The Snarling Exhaust

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How does he do it? Must be the pants! (Jay Cartini with unidentified hot babe – Motorsports Expo)

Photo courtesy of Anthony Donofrio

May membership meeting Wednesday, May 10th, 7 PM **DIFFERENT LOCATION!!! Barbagallo's – 6344 East Molloy Rd. East Syracuse (315)437-7715**

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Recap By Mike Donofrio

The month that most of us have been waiting for has finally arrived, and with it comes the start of the Solo 2 season. The first event will be at Shoppingtown Mall on May 7th.

We have put a lot of effort into preparing for the 2006 season. The result of which should be seen in the form of organization and presentation.

We also have a few new faces in positions of prominence. George Nagle will be taking over as Worker Chief, and Leo Sawyer will be helping out with registration. The Murphy's will be on site with SCCA merchandise available for sale and helping out with tech.

The van has been going through a bit of a make over recently. It has been thoroughly cleaned and organized inside thanks in large part to your Assistant RE Anthony Donofrio. Everything in the van now has a designated location along with a corresponding label. We also have power, in the form of a generator. The timing equipment also received the new batteries it has been waiting for.

Most significantly the van has **GRAPHICS**. From top to bottom this van is a rolling SCCA billboard, and a good looking one if I might say so.

A lot of time has also been spent on promoting the club and specifically Solo 2. We gave out more than 400 brochures and schedules at the Auto Expo in February. Almost as many were handed out at the Motorsports Expo in March. It doesn't end there since we will be at other events throughout the summer including the Sport Compact and Truck Blast in July.

Don't forget to keep checking the website at <u>www.cny-scca.com</u> for any new additions or changes in the schedule. This new site is another one of the improvements we have made in 2006. This has provided us with up to date information, discussion forums and an expansive photo gallery. The site was constructed and launched in the beginning of the year by webmaster Joe Kramer. Joe deserves great praise for keeping us informed not only online, but also with the news letter. The self proclaimed Media Czar has brought it to our mail boxes on time since day one on the job.

The May 10th general membership meeting will be at **Barbagallo's (6344 E. Molloy Rd, East Syracuse – Ed.)**. They serve food, drinks and there is no curfew, we can stay well past 9 o'clock if desired.

I would like to thank everyone who has played a part in getting us to the point we are this year. Not only the members but also the sponsors of this years Solo 2 series. Their support is greatly appreciated and we aim to reciprocate throughout the season.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the first event and the many to follow. Things are just getting started and it will only get better from here!

<u>CNY General Membership Meeting Held on April 12, 2006 at the American</u> <u>Legion Post in Liverpool, NY</u>

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by CNYR Regional Executive **Michael Donofrio**. Mike quickly made an exciting announcement that the next general membership meeting in May will be held at **Barbagallo's Restaurant**. This will provide club members with not only the possibility of grabbing a bite to eat while digesting all that is CNY-SCCA, but also an extended amount of time to chat with fellow enthusiats. Mike also noted that the recent Motorsports Expo has seemingly helped recruit a few new meeting attendees, and he noted those in attendence.

Assistant Regional Executive: Anthony

Donofrio,....broke all the rules and....had something to report !@? !@? He will be working on the club van to prepare it for the upcoming Solo II season. Anthony told tales of plans.....Twin Turbos, Hi-Lift Cams, Coil-Over Suspension, Lap Top Controlled Fuel Injection, and Synthetic Fluids throughout. However, due to budget constraints he will actually be checking the air pressure in the whitewalls, applying a fresh coat of Armor All on the dash, and vacuming the groovy orange shag rug.

Treasurer: **Jay "Uncle Sam"Cartini** - Jay once again proved that he can get the job done (or at least delegate so that Rex can get it done), and announced a slew of new CNYR sponsors. Including, Gabe's Autoworks, Creative Memories, Mikey on-the-Spot, Franklin & Co., and Britschge's Automotive.

Secretary: **Joe Zingaro** - Joe fumbled and broke all formality in his attempt to ask that the minutes be accepted as printed in the previous Snarling, and most saw it in their hearts to grant him this wish.

Activities Chair: **Bruce Parker** told the story of how he had his own "Solo" with his recent visit to the Formula 1 season kickoff at the Watkins Glen Research Center(he went by himself). He also noted that the annual CNYR summer picnic will again be held August 9th at the Onondaga Yacht Club.

