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Rally-X video...

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Travis Pastrana drives Mt. Washington pretty darned quick.

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From the Editor:

This month's newsletter is late, but with good reason.

It's election time.

See the R.E.'s column for the slate of candidates. Somehow, the current R.E, has been talked in to remaining on for another term. I find this puzzling – perhaps space aliens captured the real Mike Donofrio...

I had prepared a column extolling the virtues of stepping up and volunteering in the club, learning what needs to be done to keep the club running, and getting involved. But, since the slate has apparently been filled with willing volunteers, my paragraphs of persuasion are un-needed.

So, on to other subjects.

The upcoming Mini-Con in Rochester is a great opportunity to step up and get involved, and see what goes on in the club. There are some interesting seminars scheduled, and it's always interesting to meet the people who make things happen in other regions, and at the divisional level. Plus, it's nearby, so you don't even have to pay for a hotel room to attend this one. So, step up and get involved. It's fun!

I had the pleasure of attending a Solo event put on by the Glen Reion at Watkins Glen a couple of weeks ago. They held this event in conjunction with their Last Chance drivers' school and races, and it was fun to stand in the paddock at the Solo and be able to watch the cars race by in Turn 1. Bob Holcomb, AFM for the weekend, stopped by in his trusty golf cart to say hello. The North Paddock is enough pavement for a small but decent Solo, so I plan to return the next time they do this. It was also



fun to see a bunch of people I haven't seen in quite a while.

On the subject of What Solo Car to Drive, I keep hearing about people buying FMod cars for next season. I'm starting to think there is some kind of trend going on here. The other interesting twist is the future addition of 600cc sport bike engines to the class. Hmm.

On the other hand, Rex Franklin keeps coming up with cheapie Miatas here, there and everywhere, which serves as a reminder that Miatas are a pretty attractive autocross option. Double Hmm.

Now that "Pro" indexed classes have come back into vogue with local regions, there is less incentive to look for a high-participation class. Having lots of competition raises the game of all involved, so I'm alad this is going on.

Now, back to the question of what to drive next year...

Be seeing you, -Karl



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Your Name Here (Part 2):

From the R.E., Mike Donofrio

It's finally happened. I've lost my mind, and decided to stay on as R.E. for one more year. Due to the onslaught of "You can't quit! Who else will run the meetings?" comments, I've caved in and agreed to do it again. I really can't explain what's come over me. But there it is. Maybe I am a sucker, or maybe because quitting is for quitters, or it could also be because nobody else will do it.

So, without further ado:

Slate of officers for the November 2010 elections:

R.E.: Mike Donofrio Assistant R.E.: Ed Leubner Treasurer: Jay Cartini Secretary: Bob Holcomb Activities Chair: Rob Sgarlata

-Mike Donofrio









Finger Lakes Region Fun One Double Regional

September 18/19, 2010, Watkins Glen – Bob Holcomb reporting

Mother Nature kept Watkins Glen dry* for once as the Finger Lakes Region hosted their annual "Fun One" Double Regional race weekend on Sat. & Sun. September 18 - 19, 2010.

Several Central New York Region members attended the event, either as workers, crew or drivers.

Mick Levy was working high atop the starting stand, Nancy Holcomb was even higher, working atop the grand stand in timing and scoring and Bob Holcomb was flagging at ground level.

Andrew Beyer, CNY Membership Chair and normally seen flagging at SCCA events was helping out Glen Region member Ed Sanders by crewing on Ed's FV.

Jim Ocuto, Dick Murray, Gib Stine, Jim Kleinklaus and Mike Gould were entered as drivers.

Saturday qualifying and racing was on the long course, while Sunday was run on the short course. Due to time constraints and yes, we all know that means fender benders on the track, the Saturday races were shortened from their original 8 Lap/25 minute schedule.

Bob had his day start off with a couple of simple mechanical pull offs during Group One (Historical Racing Group) while he was working at station 3, drivers left at the start of the esses.

Things quieted down until Group Five when three SRF's tested the guardrail just before his station, doing so all at once.

