

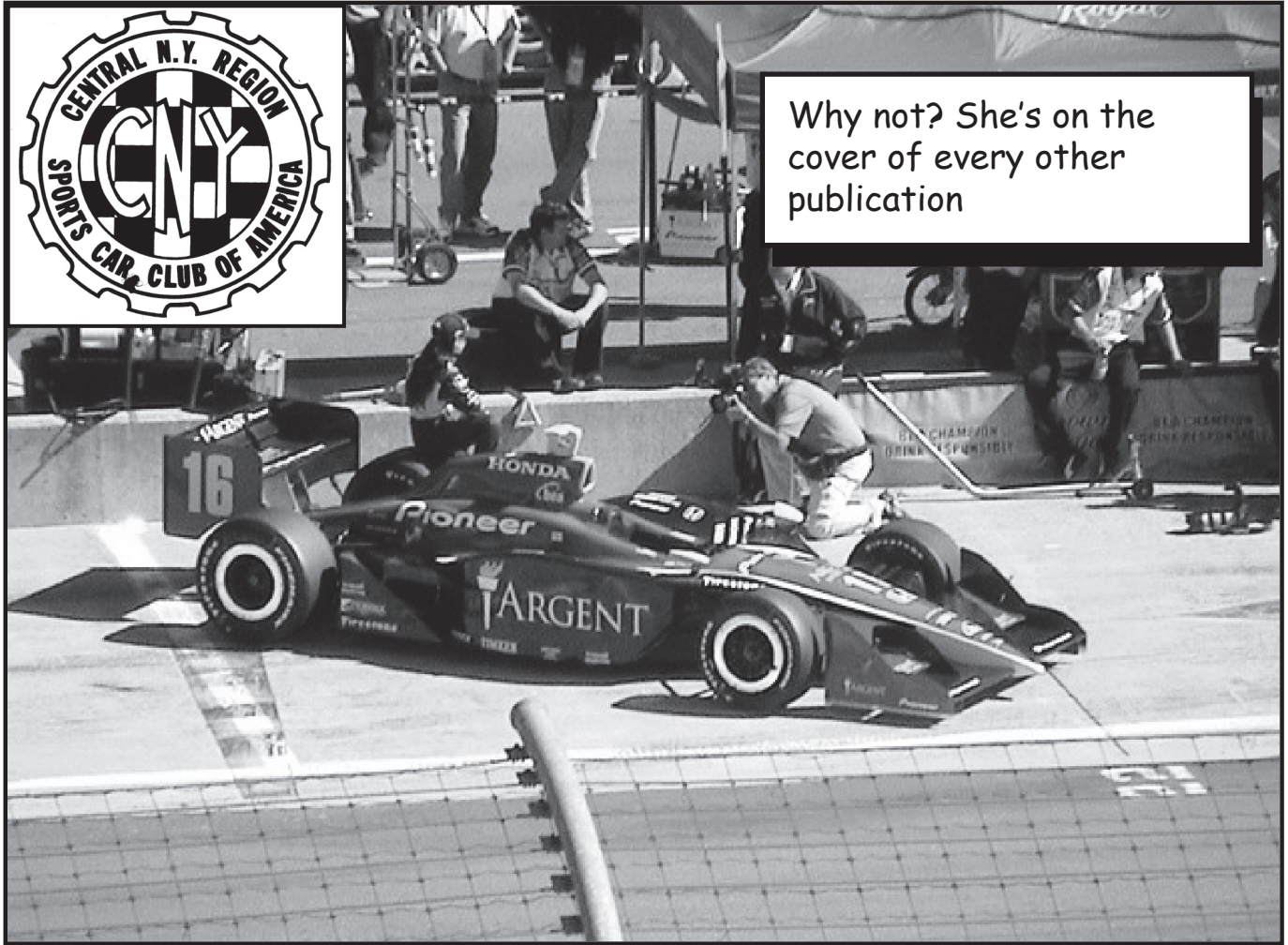
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The RE Corner

by Joe Kramer

There are a few things to write about this month. First and foremost are the annual CNYR ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS!!!

Our nominating committee has its work cut out for it this year. There are some changes afoot.

Frank Beyer, our treasurer for as long as I've been with the region (a mere 4 years) has decided to relinquish his death grip on our money. He will not handling our financial matters next year.

