, not operating costs or wear and tear.

My perception has long been that being competitive on a national level in Stock classes is a game for wealthy people, and that classes with higher levels of preparation offer comparatively more stable classing (which means you can invest in a car and expect it to



Rich Hutchinson photo

be competitive for many seasons to come.) Add to that my interest in the tinkering side of things, and a preference for higher performance than stock cars usually offer, and you can see why I rarely take the wheel of an unmolested car. Doesn't mean they aren't fun, but that's not where I've opted to play.

Which brings me to the (apparent) conclusion of my quest to figure out what the next autocross car would be for me.

All the feedback I got from fellow autocrossers was interesting and valuable, and boiled down to a few choices: FMod got a lot of attention, due to relatively high performance for low-ish cost. This season there are a whole bunch of people running in this class in central and western NY. Miatas, at every level of preparation, are a very popular option. They're competitive in most every class you can run them, and the older ones are downright cheap to buy. Karts also get the nod for high performance at a relatively low cost.

As always, it ended up boiling down to what came up for the right price. Shifter kart, bought from a friend who has retired from the sport. Stay tuned...

Be seeing you,  
-Karl



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# ***Asst. R.E. Report***

*From the Assistant R.E., Ed Leubner*

**Wow! It's less than a week until the first Solo event with a test and tune the following week. The season is shifting into high gear. Since the weather has not really cooperated and turned warm and dry, it has been difficult to psyche ones self up for spending hours in a cold garage, so my to-do list is still not complete. I've made a good dent – but, there is still more. I'm sure I'm not the only one. Now it's a full blown scramble to get all those things done in time for the start of competition.**

**This past month's meeting (after a short delay to get in the building) turned out to be very well attended. I believe it was the largest number of members I've seen since I started attending. A great turn out! Come join in and see what you are missing.**

**For our May meeting, Area 10 Director, John Walsh is scheduled to attend and give us an update, along with answering any questions on the state of the SCCA. Come out and meet John and bring your questions.**

**Well, back to the garage....**

**Ed Leubner**



***Editor's note: Ed informed me that John Walsh had something come up and will not be able to attend the May meeting.***



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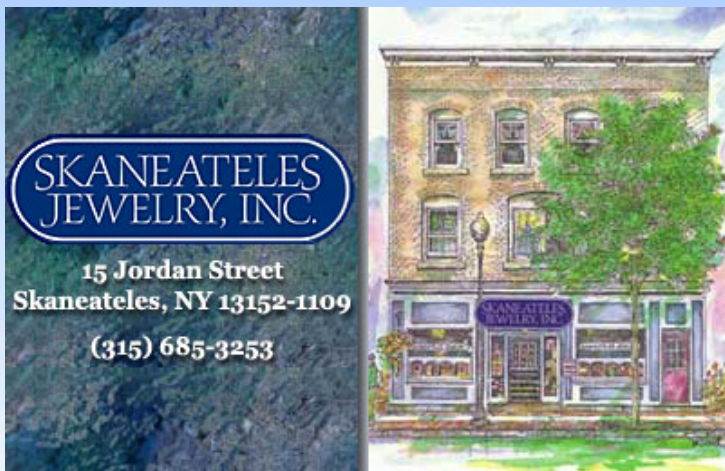
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- May 11 Membership meeting  
May 15 Rallycross – Rolling Wheels  
May 22 Solo – NYS Fairgrounds  
Jun. 3 Relay for Life Charity (TSD) Rally – Wellsboro PA  
Jun. 3-4 Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally – Wellsboro PA  
Jun. 5 Solo – Cherry Valley  
Jun. 8 Membership meeting  
Jun. 11-12 Spring Weatherly Hillclimb – NEPA (Weatherly PA)  
Jun. 18 Rallycross – Walczyk's Farm (night event)  
Jun. 25-26 Pagoda Hillclimb – BMR (Reading PA)  
Jul. 9-10 National Club Race – FLR (Watkins Glen)  
Jul. 10 Rallycross  
Jul. 23-24 Solo (Seneca Grand Prix) – Seneca Army Depot  
Jul. 30-31 Solo (NEDivs) – Seneca Army Depot