One car ended up drivers left, facing counter race about 100 feet past station, the second was directly at his station, mid-track 90 degrees to race traffic and the third about 20 feet prior to station, drivers left.

All sustained body damage and yet all managed to be repaired and made their Saturday afternoon race.

Ironically the same three cars finished the short course racing on Sunday nose to tail.

Those SRF's are tough, they take a licking and keep on ticking like the old Timex ad said.

Several CNYR drivers were entered for the weekend and I have included the results as best as I could find them, some seemed to be missing from the FLR web-site.

Jiff Knittel was in Group One in his #13 HRG1 MG Midget. I have no results for him for Saturday, but he is listed as finishing 18th of 20 starters on Sunday.

Dual congratulations to Jim Ocuto who won his Group Two races Saturday and Sunday in SSM. Great iob Jim.

On Saturday Jim bested 39 starters and on Sunday 38.

Dick Murray did a very nice job in Group Three with his GT1 Corvette, finishing 4th both days. His group on Saturday contained 34 starters and on Sunday 29.

Jim Ocuto also ran in Group Four under SM. On Saturday he finished 8th of 38 starters and on Sunday 5th of 33 starters.

Gib Stine had his trusty yellow Sprite in attendance, running in HP.

On Saturday he finished 43rd of 55 starters.

Unfortunately, the finishing order for Sunday was incomplete only showing page one of two pages based on the data provided by T&S.

Sorry Gib.

Group Six showed CNY member Jim Kleinklaus entered in his FV Citation, but I did not see any posted results for his car, so perhaps he missed the weekend.

Group Eight had Michael Gould finishing Saturdays race 16th of 43 starters in his FC VanDiemen.

I did not see any results for Michael from Sunday.

It should be pointed out that qualifying on Sunday was canceled (except for the Historic Group One) due to the infamous Watkins Glen foggggggggg*.

Once the fog lifted the racing was very good with some of the best driving one could watch, whether in a regional, national or pro race.

FLR provided the workers with buffet lunches in the Media Center both Saturday and Sunday. Some tracks do the same but the buffet offered at

Region Events Calendar

Verify the event, in case this calendar is not up to date!

Oct. 13 Membership meeting – Liverpool

Nov. 10 Membership meeting and elections - Liverpool

Nov. 12-14 Mini-Con - Rochester NY

Dec. 8 Membership meeting – Liverpool

Jan. (TBD) Annual banquet - Nestico's



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Membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Liverpool American Legion Post 188 205 Cypress St. in the village of Liverpool

Fun One Double Regional Continued

the Media Center is always delicious and plentiful, thank you FLR and WGI catering.

Saturday evening was the annual FLR "Pig Roast" which was actually a large buffet featuring your choice of either pulled pork or pulled turkey with enough sides to quell the heartiest appetites.

As usual it was a great opportunity for workers, crew and drivers to meet and mingle and we enjoyed chatting with folks that had driven in from Virginia and Pennsylvania for the racing.

That is part of the fun of SCCA, getting to meet so many nice folks from around the country and to enjoy the talent out on the track.

Well done FLR, well done SCCA.

Bob Holcomb





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From the Assistant R.E., Jon Coffin

I hear good things.

Our night autocross went well, with almost 50 drivers! And several vehicles equipped with lighting that never had any when they started out. (Did we get pictures? I hope so.)

The SCCA PDX (high performance driving school) run by the Mohawk-Hudson Region the end of September at the Monticello Motor Club was successful with more than 60 drivers and enough instructors so everyone had a good time, and the Region covered expenses. Did anyone from our Region go?

The Mini-Con (mini-convention) is coming up in Rochester in November, and, again, this is a great informational and social opportunity for our Region members to get up on the latest plans for our Club in the Northeast. (And, rumor has it, if you are one of the first people to contact the R.E. and/or Treasurer on this, that our Region will cover the cost of your registration fee for the Mini-Con as long as you provide the Snarling with a report on the meeting.)

Last month I ran a hillclimb in Vermont that I had first run 40 years ago, and I had my personal best at the hill, Mt. Ascutney. It was happy experience for me to get there, run well, and drive the car home at the end.

