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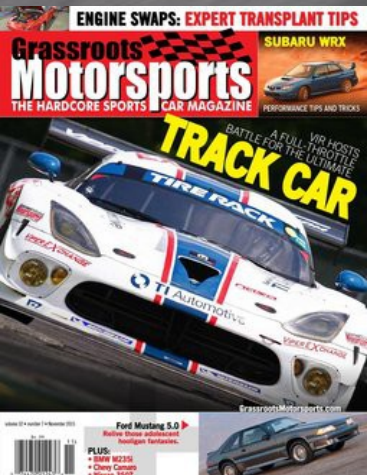
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An Extra Hour

A Letter From The Editor: Dan Hurley

Another season in the books. Looks to have been a great one, unfortunately I had a very busy year and have been off scene. I want to first congratulate our solo season champion Chris Gifford and our top 10! I look forward to our annual Solo Awards Banquet, I have heard we have had some new faces and hope to see them there. In the mean time prepare your cars, the weather is changing! See you at the Banquet!

-Dan Hurley
Editor



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EVENT SCHEDULE

2015 Solo Schedule



- Sat 5/2 Cayuga Community College, Fulton
- Sat 5/30 Cherry Valley Motorsports Park (LaFayette) Day
Sat 5/30 Cherry Valley Motorsports Park (LaFayette) Night
- Sun 6/28 NYS Fairgrounds (Syracuse)
(\$10 surcharge for all entrants) (00R for FLR)
- Sat 7/25 Cayuga Community College, Fulton
- Sun 8/9 Monroe Community College (Rochester)
(Out of Region event)
- Sat 8/29 Cayuga Community College, Fulton
- Sun 9/27 Cherry Valley Motorsports Park (LaFayette) Enduro
- Sun 10/11 CNY Raceway Park (Central Square)
Tentative



- Sunday June 7th, 2015 - NEDIV Second Chance Race for the Rescue (STPR)
>Tioga County Fairgrounds Whitneyville PA
- Sunday July 12th, 2015 – Summer at the Raceway Park I (Tentative)
>Central New York Raceway Park
- Sunday August 16th, 2015 – Summer at the Raceway Park II (Tentative)
>Central New York Raceway Park
- Saturday September 19th, 2015 – NEDIV Fall at the Farm (Night-Day Enduro)
>Walczyks Farm
- Saturday October 24th, 2015 – Spooky Night at the Farm
>Walczyks Farm
- Sunday December 13th, 2015 – Holiday's at the Farm Championship
>Walczyks Farm

General Monthly Meeting : Second Wednesday Every Month

THE FAIRGROUNDS

Connor Hughes



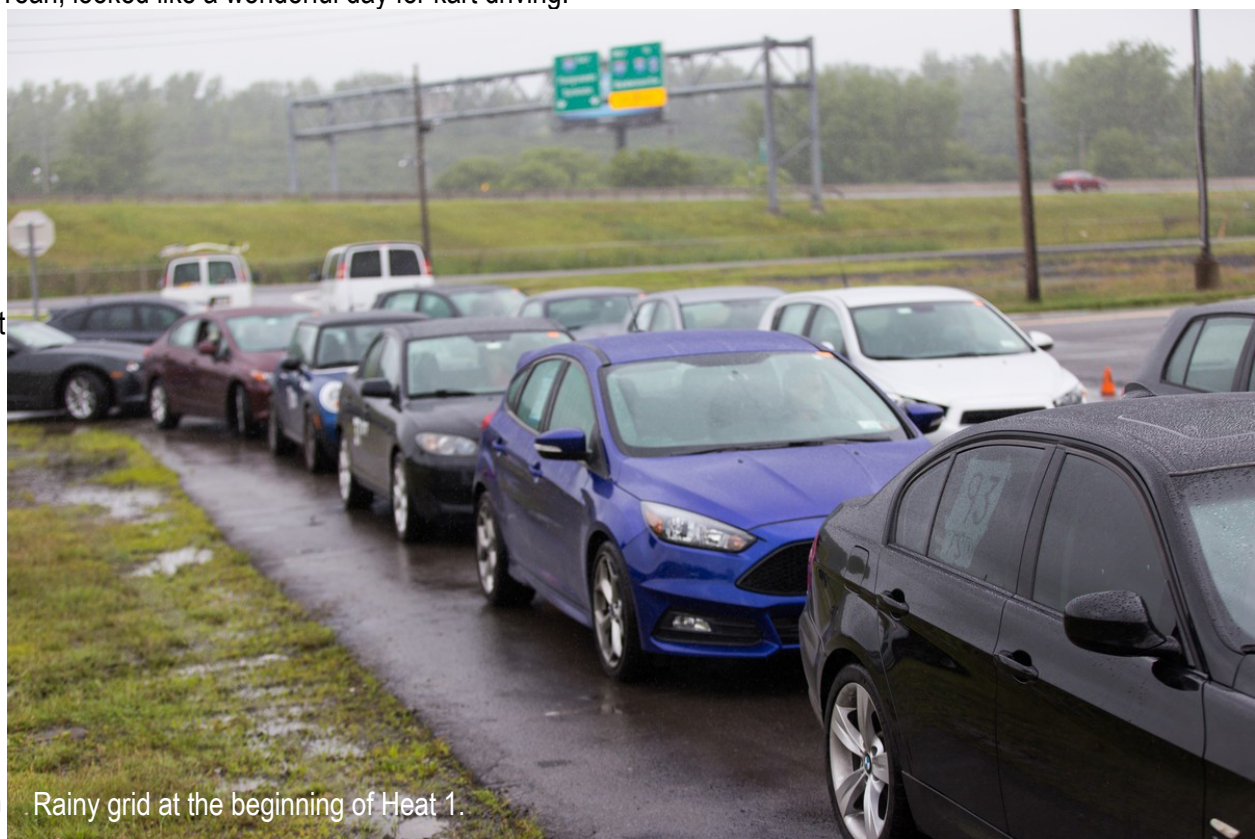
A damp drivers meeting starts the day.