Solo II: Mark Bizzozero had an important schedule change to announce as the Cherry Valley Enduro is

being moved from September 10th to September 17th. He also awarded trophies to members who were unable to attend the awards banquet, including the Murphy contingent who had more "Heavy Metal" than 95X. Quietly.....in the background.....the executive committee sang Queen's "We are the Champions".

Editor/Webmaster: **Joe Kramer** was in attendance and made note of some of the new CNYR website features, including the digital photos.

Flagging and Communications: **Mike Fuller** enthusiastically told of how he and **Mick Levy** held a recent Flagging school, and 14 interested individuals were in attendance for their expert instruction.

Competition/Merchandise: **Joe Zingaro** brought much of the region's merchandise, and officially passed on the job to the always willing to help, Murphy family.

On the competition front, the recent Summit Point SCCA National was held, and CNYR members **David Kicak,Jerry Doner, Joe Zingaro,Mike Zingaro**(the Zingaro family) and **Jim Ocuto** represented CNY region. David Kicak in the Jerry Doner Racing, MG Midget was on his way to another great finish, however, it was thought that track sound restrictions forced the team to retire late in the race. Joe Zingaro, Mike Zingaro and family had their maiden voyage in the Village Auto Works Nissan Sentra and won the GTL class race. The always quick, Jim Ocuto also represented CNYR in his Spec Miata and his Showroom Stock B Miata, and although at meeting time his finishing positions were not known, he was undoubtedly up front.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned somewhere around 8:15 ish.

Submitted, Joe Zingaro CNYR Secretary

MG CAR CLUB WESTERN NY CENTRE VICTOR (NY) LIONS CLUB

SPORTS CAR AND VINTAGE AUTO FESTIVAL TO DRAW THOUSAND ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2006

Farmington, NY – The East Coast's largest one-day car show will attract more than 9000 spectators and 800 cars, Sunday, June 4, 2006 at the Farmington Town Park, Farmington, New York. The Farmington Town Park is located in the Town of Farmington at the intersection of Colette Road and County Road 8, just a few minutes east of the New York Thruway, Exit 45.

This popular event, now in its 35th year, draws entrants from throughout the Northeast and Canada. Activities include events for car admirers, enthusiasts, collectors, restorers and sellers. There's a flea market featuring arts, crafts and special-interest auto parts, a car corral with collector cars for sale, and a colorful car show with sports cars, antique cars, hot rods and custom cars.

The heart of the event, sponsored jointly by the Victor (NY) Lions Club and the MG Car Club of Western New York, is a judged show with three trophies awarded for each of more than 65 classes of cars, trucks and vans.

The SPORTS CAR AND VINTAGE AUTO FESTIVAL supports many charities, including a scholarship to the Auto Tech Department of Monroe Community College, and the Lions Club Charities for the visually and hearing impaired.

Plenty of food and beverages will be available for this family-oriented event. Spectator admission is \$5.00, children under 12 are admitted free.

The festival runs June 4th from 10:00am to 4:00pm, rain or shine. For more information contact Richard Powers at (585-323-2687) or via e-mail at <u>mgahmogca@rpa.net</u>.

Cha Ching!!! Treasurer's report.

By Jay Cartini, CNYR Treasurer

Normally the first quarter of the year the club Treasury is met with a giant sucking sound as money flows out and very little, if any, flows in. I'm happy to report that I think we are over the hump. Membership renewals are starting to trickle in from National and efforts to increase the number of Snarling Exhaust advertisers and Solo II sponsors is starting to pay off. I am pleased to make the following announcements:

- The Corvette Barn has decided to continue supporting the Region by renewing their ad in the Snarling.
- The following are <u>NEW</u> advertisers to the Snarling:
 - Donofrio's Body & Paint Shop, Inc
 - o Murphy's Professional Auto Repair
 - Sterling Investment/Management Consulting
 - Powder Plus Powdercoating
 - **Onondaga Laminates**
 - Gabe's Autoworks
 - Creative Memories Consultant, Lisa Cartini (she put together a scrap book for us from old photo's that were in storage, and yes, she is my wife)
 - Franklin & Co. Automotive Restorations
 - J. Britschge's Cars Auto Restoration
 - Mikey on The Spot Auto & Truck Repair
- Sharlay Machine & Fabrication has increased their level of support from an advertiser, to a Solo II Gold Level Sponsor.
- Rolling Chassis Co. has renewed their support and has decided to remain as a Solo II Gold Level Sponsor.
- Victory Lane Karting is a <u>NEW</u> Solo II Gold Level Sponsor.
- Fehlman Bros. Automotive has renewed their support and has decided to remain as a Solo II Platinum Level Sponsor.

