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Too cold for SOLO and Road Racing, too warm for Ice Racing... just right for Gran Turismo IV

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CNYR General Membership Meeting held on December 8, 2004 at the American Legion Post in Liverpool, NY.

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by CNYR Executive, **Joe Kramer**, he quickly had to take a head count to make sure we did not exceed the 130 person capacity of the room. Phew, we just made it (there were only 12 of us present).

Assistant R/E: **Mike Donofrio**, was not present, therefore had no report.

Secretary: **I**, asked that the minutes be accepted as printed in the snarling. Somehow, and I have no explanation, there was an error in the minutes! Evidently, it was recorded that there will be an open bar at the holiday party.....scratch that.....it's a cash bar (damn it). Also, it appears that I have been referring to the Grande Popah by the wrong title, so from now on; **Joe** will be referred to as the Regional Executive. Other than that the minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer: **Frank Beyer** was not in attendance. But, he somehow managed to have a conversation with **Joe** regarding some off shore investments that the "Region" might get involve with.....hmmm.

Solo II: **Mark Bizzozero**, was not in attendance. We are under the assumption that he drew baby sitting duty for the evening.

Activities: **Bruce Parker** suggested that perhaps we should have a meeting outside of the Legion one month. Maybe at Highland Forest in their new pavilion. This way, we could invite the wives and kids to go on sleigh rides and conduct the meeting so that they can see we actually do something other than drink at these functions.

Flagging and Communications: **Mike Fuller**, was back for the first time in months. We were concerned that perhaps he had hooked up with the "vacationing" **Frank Beyer**, never to be seen again.

Competition/Merchandise: **Joe Zingaro**, again had no merchandise to sell. He claims he had a vision that attendance would be low today and merchandise wouldn't be necessary. If he is such a visionary, perhaps we should take him to the casino for a while.

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Mike Fuller** asked the question if there is any way, in the light of all the recent auto accidents regarding teen age drivers, if we can get into local high schools and promote autocross to the kids. We are going to check to see if the national office has any literature or promotional materials that we could take a look at.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

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

TIPS FROM THE CONE ZONE

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

Name: Tina Reeves

Car make/year/class: Silver Mazda Miata 1990 D Prepared

Drive it on street? Daily driver? Wish it was my daily driver. But my daily driver is either a 1988 Honda CRX Si, or a 2002 MINI Cooper S or a 1991 Miata (winter mostly) or a 1991 Honda CRX HF (winter and hill climbs)

Favorite fan: Brian Reeves, he has built me great cars over the years and has been the first one to congratulate me on each success. I have to say that he taught me the most about autocrossing.

Memberships: SCCA member for 22 years; CNY Club member for 6 years

Years auto crossing: 23 years

Number of Solo II events last year: down to about 10 in 2004, usually 15 or more.

Other hobbies: Hmm, let me see..... there must be something....I like photography and appreciate unique architecture. But there is so little time left after work and autocrossing.

What do you do in off season? Prepare for next season, try to get out to ice race, and spend time with the friends I don't get to see in the Summer

Most important tip to newbies? Make an effort to talk with the more experienced drivers and listen to them bench race. I learned more about the goals of autocrossing by attending after event parties (ie: bench racing sessions) than I did during the event.

Also, don't give up if you aren't the fastest one at the end of the day or season. I spent most of my first year off course. At least one run each event I lost my place. Glad I had that experience because it taught me the importance of being persistent in this sport.

Prerace habit/ritual/ superstition? Drink coffee, like the great downhill ski racer, Tomba did with espresso before his runs down the hill; it certainly gets your eyes open. No superstitions, well except that Browsy Bear is usually helpful when he is in the car with me.

Most important thing regarding walking course? DO IT! Walk with drivers who have been around awhile, do at the minimum 3 walks through, more at bigger events, but try to at least be able to visualize the entire course before you go on your first run. If you can't visualize it, plan to be looking way ahead while you drive.



Best modification made to car to improve performance? Tires definitely made a huge difference for me when I was driving in the stock classes. It was unbelievable when they first did something magic for me at a divisional championship event.

Between runs? Try to watch others with similar type cars go through the course. If I am really tired though, a quick cat nap is even better.

How do you practice between autocrosses? Look ahead while making off-ramp turns, practice smooth wheel control while driving on the street. See what the minimum steering wheel input I need to supply to complete a turn on the street. (be careful though)

Left Foot Braker? Yes. It is different use for front wheel drive verses rear wheel drive. Sometimes I get confused, but it still is a time saver when I do it right.

Tip for learning left footing? I started doing it on the street in my Dodge Colt (which I autocrossed at the time) I practiced in the Rochester winter, so I knew that I had to learn fast how much pressure to apply to the brake pedal or I would end up in a snow bank. (Of course I DID end up in one or two snow banks that winter) but it was worth it when spring came I was ready to try it on the autocross.

What do you focus on/think about right before you start a run? I try to look at the course ahead, stay calm, smile. It's tough to be stressed if you are smiling. And mostly have a positive attitude that I can do what I need to do.