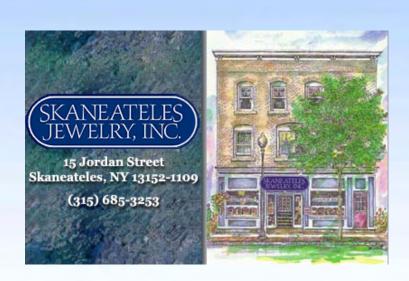


And this month I'll run at a driver's school at Shannonville in Ontario. I'll tell you more about that next month.

Are you listening? Are you driving? Folks are already talking about ice-racing; how bout you?

- Jon Coffin







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Membership Meeting Minutes

Courtesy of Bob Holcomb

CNYR General Membership Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2010 at the American Legion in Liverpool, NY

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by R.E. Mike Donofrio at 7:16 p.m.

R.E. REPORT:

Mike Donofrio commented that he thought our annual August picnic at the Onondaga Yacht Club went well under the direction of new Activities Director Rob Sgarlata. Dave Kicak and Bob Holcomb helped with the cooking and Lee Hidy devoted the entire day to helping in preparations.

Mike said the next major job for Rob is to start planning for our annual awards banquet in January.

As elections are coming up in November, Mike said that our Nominating Committee, headed by Rex Franklin needs to actively seek out candidates for R.E., Asst. R.E., Treasurer & Secretary for presentation to the members. Mike reminded those of his long service as R.E. and that he was once again not a candidate for that office. Mike also reviewed many of the "volunteer offices" to give those in attendance an idea of how many groups it takes to keep the club running smoothly.

A discussion on means to attract new members included a presence at local events and distribution of membership application forms at those events along with information on what programs we run for our members, such as SOLO or RALLY CROSS, race workers, etc.

ASST. R.E. REPORT:

Jon Coffin reported that a wireless system was used at a recent track day held at the Cherry Valley Kart Track and sponsored by a local BMW group. Jon said that Leo Sawyer in his Lotus beat some pretty experienced SOLO drivers, including national SOLO participant Andy Furlong and even our own Snarling Newsletter editor, Karl Hughes.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Bob Holcomb made a motion that the minutes from our previous meeting in July be approved as they appeared in Snarling Exhaust, with the correction as to the date being July, not June. Snarling editor Karl Hughes said the dating error was his fault as the minutes had been submitted with the correct date by the secretary.

Ed Leubner seconded, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jay Cartini reported that all bills presented to the region are paid and current.

Jay also said that there are a couple of sponsors who will be removed from our web-site as they have not paid us.

SOLO REPORT:

Mark Bizzozero said that the August Enduro held at Cherry Valley was soggy, but fun and we had a good number of entrants. Unfortunately, with the rain several folks were not able to make any runs, including Lee Hidy who was chair for the event.

Mark said that the next event will be Sept. 18th (well after this report will be seen) and is chaired by R.E. Mike Donofrio. Our last event of the year will be at the New York State Fairgrounds on October 3rd at the handicapped parking lot along side Rte 695.

RALLY CROSS:

Jim Quattro reported that even with Mother Nature giving us very damp conditions for the previous two events, all entrants had a good time and got in lots of runs. Unfortunately, the weather meant moving the events from the Walczyk Farm near Weedsport, to Rolling Wheels Raceway Park just outside Elbridge. Jim said the folks there have been extremely co-operative for this our first full season of running Rally Cross and he was very pleased with the relationship between them and CNY SCCA.

Jim also mentioned that for the 2011 Monster Jam at the New York State Fairgrounds, CNYR SCCA has

been invited to be an opening act, of sorts, by putting on a Rally Cross demo utilizing a portion of the monster truck course. This event may be run independent from SCCA, but that has not been determined at this point and is being considered as a promotional event at this point.

Our last Rally Cross of the season will be held on Sept. 12th at Rolling Wheels, again before this will appear on our web-site.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Rob Sgarlata thanked the absent Lee Hidy (off to the SOLO Nationals) for his help with our annual picnic. Rob said he will be working on the annual awards banquet and making arrangements with Nestico's in North Syracuse where we have held the event for the past few years. All agreed the location and food make it well worth a return trip.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Andrew Beyer had no updates since our last meeting.