It is important that we show our advertisers that we value their commitment to us and support their business's whenever possible. When frequenting their establishments don't hesitate to tell them that you saw it in the Snarling, or at the Autocross. We need to let them know that their dollars are working for them.

In addition, we aren't done here. We need, no we want, more. The more money we have to work with the more we can do within the region. So I will continue to ask you to look around to who you know. Who might be interested in supporting us? Don't be shy, all you need to do is make the introduction and we'll do the rest.



Jay "Uncle Sam" Cartini (you might want to visit the website to view this one in color) (**Editor's Note:** Yes, we needed one more page this month. See why we need more content?)

2006 CNY SOLO Championship Series Schedule

Sponsored by: Fehlman Brothers Sponsored by: Rolling Chassis Sponsored by: Sharlay Machine & Fabrication Sponsored by: Victory Lane Karts

May 7 th	Shoppingtown Mall
June 11 th	New York State Fairgrounds
July 9 th	Cherry Valley Motorsports Park
July 30 th	New York State Fairgrounds
August 6 th	Seneca Army Depot (New)
August 19 th	
September 1	17 th Cherry Valley Enduro
October 8 th	Shoppingtown Mall

Event Schedule: (Except August 19th Saturday NIGHT Run)
Registration and Tech Open:8:00 AMRegistration Closes:9:30 AMTech Inspection Closes:9:45 AMMandaory Drivers' Meeting:10:00 AMFirst Car Off:10:30 AM

<u>SCCA Solo National Tour – Devens, MA</u> June 10-11

<u>SCCA Pro Solo – Washington, DC</u> June 24-25

<u>NEDiv Divisional Championship - Seneca Army Depot</u> July 21-23

<u>SCCA Solo National Championships – Topeka, KS</u> September 26-29



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Seneca Grand Prix - Event Information

Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, NY

Event #1 - July 9, 2006 (host: Finger Lakes Region) Event #2 - July 16, 2006 (host: Glen Region) Event #3 - August 6, 2006 (host: Central NY Region) Event #4 - August 27, 2006 (host: Western NY Region)

Location:	SENECA ARMY DEPOT, SR-96A in Romulus, New York				
Directions:	From the New York State Thruway, take exit 42 to SR-14 south. Follow SR-14 about 5.7 miles and turn left on Lake St. Turn left onto US-20 [SR-5], go about 2.0 miles then right on SR-96A. Follow SR-96A for about 13 miles. Air Field is on the left. From the south take SR-414 out of Watkins heading north. Continue to follow SR-414 for about 22.3 miles. Turn left onto CR-139 and go about 0.9 miles. Bear left on SR-96 and continue to follow for about 3.4 miles. Air Field is on the right.				
Entry Fees:	SCCA Member: \$25.00 Non-member: \$35.00				
Schedule:	Registration: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Tech Inspection: 7:45 - 9:15 a.m. Novice Meeting and Course Walk: 9:15 a.m. Drivers Meeting: 9:40 a.m. First Car Off: 10:00 a.m.				
Max. Entries:	200				
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	Event #4	Jon Wolf	autocrosser@gmail.com		

THE FORMULA CAR MAGAZINE FORMULA FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP IS MOVING EAST

Formula First in most of the world is where Formula Vee is heading. In the states there is an active cadre of what are now called FST'ers who are promoting the Formula. There are now purpose built FST cars but many Formula Vees can be converted to the FST formula. Basically,

The old 1200 Vee engine is replaced with a newer more powerful 1600 engine. The rear suspension is the same but it gets disc brakes. The front suspension is the newer ball joint design again with disc brakes. Best new features are the tires which are long lasting spec wide tires and there is only one legal transmission.

The schedule features races at east coast mainstay tracks and well as the normal central division tracks.

