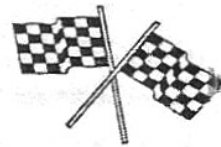


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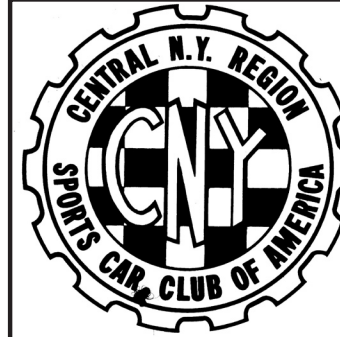


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Results for Solo II June 26th, 2005 Cherry Valley Go Cart Track

Rank	Class	Car Num	Driver	Car	Region	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Best Run	OA Rank	PAX Time	PAX Rank
1T	AS	113	Belge, Brenden	04 Subaru STI		60.419	57.659	56.716	56.609	56.609	6	46.872	8
2T	AS	13	Sidoni, Joe	04 Subaru STI		61.565	59.067	57.877	OC	57.877	10	47.922	16
3	AS	7	Welch, James	2003 S2000		58.705	58.251	70.554	58.192	58.192	13	48.183	19
4	AS	8	Welch, Tom	2003 S2000		59.682	59.177	59.164	58.559	58.559	17	48.487	20
1T	BS	87	Murphy, Tim (Jr)	05 Miata		57.829	57.960	58.142	58.014	57.829	8	47.478	12
2	BS	7	Murphy, Timothy (Sr)	05 Miata		58.501	58.757	58.417	58.714	58.417	15	47.960	17
1T	DS	94	Nagle, George	02 Subaru WRX	CNY	59.868	OC	59.407	59.924	59.407	21	47.288	11
2	DS	68	Izyk, John	03 WRX	CNY	60.956	60.160	60.210	61.487	60.160	28	47.887	15
3	DS	22	Tysco, Justin	04 BMW 325i		64.341	62.754	64.887	62.486	62.486	42	49.739	33
1T	ES	92	Stehlik, David	92 Mazda Miata	CNY	60.946	60.331	59.740	60.012	59.740	25	48.150	18
2T	ES	31	Rourke, Fred	82 RX-7	CNY	61.013	61.141	60.545	60.837	60.545	30	48.799	25
3	ES	13	Rourke, Steve	82 Mazda RX-7		62.437	61.301	61.610	61.362	61.301	35	49.409	29
4	ES	44	Steele, Bruce	82 Fiat X-19		OC	65.875	65.674	64.544	64.544	49	52.022	45
1T	GS	212	Farr, Jason	02 Civic Si		59.890	60.712	60.997	60.647	59.890	26	46.834	7
2	GS	89	Yardley, Joseph	96 Camaro		61.204	60.962	61.435	61.246	60.962	33	47.672	13
1T	HS	711	Bizzozero, Mark	04 Mini	CNY	59.920	60.433	60.946	60.452	59.920	27	46.558	6
1T	CSP	85	Donofrio, Anthony	04 Neon SRT-4	CNY	56.109	55.918	55.198	55.021	55.021	3	46.108	1
2	CSP	83	Donofrio, Mike	92 Miata	CNY	56.132	56.931	56.556	56.167	56.132	5	47.039	10
1T	ESP	88	Stojkowski, Ted	88 Mustang		60.620	59.870	59.731	60.748	59.731	24	49.338	27
2	ESP	50	Angiolillo, Lucio	95 Mustang		67.927	65.354	64.274	63.110	63.110	45	52.129	46
1T	STS	43	Sager, John F.	95 Neon		60.979	58.778	57.853	59.035	57.853	9	46.225	2
2T	STS	168	Hirschey, Peter	00 Impreza RS2.5	CNY	58.847	58.858	58.139	58.456	58.139	12	46.453	5
3	STS	74	Redmond, Garrett	99 Eclipse	CNY	61.359	60.960	60.744	DNS	60.744	31	48.534	22
4	STS	143	Sager, John	95 Neon		62.502	61.423	60.946	61.246	60.946	32	48.696	24
5	STS	99	Conroy, Luke	95 Integra		62.560	62.488	DNS	DNS	62.488	43	49.928	35
6	STS	42	Dinu, Christopher	04 Impreza WRX		81.196	64.868	64.429	66.802	64.429	48	51.479	43
1T	STX	25	King, Benjamin	03 Subaru WRX		61.164	59.972	59.702	59.896	59.702	23	47.881	14
2	STX	67	Wilcox, Chad	02 Mustang		63.711	63.082	62.567	63.429	62.567	44	50.179	37
1T	SM	79	Gravius, Mark	85 Camaro	CNY	57.006	56.479	55.821	55.736	55.736	4	46.930	9
2T	SM	11	Coffin, Jon	94 Civic	CNY	78.020	59.421	58.615	58.725	58.615	18	49.354	28
3	SM	11	Fiesinger, Scott	04 Audi A4		60.427	59.039	59.085	60.963	59.039	19	49.711	31
4	SM	112	Evans, Tommy	94 Civic		60.693	59.872	59.063	DNS	59.063	20	49.731	32
5	SM	87	Pagano, Mark	92 Civic		60.818	60.057	59.526	60.389	59.526	22	50.121	36
6	SM	56	Mowers, Matt	92 Integra		64.062	63.736	OC	DNS	63.736	47	53.666	48
1T	SM2	16	Grover, Paul	88 MR2 SC	CNY	59.049	59.085	58.256	58.751	58.256	14	49.634	30
1T	AP	37	Gallinger, Art	88 Pontiac Fiero GT	CNY	60.813	OC	61.182	60.470	60.470	29	52.307	47
1T	DM	7	Sawyer, Leo	89 H&S Sabre 7		67.109	OC	58.864	57.480	57.480	7	50.525	41
1T	EM	22	Franklin, Rex	62 MG Midget	CNY	53.523	52.223	52.428	52.534	52.223	1	46.270	3
2	EM	61	Ticonchuk, Mike	75 Porsche		52.423	OC	52.987	52.326	52.326	2	46.361	4
3	EM	122	Franklin, Tammy	62 MG Midget	CNY	60.784	60.531	59.352	58.468	58.468	16	51.803	44
1T	F125	11	Cartini, Jay	Cart	CNY	59.531	57.934	OC	58.326	57.934	11	54.400	49
2	F125	1	Zingaro, Joseph	Cart	CNY	OC	66.383	66.454	DNS	66.383	50	62.334	51
1T	GSN	69	Poniros, George	03 Altima		62.035	62.132	62.156	63.721	62.035	38	48.511	21
2T	GSN	25	Camerota, Eugene	04 Civic SI		64.946	63.927	62.865	62.175	62.175	39	48.621	23
3T	STSN	60	Andrews, Fred	98 Legacy GT		62.001	61.529	62.214	62.241	61.529	36	49.162	26
4	CSN	36	Reiser, Karl	01 Miata MX-5	CNY	64.569	66.673	64.990	61.582	61.582	37	49.881	34
5	ESN	8	Newton, Scott	87 Porsche		62.876	62.545	64.043	62.274	62.274	40	50.193	38
6	FSN	13	Anthony, Lisa	04 Mustang		OC	63.600	62.828	62.454	62.454	41	50.275	39
7	ESPN	74	Wysokowski, Chris	90 300ZX		61.069	61.146	61.880	62.295	61.069	34	50.443	40
8	ESN	4	Steele, Nathaniel	82 Fiat X19		OC	66.566	63.594	63.958	63.594	46	51.257	42
9	STSN	24	Miller, Torey	97 Civic		75.221	71.036	69.359	DNS	69.359	51	55.418	50