What do you focus on /think about right after you finish a run? Did I hit any cones? No, really I usually know when I have hit them. I try to take a deep breath and think the run over, understand what I did wrong, vow to correct it then forget about it. Keep a positive attitude that the next run will be better. And at the very least, it will be fun.

Anything different in driving on wet course? Slow Down, but not too much. Stay smooth, don't yank the wheel, don't make any abrupt movements. Kinda like, "no sudden movements, and nobody gets hurt."

Most unusual/ memorable/ funny experience at an autocross? After 23 years, there are a ton, but some of my best were when Brian and I were driving a Saab Sonnett. One event I nailed a slalom so well, it felt perfect. It was so fluid, I was amazed that I could do it.

Of course winning Nationals for the first time and the fourth time and the seventh time were pretty cool too.

Dream ride: I have a list. Most of my list has been met, but I still haven't driven a Lotus Elan. The two others on my list are an M1 (yes it is a BMW I know) and the McLaren F1. I don't think that they will ever be met, but hey you never know...

Thanks to Tina for passing on the tips.

Until next time ... keep the pointy sides up.

George Nagle



Historic Racing is Alive and Growing in the Northeast Division

Whether you know it or not, your SCCA region has a historic racing program! Early in 2004, the Northeast Division and its 19 Regions agreed to support the formation of the Historic Racing Group (HRG). The HRG is an evolution of what was originally called the Volvo Historic Series, born in the Northern New Jersey Region (NNJR) of SCCA in 1997. After five years of support from Volvo, the series ran without sponsorship in 2002 and 2003, continuing its affiliation with NNJR. In 2004, the series broadened its horizons and was adopted by the Division.

The HRG's philosophy is to provide a fun, low key forum for pre-1974 production-based race cars, without the extremely rigid adherence to originality and pedicure that many of the pure vintage race series demand. There are presently five classes, segregated by engine displacement, with a wide mix of cars, from Minis and MG's, to BMW's, Porches, Mustangs, Camaros and Corvettes. HRG cars must conform to current SCCA safety standards, run on DOT-approved tires, and generally comply to the SCCA's Historic GCR. "Neat and clean" appearance is strongly encouraged, while protests are discouraged. The 13/13 rule common to most vintage groups is not used, nor necessary. Drivers with a propensity to use the "chrome horn" are given a chance to voluntarily adjust their attitude. Should they continue in their evil ways, they are not welcomed back.

While fun is the main objective, and car-to-car contact is rare, there is plenty of close competition. The HRG race is often one of the most entertaining groups of the day for the spectators, with the beautiful sight of 30 or more classic sports cars taking the green flag, the exciting thunder of 1960's muscle cars, and David and Goliath battles between Minis and Mustangs.

HRG runs as a separate race group within regional and national SCCA Club Racing events. In 2004, the schedule included eight events with 11 races at six tracks around the northeast. A similar schedule is in the works for 2005, with events planned at Lime Rock, Pocono, NHIS, Beaverun, and Watkins Glen. If you've got an old Production or Vintage car, or even an IT car, sitting in the garage, now's the time to blow the dust off of it, order some new DOT rubber, and get ready to race! More information can be found on the HRG web site, at <http://www.historicracing.org/>.

Richard H. Posenauer Memorial

Central New York Region, SCCA Outstanding Members of the Year



1963	Earle Genge
1964	Charles Marsh
1965	Earle Genge
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1967	John I. Sullivan
1968	Robert A. Lawson
1969	Ed Annette
1970	Nancy Geer
1971	Bill Calabretta
1972	Richard Lang
1973	Jean Swed
1974	Richard Lang
1975	Don Connor
1976	Chuck Levine
1977	Esther Levine
1978	Carolyn Connor
1979	Jim Gallagher
1980	Jim Hughes
1981	Debra Gallagher
1982	Don De Weaver
1983	Lori Newcomb
1984	Shirley Van Nostrand
1985	Robert Van Nostrand Sr.
1986	John Chave
1987	Jon Coffin
1988	David Simmons
1989	Tom Stephenson
1990	Denise Simmons
1991	Clyde Corsaro
1992	Paul Grover
1993	James Ocuto
1994	John & Pat Barnes
1995	Wm. Lee Hidy
1996	Robin Wysokowski
1997	Sue & Mike Fuller
1998	Karl Hughes
1999	Rex Franklin
2000	Sonya Snyder
2001	Alex Fairbank & Dave Stehlik
2002	Frank Beyer & Mark Johnson
2003	Rex Franklin
2004	Bruce Parker



2004 season SOLO II champions

OVERALL	POINTS
1 Mark Bizzozero	237
2 Brian Ciarlei	221
3 Anthony Donofrio	208
4 Joe Mazurkiewicz	205
5 Peter Hirshey	202
6 Brian Reeves	195
7 Tina Reeves	181
8 Rex Frankin	174
9 Mike Donofrio	164
10 John Izyk	163