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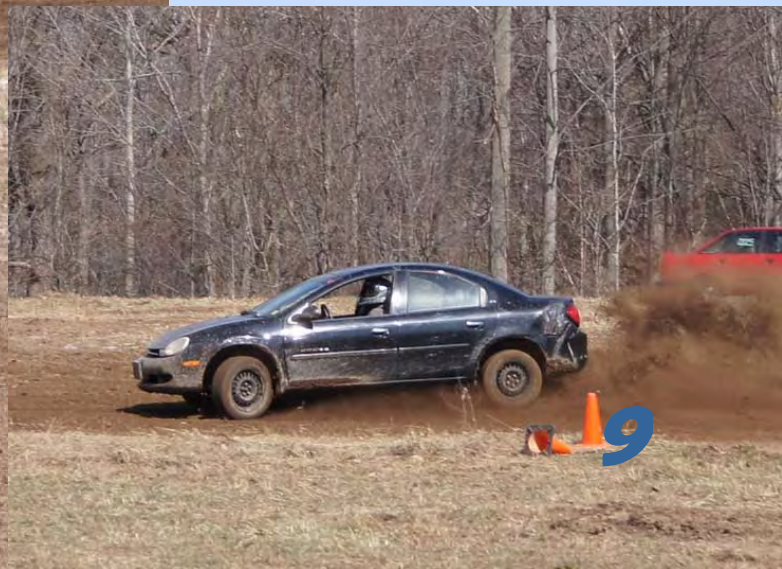


# Rallycross Photos Galore

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Photos from the March 20  
rallycross at walczyk's:

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No limit to the number of people in each car. **Limited to the first 50 paid entries.**

### SCHEDULE:

Registration:..... 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Class for newcomers..... 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM  
Mandatory Drivers meeting..... 1:00 PM– 1:30 PM  
First Car Start ..... 2:00 PM  
First Car finish..... about 5:00 PM

Registration at Tioga County Fairgrounds.  
Scoring and awards following event.

### FEES:

Pre-registered (postmarked by May 25) \$40/car.  
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# Membership Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Bob Holcomb

## CNYR General Membership Meeting Minutes: April 13, 2011 at the American Legion in Liverpool, NY

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by ASST. R.E. Ed Leubner at 7:17 p.m.

### **R.E. REPORT:**

Mike Donofrio was absent due to a family commitment, so no R.E. Report was given.

### **ASST. R.E. REPORT:**

Ed Leubner asked if there was interest in asking new Area 10 Gov. John Walsh to come to an upcoming meeting and speak to/with us?

Everyone seemed to agree it would be a good idea, so Ed will contact John to check his schedule for attending a future meeting.

### **SECRETARY REPORT:**

Bob Holcomb made a motion requesting that the meeting minutes for March be approved as they appeared in the latest Snarling Exhaust.

Lee Hidy seconded, motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Jay Cartini said that we are still waiting for payment from some Snarling advertisers and SOLO sponsors, other than that we were current.

### **SOLO REPORT:**

Mark Bizzozero reported that we have a complete SOLO schedule for 2011 which is:

Sunday, 5/1 Cherry Valley

Sunday, 5/22 New York State Fairgrounds

Sunday, 6/5 Cherry Valley

Saturday and Sunday, 7/23 and 7/24 Seneca Army Depot (2 days, discount for 2nd day if run 1st day)

Saturday 8/13 Cherry Valley (one day, two events, morning and afternoon)

Sunday, 9/25 New York State Fairgrounds

Sunday, 10/9 Cherry Valley (enduro)

Mark noted that the previously unknown availability of the New York State Fairgrounds has been resolved, with the Fairgrounds determining that we are a not for profit corporation and do qualify for a discount from the normal \$1,750 cost to rent the parking lot.

However that still means that the cost to the region has roughly tripled to about \$1,250 which means that full fields will be needed to break even, much less make a profit.

### **ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

Rob Sgarlata asked Jay Cartini if he had booked Cherry Valley for Wed., June 8th so that we could hold our monthly meeting there after having a fun session of running go-karts?

Jay verified the date during the meeting via conference call and baring inclement weather, the meeting will be held there.

A suggested time of 5pm to 6pm to start the karting was suggested and will be finalized at our May meeting.

A suggested rain date of one week later was made.

### **RALLY CROSS REPORT:**

Jim Quattro said that it is too expensive to run a second event at Rolling Wheels Raceway Park in Elbridge after holding our first event there earlier.

Rolling Wheels requires the region to clean and repair damage to turf, etc., after an event and Jim said the

time and expense of re-seeding and cleaning up after our first event was too much for the region to consider future events there.

