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The R.E. Report

By Ed Leubner

As I type this it is snowing, blowing, and very cold. Much too early for this type of weather! The racing/driving season ended early October like someone flipped a switch. The summer toys were stored away mid-October. Oh well, the joys of living in Central New York. Already looking forward to spring!

This past year saw two Tire Rack Street Survival courses held at the Griffiss Tech Park in Rome. Member Dennis Hesse has been leading the effort along with sponsors CNY PCA with assistance by CNYR SCCA. The plan is to have our Region take over operation of this event. The next school is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2019 again at Griffiss Park. Volunteers are always welcome along with students. (Note – if you are interested in instructing (riding with students) you will need to take an online test.) With the high incidents of traffic accidents for teenage drivers, this is a worthwhile endeavor. Remember, those drivers will at some point be out there driving with us.

RallyX had another great year. The RallyX team has put a lot of time and effort into presenting great events. Long time RallyX Chair James Quattro is stepping down. His replacement will be Billy Meade.

The search continues for a full-time Editor of the Snarling. We also want your stories and pictures for the Snarling. (We will assist with the editing.)

Since there were no new nominees for the board, the Region officers all agreed to maintain their current roles for 2019. On the program Chair side however, Billy Meade has volunteered to take over the RallyCross Chair position from James Quattro. Over the years with a lot of hard work, James has developed RallyCross into the



successful program it is today. Many thanks to James! Our new Chair Billy, has been active in the RallyX program for a number of years so the transition should be seamless. I would like to thank James for all his efforts. And, I want to welcome Billy into his new position.

The SCCA has kicked off a new Time Trials (TT) program. This program will include a Nationals Tour, but will also allow Regions the flexibility to adjust the program as needed to meet their needs. Link: (<https://timetrials.scca.com/>)

A reminder to make sure your contact info (address, email, and phone numbers) are up to date on the SCCA national website. There are some member email addresses that get kicked back as incorrect and undeliverable. **Please check and update them.** It's the only way we can get info to you. (<http://www.scca.com/>).

For the latest club info check our website (www.cny-scca.com) and our FaceBook pages (<https://www.facebook.com/CNY.SCCA/>) and (<https://www.facebook.com/CNY.SCCA.Rallycross/>).

Mark the date Sunday, January 27th, 2019. Our annual awards banquet will once again be held at Dinosaur BBQ in downtown Syracuse. Registration details will be going out shortly.

Happy Holidays to all!
See you around the grid!
Ed



2019 CNY Region Solo Schedule

(The schedule is currently being formulated. Check our website and facebook page for updates.)

Links to the 2018 Solo Final Results

[2018 Solo Class Standings](#)

[2018 Solo PAX Championship Point Standings](#)



For Immediate Release

2019 Tire Rack Champ Tour & Match Tour Calendar

TOPEKA, Kan. (Nov. 20, 2018) -- Combined, 11 events make up the 2019 Tire Rack [Championship Tour](#) and [Match Tour](#) schedules. There are nine Champ Tour® and two Match Tour events, with both series sharing one weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway in July.

The 2019 Solo National Tour again opens at South Georgia Motorsports Park with the Dixie Champ Tour. A great atmosphere and fantastic BBQ make this a very well-attended event each year. From Georgia, the Tour slides north for the Charlotte Champ Tour that will run Friday and Saturday due to site restrictions Sunday. March then closes with the Texas Champ Tour at either Mineral Wells Airport or the Texas A&M Riverside Annex. The exact location will be determined by mid-December, but in either case the event will feature a Texas-sized course layout!

April sees the National Tour take a swing out west for the Crows Landing Champ Tour at the largest concrete Solo site on the west coast, followed by the annual Spring Nationals Champ Tour at the Solo Nationals site in Lincoln, Nebraska. This again will be a true pre-Nationals test as hundreds of competitors run courses on the same large, concrete pads used annually for Solo Nationals.

June opens with the New York Champ Tour at Seneca Army Depot. Last year marked the return to this site after being away for seven years, and the huge facility delivered challenging courses and breathtaking scenery. Competition continues in June with the first Match Tour event of the year at San Diego County Credit Union Stadium, formerly known as Qualcomm Stadium. Alas, this venerable site is scheduled to be closed at year's end, so this is very possibly the last chance drivers have to dance at this venue that has been part of SCCA Solo history for more than 30 years.



The combined Match Tour/Champ Tour date starts July at Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee. It will be a Fourth of July extravaganza punctuated with a big driver turnout and tons of Southern hospitality. Then it's off to the Northwest for the Packwood Champ Tour at the picturesque venue near Mt. Rainier just one week ahead of the planned ProSolo® event at the same location. The 2019 "regular" season then closes in late July with the Peru Champ Tour taking place at a concrete, former military facility that has hosted the Solo National Tour 13 times and still holds the record for largest turnout with nearly 400 entries.