2004 season SOLO II Class Champions

B stock	Chuck Willyard	1999 BMW M3
C stock	David Feldman	1999 Mazda Miata
D stock	Anthony Donofrio	2004 Neon SRT4
E stock	David Stelik	1992 Mazda Miata
G stock	Jason Farr	2002 Honda Civic Si
H stock	Mark Bizzozero	2004 Mini Cooper
CSP	Mike Donofrio	1992 Mazda Miata
DSP	Chris Lyons	1982 VW Rabbit
STS	Joe Mazurkiewicz	1998 Dodge Neon ACR
STS2	Timothy Murphy Sr	1995 Mazda Miata
STX	Benamin King	2003 Subaru WRX
SM	Andrew Joncas	1999 Subaru RS 2.5
SM2	Wayne Clarke	1967 MGB GT
AP	Art Gallinger	1988 Pontiac Fiero
DP	Brian Reeves	1990 Mazda Miata
EP	Jon Coffin	1983 VW Rabbit
AM	Lee Hidy	1979 Tobias Sprint
DM	Leo Sawyer	1987 Super 7
EM	Rex Franklin	1962 MG Midget
FM	Brian Ciarlei	1988 Red Devil
FJ2	Tara Furco	Kart

The Central New York Region of the Sports Car Club of America presents

SNOW & ICE 2005

* A Time-Speed-Distance Automobile Rally
* Saturday, March 5, 2004
* Little Falls, NY

A rally is a precision driving event – it is not a race. A team of a driver and a navigator are given a set of directions to follow, which includes speeds to travel at, and a start time. All of the speeds are at or below the legal speed limits. Along the route, the Rallymaster has set up “checkpoints” to monitor the team’s progress. The object is to arrive at the checkpoints on time – not early, not late.

Snow & Ice 2005 will be run in compliance with the NER-SCCA Rally Regulations, as amended. The event will be part of the 2005 SCCA NorthEast Divisional Championship Series.

Vehicles must have all season tires. Snow tires are strongly recommended. **SUMMER TIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Competitors should have a reflective triangle, tow strap, shovel and warm clothing in their car.

* **Rallymaster:** David Lewis
* **Phone:** 315-826-7029
* **E-Mail:** wdlewis@ntcnet.com
* Entry form at <http://users.ntcnet.com/~wdlewis/rally>



SCCA RoadRallySM

CNY Region SCCA Winter Outing
Friday February 25th7:00PM-11:00PM
Highland Forest located in Fabius,NY

Hot Dogs - Hot Chocolate - Sleigh Rides - Crackling Fireplace

The Limestone Room with spectacular floor to ceiling fireplace located in the beautiful new **Skyline Lodge** at Highland Forest is reserved for our exclusive use from 7:00PM - 11:00PM on Friday, Feb. 25. In addition, we have reserved the **horse drawn sleighride from 7:00PM - 9:00PM.**

The sleigh carries approximately 20 passengers and will make four runs through the forest trails, each lasting about one half hour.

The sleighrides and Limestone Room are reserved for the exclusive use of CNY Region SCCA members and their guests for the entire evening.

We are planning this as a family style event, so please bring children and friends of all ages.

Directions: Rt. 81 to Tully (Exit 14). East on Rt.80 for 11 miles (thru Fabius and past Toggenburg Ski area). Right into the Park to lodge.

THERE WILL BE FOOD

It is planned that CNY-SCCA will provide soda, hot dogs, chips, and hot chocolate.

We have the use of the commercial kitchen located in the lodge. If there is someone interested in cooking up some chili or other winter, post sleighride food , that is certainly possible. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed as this is , as stated, a family event.

The **charge** will be a very reasonable **\$5.00 per person.**

Please plan to attend and feel free to bring children and friends.

No reservations are needed. However it would be nice to give our activities chairman, Bruce Parker, a call at 315-672-5198 . Call at least a week or so in advance so he can get an estimate of the numbers to assure adequate food and beverage will be on hand.



Membership Application

Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest member participation automotive organization, please complete the form below in full and return, with payment, to your region or the SCCA Membership Department, P.O. Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400.

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Spouse Member Number If Current Member _____

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04 Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

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06 Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

Have you been an SCCA member before? No Yes: Year _____ Previous Member No. _____

Please send me a Crew License (check box)

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10	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$85.00	+	Family Membership \$ 15	=	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear \$ _____	+	First Gear (Reg. dues) \$ _____	=	\$ 45.00
	(you must be 21 and under)				

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ U.S. DO NOT SEND CASH.

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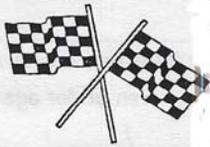
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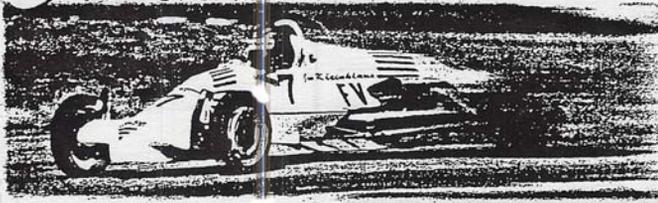
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