The Walczyk Farm near Weedsport will be used for our May event.

Jim has been in contact with Corey Reed from Brewerton Speedway and it may show promise as a venue for future events.

With Brewerton and Fulton under the same management, the possibility of Fulton also comes into play.

Jim said he will try for an early summer date at Brewerton.

RALLY AMERICA is holding a Super Special Stage Rally at the Tioga County Fair Grounds in Woodenville, PA and have invited CNYR Rally Cross to be the "opening act" for their event on June 3rd and 4th. Jim said he is limiting entries to 80.

As a side comment, the new venues for Brewerton were discussed.

Ground breaking is scheduled for June 1st.

The new venue will include a "clean dirt" oval and a 1.6 mile paved road course.

There have been talks with some racing schools about holding events there along with a drive-ride program such as exists at the Calabogie track in Ontario.

#### **F&C REPORT:**

Mick Levy reported that the Green Grand Prix will be held on Friday, April 15th at Watkins Glen.

Also the annual opening day weekend for Thunder Road Tours has been moved up to Sat. & Sun. April 16th & 17th.

Many car clubs now attend and for \$25 you get 3 laps behind the pace vehicle.

In recent years, attendance for this event has run between 700 and 900 cars, with portions of the fee going to charity.

Chris Forte reported on his March attendance at the Sebring 12 Hours, where he worked his usual Turn 10 station.

During the course of the race a prototype stopped at his station with the engine compartment fully on fire.

Video has been on You Tube.

Chris was helping remove the engine cover after the initial fire was extinguished when a blast of hot air blew up his sleeve.

To be safe they transported Chris to race medical, along with the prototype driver for a quick checkup.

Chris reported that riding in the Porsche SUV being driven rather briskly by the doctor back to race medical was a fun ride, with the doctor admitting he was previously guilty of exceeding the pit road speedlimit by approx. 50mph.

Chris, by the way, was fine, and returned to station with a wide grin after his ride.

He also said that Baltimore, MD will have an ALMS race over Labor Day weekend and if anyone is interest in working it to contact him at: [cmf5150@gmail.com](mailto:cmf5150@gmail.com).

Mick Levy said he has a contact for the Formula One race in Texas (tentative 2012?).

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Andrew Beyer was missing, but it can be reported that Bob and Nancy Holcomb received their 5 year pins from National for their anniversary date of March 31st.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**50-50 RAFFLE:**

**Won by Nancy Holcomb for \$10.**

**YES, folks, there WAS a woman at the meeting and SHE took home the CASH!**

**Lee Hidy made a motion to adjourn.**

**Karl Hughes seconded.**

**Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

**Submitted by Bob Holcomb, secretary.**



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There are over 110 local regions of the SCCA – from Guam to Hawaii and up to Alaska...down to Florida and up to Maine – which means there is a pocket of SCCA activity near you. You'll be involved in events close to home or you can make a weekend of it with other motorsports enthusiasts like you. SCCA is like no other motorsports organization. Why? Because you're involved – you can compete, organize, and participate at any SCCA event at any level you choose.

### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBER: \$80.**

- Compete and participate in all SCCA events.
- Hold competition and Volunteer license.
- Vote in SCCA elections and serve on committees.
- Includes annual subscription to SportsCar®, the SCCA official monthly magazine.
- Two SCCA decals for your car.
- Includes Participant Accident insurance while participating in SCCA activities.
- Merchandise discounts.

### **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$100**

- Husband/wife and children under age 21.
- All family members have full rights and privileges of an Individual member.
- Share a subscription to SportsCar.

### **FIRST GEAR - \$45**

- 24 years old and under.
- Full privileges of an Individual member.

### **MILITARY MEMBERSHIP: \$50**

- Full time active duty military personnel.
- Full privileges of an Individual member.
- Spouse and children do not receive reduced fees.
- Must include a statement from your unit commander or a copy of your military ID card each year.

**SCCA's Weekend Membership Program:** A \$15 discount can be used towards your first year's dues by using your weekend membership number. The maximum amount that may be applied is \$30 and expires in 60 days (date on receipt).

**SCCA's Membership Referral Program** is an incentive for SCCA members to refer new members. By providing the name of the SCCA member who sparked your interest, you are granted a \$15 discount and your SCCA friend will receive a credit on their membership renewal.

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