The schedule is subject to change, but the combined 2019 Tire Rack [Championship Tour](#) and [Match Tour](#) calendars currently are as follows:

- March 15-17: [Tire Rack Dixie Championship Tour](#); Cecil, Georgia
South Georgia Motorsports Park

- March 21-23: [Tire Rack Charlotte Champ Tour](#); Concord, North Carolina
zMAX Dragway

- **March 29-31: [Tire Rack Texas Championship Tour](#); Location TBD**
- **April 26-28: [Tire Rack Crows Landing Championship Tour](#); Crows Landing, California**
NASA Crows Landing Airport
- **May 26-27: [Tire Rack Lincoln Spring Nationals Championship Tour](#); Lincoln, Nebraska**
Lincoln Airpark
- **June 7-9: [Tire Rack New York Championship Tour](#); Romulus, New York**
Seneca Army Depot Landing Strip
- **June 14-16: [Tire Rack San Diego Match Tour](#); San Diego, California**
San Diego County Credit Union Stadium (formerly Qualcomm Stadium)
- **July SCCA Southern Summer Nationals; Bristol Motor Speedway, Tennessee**
 - July 3-5: [Tire Rack Bristol Match Tour](#); Bristol, Tennessee
 - July 5-7: [Tire Rack Bristol Championship Tour](#); Bristol, Tennessee
- **July 12-14: [Tire Rack Packwood Championship Tour](#); Packwood, Washington**
Former Hampton Lumber Mills Packwood
- **July 26-28: [Tire Rack Peru Championship Tour](#); Peru, Indiana**
Grissom Aeroplex

Generally, Champ Tour events take place over three days on two separate courses. The opening day consists of Test and Tune opportunities, as well as a social gathering. Then on the second day, competitors each get three chances to drive one course, and on the third day get three runs on another course.

Match Tour competitions are three events in one package, with the event broken into four sessions. Session 1 and Session 2 are on Saturday and consist of a traditional three-run autocross. The best run from each session is added together to determine class rankings, and trophies are then distributed Saturday during the evening's social event. Session 3 on Sunday is another three runs to determine qualifiers for the Top Dog and Under Dog Challenges. The top eight on index per heat qualify for the Top Dog Challenge, and those placing in positions 9-16 on index per heat qualify for the Under Dog Challenge. Everyone else is eligible for the drawing to be in the Lucky Dog Challenge. Then the Challenges take place in Session 4 of the event.

Like any other Solo competition, both Match and Champ Tour runs are timed to 1/1000th of a second and knocking a cone down means a two-second penalty is added to that time.

For additional information on Tire Rack SCCA Solo, visit www.scca.com/solo.

Photo Credit: Rupert Berrington



2019 CNY Region RallyX Schedule

(The schedule is currently being formulated. Check our website and facebook page for updates - [CNY RallyX Schedule](#))



ROUTE OF ALL EVIL, 11/3/2018

A few comments from the rallymaster perspective:

I can't give enough thanks to the all-star crew of workers who came a long way to help: Ed Brennan & Diane Houseal (from NJ) Greg Lester & Ken Swarm(OH), Steve McKelvie(MA), Gary Thomas, Jon Coffin, and especially, Safety Steward Mike Mazoway. All but Jon have been rallying almost as long as I have and did an incredible job behind the scenes to help.

I wanted to point out a couple of performances to be sure they aren't overlooked: Satish Gopalkrishnan & Savera D'Souza actually had the best performance of the rally, running Class L. They messed up one checkpoint in the heat of driving up Light Hill Rd to the third checkpoint, took a Time Allowance they didn't need and scored 48 of their 53 pts on ONE leg. What a great job.

Two father/son combinations made their rally debuts, and did it in Class E. The dads' best decisions were in bringing the boys along. Both teams scored well. Congratulations, Ian Everett and Griffin Munhall. Welcome to the show.

The rookies were in the presence of rally royalty: Robert Morseburg, who is Number 1 on the all-time list in SCCA history, came all the way from Seattle to run with Bruce Gezon (No. 4 on the list) in car #2, which, of course, finished second.

To all in Class S, what a showing. I can't remember an event when so many beginners made it all the way through a long rally, pretty much in order for most of the trip, and, nobody gave up. Everybody finished! Great job. Come back soon.

I wanted to thank the crew (unfortunately, I can't remember which one it was) who stopped in the middle of the rally to assist the local folks who parked their PT Cruiser in a ditch.

Finally, my thinking on the dropped legs: I've been laughing all summer at the idea of hiding a checkpoint in a spot where the Average Speed 15 MPH. Not too many places where you can locate a checkpoint you can't see coming at 15. I did not anticipate that competitors might sense something was up and stop so close to the checkpoint that they could be seen by the checkpoint crew but not see the checkpoint themselves, so I had to drop the leg.