The Assistant RE Corner by Mike Donofrio

Welcome to my reign of power. Joe was admittedly so scared of having Anthony and I in the same class as him that he fled the country. Rumor has it that he is working on some top secret satellite in Jordan. It's main purpose being to cause gross inaccuracies in our timing equipment during each of my runs.

In all seriousness Joe is in Jordan doing whatever it is he does. Which he must be pretty good at considering the frequency of which he is in the paper as the new Lockheed poster boy. He is anticipated to return towards the end of July or sooner if I promise him I will switch from CSP to DSP!

We have had two good SOLO events this past month, both being at Cherry Valley. The June 5th event brought more than 60 drivers and the 26th had an even 50. The first event began with overcast sky's but progressed to a clear sunny day. Highlights of the day included the return of Lee Hidy and the new sprint car. Lets not forget about Anthony driving my car into a tree. The Styrofoam seemed to be a bit magnetic collecting up a few cars that day. One thing I noticed is that there seems to be a correlation between Subaru's and Styrofoam.

The second event brought one HOT and SUNNY day! This probably explains the slightly smaller turnout. Despite the weather there were some new faces, we stuck around for four runs and skipped the fun runs. This also marked the inaugural run of the Zingaro alcohol powered funny cart.

The next event will be at the fairgrounds again. This time there should be an all new course layout and paddock area. The result of which should be a longer and more demanding course than before. Unfortunately I will not be there to see it as I will be at Watkins Glen that weekend. However, I would be willing to bet you will see Joe Kramer at this event!

If you have not noticed or heard our new website is up and running. It can be found at www.cnyscca.com thanks to the hard work of our own Jason Farr. It is not completely done yet but it does include our SOLO schedule and general information. Look for more content and photo gallery in the near future.

Don't forget about Bruce Parker's now annual trip to the Glen Nationals in July. Even if you don't like racing or cars at least you will be able to experience the allegedly famous Mr. Chicken.

Lets not forget the club picnic the second Wednesday of August. Once again at the Onondaga Yacht Club, organized by Mr. Activities Bruce Parker.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

CNY General Membership Meeting held on June 8, 2005 at the American Legion Post in Liverpool, NY.

DISCLAIMER: I was not in attendance for the meeting. Notes were taken by Assistant R/E Mike Donofrio. The following is my interpretation of his cryptic scrawl that he called notes. I will do my best to make them not only factual, but as entertaining as possible.....