And I've decided that being RE is so much fun that it would be unfair to keep it all to myself. So I will not be a candidate for 2006. The position has been challenging, fun, frustrating, and an education all rolled into one. I've had the privilege to meet and work with a variety of people while executing my duties. But it's time to move on to other challenges.

Other than that, we'll have to wait and see who the committee selects for candidates.

Our October meeting will be at Burdick Driver's Village, starting at 6:00 (not our normal 7:00) o'clock. It's a good chance to get out and see what the new Burdick facility has to offer. The NASCAR simulators will be available to us during that time as well, so don't miss it.

Let's see, what else? Oh yeah, we've had two Solo II events – one at Burdick and one at Cherry Valley. Does anybody know what the results were for these events?

This was our second year at Burdick's lot, and this time we got to use the full lot. Mike Donofrio and Rex Franklin came up with a challenging and fun course. Chairman Mark Bizzozero and Safety Steward Jay Cartini solved the logistical challenges of this location, helping to make for a safe and successful event. Good job, everybody.

The Cherry Valley event was the annual mini-enduro. The 33 lucky competitors each got 2 four-minute runs.

Sorry I had to miss that one! Thanks once again to the Hidy family for putting on a great event.

Finally, there have been some changes in the Kramer automotive holdings. My new Mini Cooper S is on order and should arrive sometime within the next 5 to 7 weeks (as I write this). To make room in the garage, I decided to sell the Miata. And since Assistant RE Mike Donofrio recently sold his road race/auto-cross spec Miata, it turns out he was in the market for something to autocross. So the deal was made, and the Miata is now in Mike's capable hands (but he promised that I can co-drive for the rest of the season – big deal, one event). I am really looking forward to autocrossing the Mini next season. Hopefully I won't miss half the season working in some exotic location next year.

Well, that's about it for this month. I need to leave some space in case the editor decides to insert a Mini Cooper picture at the end of the column. So until next time, keep the rubber side down.



TIPS FROM THE CONE ZONE



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

Name: Joe Kramer

Car make/year/class: Green 1999 Miata / CSP

What do you love about your autocross ride? Joe likes its neutral handling and quick steering.

Drive it on street? Daily driver? He drives his Miata on the street in the summer. It has about 30,000 miles on the odometer. In the winter he drives a 2003 Subaru Outback.

Favorite fan: His wife Joyce.

Membership: Joe has been a member of the SCCA for five years and the CNY Club for three years.

Years auto crossing: Seven years

Number of Solo II events last year: Five

Other hobbies: Joe plays the piano and enjoys everything from classical to ragtime music.

What do you do in off season? Work keeps him pretty busy. Joe cross country skis, snow shoes and shovels snow in the Winter.

Most important tip to newbies? Ask for a novice driving instructor to ride with you to provide feedback. Also Joe recommends participating in an autocross specific driving school (Evolution or one put on by a local SCCA Club.)

Prerace breakfast? Varies according to what's available... oatmeal to donuts to bacon and eggs. Also coffee.

Most important thing regarding walking course? Joe walks the course a minimum of three times. He recommends bending for a driving height perspective on key cones. Finally he tries to visualize what the turns will look like at driving speeds as he's walking.

Between runs? Try and talk thru your run with a more experienced driver. Verbalization helps your recall. Plus you might get useful tips from the discussion.

How do you practice between autocrosses? You can make precise driving a habit by practicing it every day on the street at normal safe speeds. For example, turning with little steering input, braking smoother.

Left Foot Braker? Joe has tried it a number of times. It's not yet a habit so he seldom does it on a first run. He usually uses it on latter runs. If done right, he believes it upsets the weight balance less in the Miata resulting in faster turns.

What do you focus on/think about right before you start a run? Review where he'll be shifting into second gear.

What do you focus on /think about right after you finish a run? Mentally review what aspects went well. Plan on repeating them in the next run. Think about obvious mistakes and what to do differently.

Anything different in driving on wet course? It's all about smoothness in the rain. Wet courses amplify ragged inputs and imprecise turn-ins.

What aspect of your driving are you focusing on for improvement this year? Joe would like to be more aggressive on his first runs. His latter runs are usually significantly faster. He's focusing on establishing a higher initial baseline.

Favorite type of professional auto racing / favorite driver? Formula One. Joe thinks Michael Schumacher is the best driver on the planet.

Dream ride: Vintage Ford GT-40, white with blue stripes. Thanks to Joe for passing on the tips. Until next time...Keep the pointy side up.