The fourth Central New York Region Solo event was on June 28th, which was a Sunday. It was at the New York State Fairgrounds. It was an out-of-region event with Finger Lakes Region, so we were hoping to get more drivers than usual.

Since I'm a junior kart driver, I can't do most of the work assignments at the event. Because of this I got dragged along to help lay out the course the day before. It was dry when we first got there, but then it started raining. And raining. And raining. Basically it rained a lot. We tried to build the course around areas where the water might pool because we assumed it would rain and the water might puddle. Some of the low spots were unavoidable. The area where we raced also had a drainage path, which created an inconvenient bump whenever you ran over it. When the course was being made, we attempted to shape the course around it, but

it ran the length of the lot so we ran the course through the area that created the least noticeable bump. After we left, it rained overnight. And rained. And rained. When we got there in the morning, it was still raining, and there were a lot of puddles. Well, maybe ponds. It's entirely possible that there may have been a few lakes. The plan to lay out the cones around the puddles was successful. Well, partially. Yeah, looked like a wonderful day for kart driving.

It started out raining steadily, but eventually tailed off by the time the drivers meeting started. We did a novice walkthrough for novices, junior karters, and anyone else who was interested. The point of the novice walk is to show the novices the course and to point out any useful tips. After the novice walk was the drivers meeting. After that, the event started. There were 45 people registered. There were 11 drivers in the novice class. Unfortunately, some people decided not to attend due to the weather which wasn't a huge surprise. The region needed 60 drivers, minimum, to cover the cost of renting the lot. It's too bad that not enough people were at the event to



Rainy grid at the beginning of Heat 1.

cover the cost of renting the lot. It was also a shame that some people decided not to attend what was a very good event, in spite of the weather.

We had originally planned to do three heats. However, due to the number of people, we had to run in two heats. The cars ran four runs per heat. Each driver completed one heat before the lunch break and one after. This meant a total of eight runs per driver. The rain started up again later, but it was a light rain. The light rain and the puddles decreasing in size throughout the day kept roughly the same amount of traction throughout the event.

The weather was expected to be miserable but it wasn't too warm or too cold. It stayed damp all day long, so there was no singular "dry run" that made all the difference. It was a great opportunity to work on car control and being smooth. At some events, the rain isn't expected and so the course isn't as much fun. However, we had the advantage of laying out the course in the rain. We expected it to rain on the day of the event, so we designed the course accordingly.



PAX winner Marcus Kroll.



John Speicher navigates the loop.

Scott Newton took the top raw time in his shifter kart, beating Marcus Kroll in his A Street Porsche by one tenth of a second. Mel Dillon, co-driving with Marcus, had the third best raw time. Marcus took the fastest PAX time of the day. George Modlin had the second fastest in his HS Ford, and Mel had the third. There were 11 drivers in the novice class, and that meant there were four trophies. Peter Bajorski took first place in his Subaru BRZ. Second was Davey Thai in a Scion FRS. Third was Daniel Pisacano in a Ford Focus ST. Alex Johnson took the final trophy in his WRX.



Novice class winner Peter Bajorski



George Modlin actually lifts a wheel on the wet pavement.

Many thanks to John Speicher, who took the initiative to contact Royal Auto Group in Cortland, and was given a \$50 donation for the club.



Hey, at least one person is enjoying the weather.



A little water doesn't stop Joe Cosentino from keeping his CRX close to the cones.



Yes, there was some water...



A Miata with the top down – how bad can it be?



The author on course – slicks, open wheels and wet pavement what could be better?

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Northeast Division Mini-Convention November 13-15, 2015, in Saratoga Springs NY.