2006 FormulaCar Magazine Formula First/Formula Vee Challenge Cup

- Round 1 May 27 Grattan (Western Michigan Region)
- Round 2 May 28 Grattan (Western Michigan Region)
- Round 3 July 8 Blackhawk Farms (Blackhawk Valley Region)
- Round 4 July 9 Blackhawk Farms (Blackhawk Valley Region)
- Round 5 July 22/23 Watkins Glen (Glen Region)
- Round 6 August 26 Road America (Chicago Region)
- Round 7 August 27 Road America (Chicago Region)
- Round 8 September 23 Nelson Ledges (NeOhio Region)
- Round 9 September 24 Nelson Ledges (NeOhio Region)

At the Nelson and the Glen races competitors will conduct seminars for interested parties. The organization will have conversion information and rules packages for all to discuss. Hope to see you there.

Shown is the new, built for FST, Campbell Evoluton





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An Important Message

By Joe Kramer

Monday of Easter Week found my sister lingering at the house before heading back to my ancestral home (Rhode Island). I had taken the day off, but we had nothing planned. So when we heard on the morning news that a car that simulates drunk driving was going to be on display at the State Fair handicapped lot, we thought we'd take a ride over.

After arriving and chatting with Solvay High School Student Assistance Counselor Patricia Lake, we realized that this was actually a function for the school, part of their efforts to educate the students about driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. School officials believe that awareness of all the ramifications of DUI is always important, and especially so at this time of year when the Junior and Senior prom season is upon us. Patricia told us that there had already been a coffee house held at the school where the topic had been DUI. Now, thanks to a grant from the Erie Insurance Group, they were able to make the Safety Bug, a VW Beetle modified to simulate the delayed reactions of an impaired driver, available for students to drive.

Mike Martin of PA DUI (<u>www.padui.org</u>) explained to me that the students would drive the Safety Bug through the tight course marked by traffic cones once with the car behaving normally. Then Mike would flip a switch that inserts a 0.7 second delay for all steering and braking input. National testing by various organizations has shown that 0.7 seconds is a "typical" number for the delay in motor response in people after even just one or two drinks, he explained. This allows the students to see for themselves how even a fairly small amount of alcohol can affect their ability to drive a car.

The students also had an opportunity to take a sobriety test administered by Officer Tony Scioto of the Solvay Police Department. Before he had those who volunteered take the test, they had to be wearing goggles that simulate what the world would look like to an impaired driver. We watched as student after student tried and failed to simply put one foot in front of the other to walk a straight line. And all due to the effect of simulated impaired vision. Officer Scioto also had the volunteers balance on one leg. then the other. Finally they had to look up at the sky with arms outstretched and touch one index finger to their nose, then repeat with the other index finger. The success rate on these was a little better than the walking segment.

Students also had an opportunity to sign a pledge stating that they would not drink and drive.

Patricia Lake told us that this was not the end of the effort: Joanne Michaels of the DA's office was scheduled to address an assembly on Drinking, Driving and the Law. And Marianne Angelillo, whose son, Mark, was killed tragically in an accident involving DWI in Skaneatles was to address another assembly at the high school. A coffin display is also planned with a "don't let this happen to you" theme.

Solvay High School Principal Joe Rotella said that the program's aim is to raise students' awareness and to deliver the message from as many sources as possible that DUI has serious consequences. It is an important message that applies to adults as well as teens.









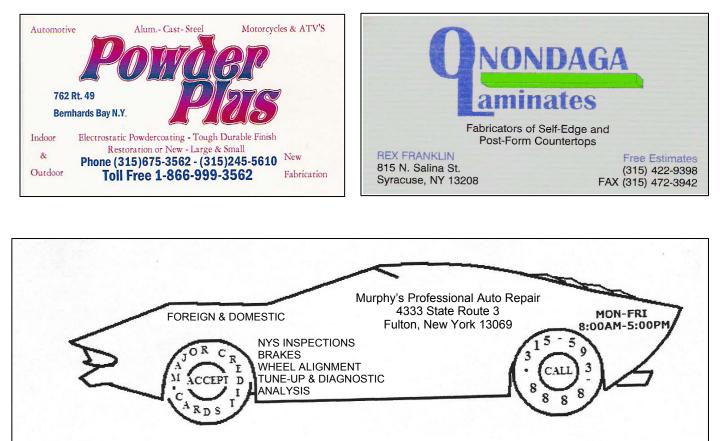








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