George Nagle
George drives a 2002 Subaru WRX in DS.

CNY General Membership Meeting

held on September 14, 2005 at the American Legion Post in Liverpool, NY.

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by CNYR Executive, **Joe Kramer**. He announced that the next meeting will be held on October 12, at 6:00PM, in the center court of Burdick's Drivers Village in Cicero, NY. We will be renting the driving simulator so that all of us that are involved in different forms of racing can once and for all go head to head to see just who is the best of the best. At the beginning of next year it will be time for elections. **Joe** announced that he would not be seeking re-election into the position of Regional Executive, it was also announced that **Frank Beyer** would also not be seeking re-election into the position of Treasurer. The Philadelphia Region will be hosting a mini convention on November 11-15. The cost varies depending on what you are interested in doing. There will be a national rally cross in Hasting Nebraska on October 14-16 for those interested in traveling.

Assistant R/E: Mike Donofrio announced that he has sold his spec Miata and is currently looking for other means to satisfy his need for speed. Other than that he had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Frank Beyer was excited about the fact that people kept handing him wads of cash from the last few autocross's. He mentioned that this would come in handy since fuel prices at the marina where his 60 foot yacht is moored is exceeding \$4.00 per gallon. Other than that he mentioned we were in good shape, and confirmed that he would not be seeking re-election next year.

Secretary: I, had nothing to report since at the last meeting, which was the annual picnic, no "official" business was conducted, so the need for minute taking didn't exist.

Solo II: Mark Bizzozero thanked the Hidy Clan for their efforts and success at the mini enduro held at Cherry Valley. Due to the amount of competitors we opted to run two, 4 minute runs instead of one 5 minute run. Needless to say it was a great success and was favored by all that participated. He is currently ironing out the final details for the final autocross at Shoppingtown Mall on October 9.

Flagging & Communications: Mike Fuller is always looking for volunteers to learn how to participate in flagging and communications at the Glenn. Anyone interested should contact **Mike** directly.

Activities: Bruce Parker mentioned that the club picnic was a great success and extended an extra special thank you to **Lynn Hidy** who had to step up to the plate and take over for **Lee** who was not cleared by his battery of doctors

to leave the hospital to attend. Rumor has it that the problem was mental, as opposed to physical, especially after he was spotted in a straight jacket. But again, this is just a rumor. Preparations have been made for the annual banquet which will be held at the Craftsman Inn in Fayetteville. Now the reservation has been made, but **Bruce** couldn't remember what date he reserved. Rumor also has it that the bed next to Lee was occupied by **Bruce** at one point..... but again, this is just a rumor also. So in any event, more details will be made available in the not so distant future.

Old Business: None.

New Business: It was suggested that someone be put in charge of the club van. Not just to deal with the inventory, but the maintenance, and to be responsible for getting it to various events throughout the year. **Rex Franklin** has made an appointment with J&J Automotive to do some of the required maintenance on the van over the next week or so. The repairs were voted upon and passed unanimously.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Frank Beyer**. He reaped a \$11.00 windfall.

Rex Franklin & Bruce Parker self nominated themselves to be the nominating committee for the next round of elections. It was voted on and passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 8:54pm.

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

The Northeast Division Mini-Convention November 11-13, 2005

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- Mention the SCCA Convention and the rate of \$79/night. This rate is good through October 11.
- Please let them know of any special needs. Check-in is 3:00. Van service is available from the Lehigh Valley Airport. Call when you arrive, before retrieving your baggage. Coordinate arrivals if possible – only 1 van.
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- Parking in a secure city garage across the street will be discounted to \$6 for 24 hours, \$3 for day use.

Friday: The convention will begin on Friday with the Scheduling Meeting at 4:00. The evening Welcome Party will run from 7-11 with live entertainment. Registration will be from 6:00 – 11:00 PM.

Saturday: (Registration 7:00 – 9:00 AM and 5:00 – 7:00 PM.) The program will include the following:

- A full program of SCCA-U and breakout sessions by programs/specialties
- Critical Incident Training
- A special track for drivers
- An Awards Luncheon and Recognition Dinner
- An evening worth attending

Sunday: The program will be centered on the “business” of the Northeast Division and NESCCA – a time when issues will be debated and the racing program for 2006 finalized. Anticipated completion: 12:00.

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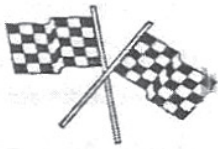
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