The Mohawk Hudson Region of the Sports Car Club of America will host this year's annual Northeast Division Mini-Convention on November 13-15, 2015, at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs NY. SCCA competitors, crew, administrators and other members gather and plan out events for 2016, train stewards. Awards dinner at the Saratoga Auto Museum.

Come participate in a series of Solo seminars at the 2015 SCCA Northeast Division Mini-Convention, Saturday November 14th at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Speakers include:

Roger Johnson, Course Design Guru. Roger is the most famous solo course designer in the world, literally. He has set up courses internationally as well as many National Championship, National Tour, and Regional courses. Here's his famous course design manual:

http://www.houscca.com/solo/courses/Course_Design_4-1-2.pdf Roger is coming all the way from Texas to be with us. Let's give him a large and enthusiastic audience.

Brian Connors, SCCA Solo Events Board Chairman. Brian will discuss the Solo program, where it is and where it is going. Come with questions and Brian will answer them.

Raleigh and Velma Boreen, SCCA Region Development Managers. The Boreens will offer information about bringing out the best in our regional Solo programs.

A Solo Safety Steward training session presented by either the NEDiv Solo Safety Steward or a member of the SCCA Solo Safety Committee. This is the first step toward becoming a licensed Solo Safety Steward.

Solo Competition Driving. Take in the wisdom of a solo zen master as he discusses the deeper part of driving fast on an autocross course. An Evolution Performance Driving School instructor will present this seminar.

The 2015 Mini-con will be held at the [Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs](#). (518-584-4550). The Sports Car Club of America room rate of \$129 is good until 11/6/2015. Registration is now open on [Motorsport Reg](#).

Friday 11/13/15 Registration and welcome party 7pm.

Saturday Seminars start at 8am. Saturday evening NEDiv Awards and Dinner at the [Saratoga Auto Museum](#).

This is a great opportunity to meet members from other NE Regions and learn new racing related information.





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FROM THE R.E., ED LEUBNER

Greetings!

The summer season is full on. Many events and activities to keep everyone busy.

Our annual picnic at the Onondaga Lake Yacht Club was successful. The weather was perfect and we had a good turnout of members and their families. Most members also brought their Solo cars and numbers. We lined them up along the parkway path for the walkers and bikers out for the evening to look at. Thanks to Activities Chair Ted Barbuto for putting the event together, and Lee Hidy for coordinating use of the Yacht Club.

In other news, Watkins Glen is now in the process of repaving the entire track. This will take the rest of the year. Check out their website for updates and pictures of the progress.

Solo:

We're half- way through the Solo season.

This season has us holding events at a new Solo venue - Cayuga Community College (CCC) in Fulton. By the time you read this, we will have run at CCC two times (May, July) and will be running there at the end of August. It is a nice piece of asphalt. Almost as long as the State Fair lot but slightly narrower. It is very smooth, and was sealed within the last year. There are some lightposts, drainage grates and curbs we have to work around, but overall, the courses have been good technical challenges for the competitors.

Unfortunately, the weather was less than cooperative for our June and July events at the State Fair and CCC. Both events experienced low attendance. Using the CCC lot requires us to run those events on Saturday versus our usual Sunday events. The wet weather probably did not help, but if anyone has ideas on how to increase attendance, please let us know. We have been sending out emails and notices on our Facebook page.

On a positive note, many thanks to club member John Speicher for working with Royal Chevrolet in Cortland to contribute \$50 to the Solo program - Thanks John!

Also, look for Solo event reports in this issue by JA kart pilot, Connor Hughes.

RallyX:

Rallycross has had a busy season so far, with events at Walczyks Farm, Central New York Raceway Park and Rolling Wheels. If you like to play in the dirt, check these events out!

Car Shows:

In addition to the mini car show at our picnic, the Syracuse Nationals invaded the State Fair over a hot July weekend. I think they hit their 8,000 car mark on Saturday since there was not a parking space to be seen anywhere on the fairgrounds. It was an impressive display. In addition to the cars on display, an autocross course was set up for any show participants. The course used about half of the lot we typically use for our Solo events. There were a number of impressive (and expensive) Pro- Touring cars running the course.

August 22nd has the Street Scene car show at Longbranch Park. Where the Syracuse Nationals focused on muscle cars and street rods, the Street Scene is geared towards sport compacts and sport trucks. The CNY Region is planning to have a display with members Solo vehicles. Contact Scott Newton if you are interested in participating.

Elections:

It's not too soon to think about our fall elections. Anyone interested in holding an office and helping run our Region is welcome. Contact myself or any of the officers for the position you might be interested in.

As always, we are always looking for articles and pictures from our readers.

CNY Region membership meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Liverpool.

Members and non- members alike are welcome. Meeting time and location details are available on our club website: (<http://www.cny-scca.com/>)

See you around the grid.

-Ed Leubner



2016 REGIONAL OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

Election to be held Wednesday, November 11th at American Legion, Liverpool

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ASST. REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Mark Bizzozero

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