And, we were opening the course most of the event. However, we ran out of time (in part because we actually moved trees in four places to clear the roads) and couldn't pre-check part of Leg 12. Naturally, a tree had fallen and had to be cleared by some competitors to get the rally through and some cars were unfairly penalized, so I dropped that leg.

Thanks, everyone for helping me celebrate 50 years in rallying. I hope that now you understand the subtitle of this year's rally:
EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

Frank Beyer (Dr Devio), Rallymaster

Results

FINAL RESULTS														
2018 ROUTE OF ALL EVIL														
	1	2 (R)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12(R)	13	
CLASS E														
4)MARK STONE / MARC GOLDFARB	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	6
2)R BRUCE GEZON / ROBERT MORSEBURG	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	12
3)ALAN SMITH / ERIC HOBRON	1	0	2	1	2	1	2	17	2	0	0	0	4	32
1)MARK EVERETT / IAN EVERETT	2	0	4	1	1	50	12	3	5	4	9	0	3	94
16)PATRICK MUNHALL / GRIFFIN MUNHALL	50	0	11	4	6	42	38	3	2	2	1	0	14	173
CLASS L														
5)SATISH GOPALKRISHNAN / SAVERA D'SOUZA	0	0	48	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	53
CLASS S														
6)CHRIS WRIGHT / JEFFREY GUNN	26	0	9	40	50	22	50	50	31	2	46	0	1	327 X
15)JORDAN MELIM / ELIZABETH MOHAN	50	0	19	35	50	22	50	50	41	50	7	0	3	377 X
7)ADAM BULLIS / STEVE GRESSEL	25	0	50	50	50	16	8	50	27	50	40	0	50	416 X
12)BRUCE COULOMBE / JAMES COLUMBE	35	0	50	50	14	50	50	50	37	31	36	0	21	424 X
11) GRIFF JONES / CHRIS HAKA	50	0	50	50	16	50	8	50	50	16	50	0	50	440 X
13)RYAN MEENAN / MICHAEL VENETLOZZI	50	0	50	44	50	50	50	45	37	50	50	0	50	526 X X
14)RICK OTTMAN / CHRISTOPHER MURPHY	50	0	29	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	0	50	529 X
8)JOHN BULLIS / GENE BULLIS	50	0	34	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	0	50	534 X X
10)DAVE STEDMAN / MATT CATALDO	50	0	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	0	50	550 X X
9) LAURA PISCITELLO / JOE PISCITELLO	50	0	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	0	50	550 X

R - after a very long night, the rallymaster has decided to throw out Leg 2 (the 15 MPH ckpt) and Leg 12 (due to difficulties encountered by various teams removing a large tree that was blocking the road).



For Immediate Release:

2019 Tire Rack Time Trials National Tour Schedule and SCCA Time Trials Website Launch

TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 12, 2018)-- On a big day for the SCCA® Time Trials program, the schedule for the 2019 Tire Rack Time Trials National Tour presented by Hagerty has been released, the new Time Trials website is being launched and there will be a Time Trials question-and-answer session on GRM Live! tonight at 9:00 PM – the Grassroots Motorsports weekly webcast.

2019 is the first year of the Tire Rack Time Trials National Tour presented by Hagerty, and it will kick off April 13-14 at Thunderhill Raceway Park in Willows, California, visit Pittsburgh International Race Complex two weeks later and Carolina Motorsports Park in May. The summer stops of the tour are Portland International Raceway, High Plains Raceway and Heartland Motorsports Park in June followed by stops at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park and GingerMan Raceway in July. The 2019 National season will come to a close at the second annual Tire Rack Time Trials Nationals at NCM Motorsports Park September 27-29.

On the digital front, the all-new SCCA Time Trials website – timetrials.scca.com – creates a standalone space for drivers and officials of the program, becoming the home for Time Trials news, events, National Tour registration and Rules.

Included in the site are the proposed 2019 rules, which members and enthusiasts may comment on through January 10, 2019 and the updated Time Trial Rules will be made official at the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas Jan. 17-19, 2019.

2019 Tire Rack Time Trials National Tour presented by Hagerty is comprised of the following:

April 13-14: Thunderhill Raceway; Willows, California

April 27-28: Pittsburgh International Race Complex; Wampum, Pennsylvania

May 25-26: Carolina Motorsports Park; Kershaw, South Carolina

June 8-9: Portland International Raceway; Portland, Oregon

June 15-16: High Plains Raceway; Deer Trail, Colorado

June 22-23: Heartland Motorsports Park; Topeka, Kansas

July 5-6: Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park; Thompson, Connecticut

July 28-29: GingerMan Raceway; South Haven, Michigan

September 27-29: NCM Motorsports Park; Bowling Green, Kentucky. (Tire Rack Time Trials Nationals)

CNY SCCA Awards Banquet

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