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*Some don't have to wait for Spring, but do they ever get to Ice Race?
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Patriotic Pants

Mike Donofrio

April has arrived and it is time to put the off season behind us. The first National in the north east takes place April 8th & 9th at Summit Point. Joe Zingaro will be making his road racing return at this event after taking off all of 2005.

All of our flagging and communication members can finally take their white suits out of the closet. As the racing and track days begin so does the work of the many volunteers that make it all happen. There will also be a flagging and communication school April 9th at the Liverpool Library. Anyone interested in getting involved contact Mike Fuller for more information.

The first Solo of the year is now only one month away. Time will tell if our efforts to attract new participants has paid off. I believe we will see many new faces and consistently see more of the old faces. We have started the year off strong and the best is yet to come.

The club van will be finally treated to some CNY SCCA vinyl graphics before the first Solo. This will now be our rolling billboard complete with the web address, www.cny-scca.com and the Solo II schedule.

There will also be some new chiefs of specialty including the worker chief and tech inspector. Most importantly we have new sponsors along with a new program to make certain they see an equitable return. They support us and I know that we can do the same for them.

With new chiefs, sponsors and graphics also comes a new system of event organization to streamline and simplify events from start to finish. 2006 will bring changes which will be

beneficial to participants and workers alike. Any suggestions or compliments are always appreciated and should be directed to the Solo Chair Mark Bizzozero.

The *May general membership meeting* will be at *Barbagallo's at 6344 East Molloy Rd.* They will have food and drinks available, and no 9 o'clock curfew. This most likely will become the new home of the general membership meeting. The April meeting will still be at the American Legion.

Those who attended the Motorsports Expo at the NYS Fairgrounds already know the impact the CNY SCCA made on the event. If the two cars in our display did not attract attention then our club mascot certainly did. The mascot, a.k.a. your club treasurer, Jay Cartini, came dressed for the event wearing pants that closely resembled an American Flag. Pictures do not even do this sight justice. Jay believed these pants would draw attention to the display. I believe they may have been drawing the wrong kind of attention.

Nonetheless it was another successful weekend of club promotion. We talked with plenty of people, and may see some new faces at both Solo's and Club Races. So maybe Jay was right and the pants do work! My only concern is that this may not be the last sight of these pants. So if you see a guy driving a go-kart draped in an American Flag, don't laugh. Instead take the time to ask yourself, not what this club can do for you, but rather what you can do for this club. I am sure Jay would be glad to tell you!