The meeting was called to order by CNYR Executive, *Joe "Big Deal" Kramer*. For those that missed his photo on the front page of the business section of the newspaper a few weeks back the joke will be lost on you, but for those that saw it, it's funny. We had Area 10 Director *John Sheridan* in attendance.

Assistant R/E: *Mike Donofrio* was evidently still upset about his brother *Anthony* taking the newly finished Miata off road at the recent Solo II at Cherry Valley. It appears that the younger Donofrio thought the car was equipped with all wheel drive and decided that the trees off course would present a greater challenge to his autocrossing skills. Needless to say, a tow vehicle had to be called to remove the car from the forest. Bad Tony, bad Tony. The web site is now up and operational. CNYSCCA.COM. It's a little lacking in content, but it's up and running. Other than that, Mike was too engrossed with the duties as secretary to do anything else.

Secretary: *I*, was not in attendance. The option to go test drive the cart around the track for a couple of hours overcame my desire to come and take notes. It has been brought to my attention that the minutes were read, well sort of. The first and last sentences, then they were accepted.

Treasurer: *Frank Beyer* announced, drum roll please, we have money. Then he followed it up with some sort of rally report. Details of which don't seem to exist.

Solo II: *Mark Bizzozero* recapped the recent event at Cherry Valley. I'm wondering how this was done since he was under the weather and only made a brief appearance. I guess he has spies watching us constantly. *Paul Grover* was named the event chair for the next Cherry Valley event to be held on June 26 (someone might want to let him know). *Jon Coffin* will be holding a Solo Safety Steward seminar before the July meeting.

Activities: *Bruce Parker* announced that the August 10 meeting will be at the Onondaga Yacht Club in Liverpool. There will be a trip to the Glen for the Nationals, with a trip to Mr. Chicken. Other than that it was same ole same ole.

Competition/Merchandising: *Joe Zingaro* was missing. As was *MiniMe*.

Flagging/Communication: *Mic Levy* filled in for the missing *Mike Fuller*. IRL has been at the Glen and will be returning. There have been a lot of improvements to the facility.

New Business: A suggestion was made to have a meeting at Drivers Village, maybe in October, *Jon Coffin* will coordinate.

Old Business: None.

Guest Speaker: *John Sheridan*, Area 10 Director was in the house. He gave a talk covering many different topics, duties, inner workings and procedures of the SCCA. He can be reached via email published in the front of the Snarling.

According to Mike this was the longest meeting ever and was adjourned at 9pm.

Submitted,
Jay Cartini,
CNYR Secretary.

TIPS FROM THE CONE ZONE

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

Name: Pete Hirschey

Nickname: Speedy Pete

Car make/year/class: White 2000 Subaru Impreza 2.5 RS / STS

What do you love about your autocross ride? It's a fun car; fun to drive...fun to own.

Drive it on street? Daily driver? Yes, in summer. In the Winter, Pete drives a 2002 Dodge Dakota Pickup.

Favorite fan: His nephew John Izyk ...fellow autocrosser.

Membership: Pete has been a member of the SCCA and CNY Club for six years.

Years auto crossing: Six years

Number of Solo II events last year: Seven

Other hobbies: Watching auto racing on TV.

What do you do in off season? Shovel snow and plan future modifications to his Subaru.

Most important tip to newbies? Don't just try to blast thru the corners. To go fast, you must first go slow. Slow down to get a real feel for what the car and tires are doing.

Prerace habit/ritual/ superstition? None.

Prerace breakfast? Nothing special. Runs the range from eggs, toast, and sausage to instant oatmeal.

Most important thing regarding walking course? Try and visualize the driving line you would like to take for each curve. Pete visualizes his car on the course from the top, as if being chased by a helicopter.

Between runs? He replays fast run mentally. Where can and how can I try and go faster?

How do you practice between autocrosses? Pete believes that street driving at normal speeds provides plenty of opportunities to hone Solo 2 skills. For example making turns with smooth, limited steering wheel inputs. Focusing on looking ahead.

Are you a fan of computer racing games, if so which? No.

Left Foot Braker? Yes. He has been "left footing" for two years. Left foot breaking tip... keep your left foot just barely touching brake pedal and then apply pressure when braking...no need to move left foot to floorboard between applications.

What do you focus on/think about right before you start a run? Try to consistently launch car at 2500 rpm. He is already thinking about first turn.

What do you focus on /think about right after you finish a run? Keeping speed down in the paddock. Thinks about just completed once parked but still inside the car. Then he gets out of car and mentally reviews the run again ... how did it feel, what went well, what could be improved.

Anything different in driving on wet course? Be smoother with steering, throttle and brake inputs.

What aspect of your driving are you focusing on for improvement this year? Improving consistency in runs. Goal is to get runs within 0.1 seconds of each other. Also increase his percentage of clean (cone free) runs.

Favorite type of professional auto racing / favorite driver? Pete likes all types of auto racing; His favorite driver of all time is Mario Andretti. He is a big fan of Randy Pobst both as a driver and columnist in SportsCar Magazine.

Dream ride: A 2005 Porsche 911 in "arrest me" red.

Thanks to Pete for passing on the tips.
Until next time...Keep the pointy side up.
George Nagle