F&C REPORT:

Mick Levy reminded those that the SVRA Vintage weekend at Watkins Glen is upon us and that the FLR "Fun One" will be the weekend of Sept. 17th through the 19th and will include a pig roast for the workers. The final SCCA event of the season at Watkins Glen will be the Glen Region Drivers School and Regional

races during the weekend of Oct. 8th through the 10th.

A general discussion of the costs of attending a race brought up the comment by Bob Holcomb that for an upcoming 13 hour enduro at V.I.R., workers will be paid \$30 a day for Friday and \$60 for Saturday, if the e-mail he received is correct.

Mick said that at an SCCA race he attended during the winter in Texas, gas cards were given out to the workers.

This is just a look into the future of what it may take to get more workers for racing in the North East and there are other organizations besides SCCA that are having difficulties in getting enough workers to turn out for events.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Newton said that track day insurance is available for a reasonable cost of between \$100 to \$125 although no specific company was mentioned.

Karl Hughes suggested members attend the upcoming Northeast SCCA Mini-Con to be held in Rochester in November as many useful seminars are available.

No other new business.

50-50 RAFFLE:

The 50-50 raffle was won by former rally entrant Art Civiletta who was visiting us for the first time in many years, for a whopping \$11.

Ed Leubner made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Karl Hughes seconded.

Motion carried, meeting adjourned by R.E. Mike Donofrio.

First Car Out

From the Rally Chair, Frank Beyer, aka Dr. Devio

I have been dealing with the aftermath of the cancellation of the Route of All Evil, trying to spread the word that the choice of Columbus Day weekend/Canadian Thanksgiving(who knew?) proved to be a bad fit for just about everyone. The date seemed perfect back in March when I chose it but I guess every family plans something for that weekend and it just did not work.

The good news is that I have been pounding the keyboard, in contact with rally people all over North America talking rally future and it is beginning to seem much brighter.

The Central NY Region may be involved establishing a Winter Rally Series of snow events (probably four in the U S and two in Canada) that would run in January – March, where your best three finishes would count towards a championship. Tentatively, the Central New York Region would not have an event in 2011, having to wait until 2012, but we would have a chance to present a winter rally that would draw from all around this section of North America. Plans are evolving and I will keep you posted.

BLACK RIVER STAGES

Mike Mazoway and I went to Harrisville for both days of the BRS, formerly presented by the Central New York Region. We saw some of our old friends from the area who helped us put on the rally back a few years ago, and got reacquainted with some of our old friendly rally roads.

Martin Donnelly and Sean Coffey cruised (they were very smooth) to a +1 minute win over a combined 73 minutes of stages in a beautiful Mitsubishi Evo, while Bill Conger blew away the Moto crowd on an Aprilia, finishing 6 minutes ahead of the second place bike during 93 minutes of stages (the cars missed out on some stages due to safety concerns after some of the crowd got a bit out of hand at a favorite spot on the road).



Mike and I got to spend 10 hours in the middle of nowhere, learning what it is like to work a race; we blocked an intersection for safety, making sure that no bears got past us. It paid off, as nobody saw a bear much less had to avoid one. We did get to see some nice little fishtailing by the two and one-wheel drivers (think about that one), while the AWD cars just buzzed by never getting sideways.

The course in Harrisville has expanded with the addition of roads in Croghan; you should consider a trip next year to watch (or volunteer) as there are some neat opportunities to see good driving on dirt roads, close up to the action, and spend some time in the woods just as the leaves begin to turn.

-Frank Beyer





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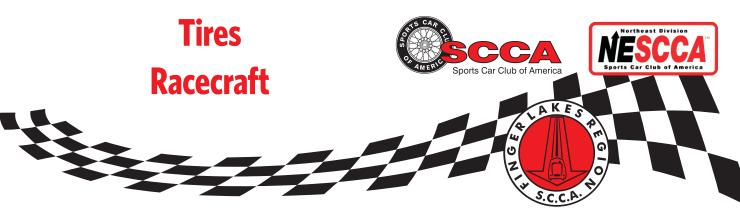
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