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Pylon Parade

The Fantasy Grand Prix was held under incredibly sunny skies on May 21st at the Watkins Glen Central School. Dave Snyder hosted the event, which included a "celebrity" race (if you can call Bill Green a celebrity!).

The Celebrity Event was run in a Specchio Ford Escort. Mike Smith led the field with an early lead, having had a lot of experience in front wheel drive. Radio Rick "Rahal" Hughey came in second in his Bobby Rahal helmet and driver's suit. Filling out the field were local personalities Dr. Lloyd Peak, school superintendent, Jim Whiting of WFLR Radio and the one and only Mayor of Moreland, Hizzoner William Green. Bill came dressed in Dunlop Blues and a helmet from the glory days of Grand Prix racing. Bill pushed the Escort to its limits, but he had his best run of the day in Ernie Walden's VW.

In the regular event, Ernie Walden took home FTD and some champagne for his FTD run. Ernie really raised the dust, as he made his first run through the course. Ken Strothmann tried to see how long a Rabbit will run at redline, but he managed to not blow it up. Maybe next time

Lyn Rexford came out of retirement in her trusty Honda and placed third in E Stock. Watch out, Ken!

Kevin Hooey won F Stock in his newly rebuilt Mustang which still made some strange noises. Mike Smith took G Stock over Arnie Carbaugh. Joe "Don't Call Me A Technician" Carozzoni brought out his Firebird, which sported some interesting bumps and dents. Joe has been practicing slaloms with some really heavy pylons lately.

Many thanks to Dave Snyder and Joe Carozzoni in timing. Also, many thanks to Lyn Rexford for registration and course sweeping.

Many more thanks to Dr. Lloyd Peak, the Watkins Glen Central School, Jim Esgrow, Dick Chambers, Specchio Ford, and Jim Whiting. Last, many thanks to Mike Smith and WFIR Radio for airing reports on the Fantasy Grand Prix.

-Dave Marks-

John Bushner 18 Year Member of the SCCA



photo by Ade Ketchum

John Bushner is celebrating his 18th year as a member of the Sports Car Club of America.

John was born in Connecticut, where he graduated from Southington High School. He then attended Rochester Institute of Technology, graduating with an associate's degree in Applied Science.

John's interest in motor sports started during his high school years, when he regularly attended stockcar races in his home state of Connecticut.

Bushner's first race at the Glen was as a spectator in 1957. He liked racing at the Glen so well that he became a member of the timing and scoring team the following year and was a member of this specialty until 1970. From 1971 to the present time, he has worked at race registration as a notary for both pro and club races.

John was a charter member of the Allegheny Valley Sports Car Association in the early 1960's and held every office in the club, except secretary, and was club president for two

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REflections

I'm certain that all of you are aware of the tentative plans for Racing at the Glen, i.e., Road-Racing, Pro Events, NASCAR Oval etc. But are you aware of what is expected of SCCA members? I'm speaking of our ability to carry out our duties in a professional and proficient manner. The new owners will be looking very closely at our performance and their decision on using our Services will be based on those reviews. This is not to say we haven't proved ourselves many times over (we are the finest!), but it is to remind us that everyone is expendable. I encourage you to attend every event possible and look your best. I urge you

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to contact your SCCA friends (in or out of your Specialty) and make them aware of the need of their support.

The future is bright. Let us assure ourselves that we will be part of it.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the Green Flag Committee for an outstanding job and to all of those who made SCCA an intricate part of the Corning venture—a job extremely well done.

I also thank each of you for your support during a very trying period and look forward to working with you in the Glen Region.

Welcome Home, Norm!

Dick Chambers Assist. RE

Fifteen Years Ago In The SPARKPLUG

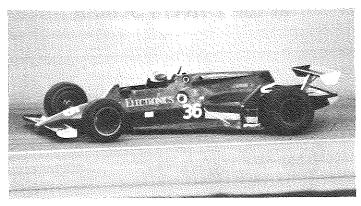
An alternately wet and dry Glen 100 weekend dominated an unusually slim mid-season issue. With Glen Region members conspicuously absent, our cover picture showed Ohioan Harry Killian taking Bill Moran's checkered flag in an Alfa Duetto under threatening skies. Most of the winners mentioned in the article have long since disappeared, but at least one- George Morris- is still racing the very same babyblue Porsche Speedster on occasion, and Mini-Cooper pilot Kenper Miller has gone on to bigger things in professional racing.

Two spring rallies were reported, the Between the Lakes rally organized by Dusty and Elinor Rhoades, and the Crooked Mile III presented by George Edwards. The former attracted 31 starters, of whom 27 finished, with Marty and Audrey Bingham topping Shirley and Carlton Brown for the overall win. The Browns were again runmers-up in the Crooked Mile, this time losing out to Central New York Region stalwarts Bill and Sarah Knowlton. Rallymaster Edwards reported that "some of the entrants rallied a lot farther than they were scheduled to because they just couldn't believe that mileage turn in Mosherville." Perhaps a few fell by the wayside on their detour, because there were six DNF's out of 36 starters.

R.E. Bill Bradshaw was called upon to break the bad news of dues increases for 1969 at both the national and regional level. Westport's tab was scheduled to go up to \$17.00 per year, including a subscription to Sports Car (still edited by the club staff, incidentally), while Glen Region dues were doubled from \$2.50 to \$5.00. Confident that the membership would accept the increases as necessary, Bill sagely observed, "people are like sheep, in that you can shear them regularly but you can only skin them once."

In a lighter vein, Char Winter was shown being bailed out of "jail" at the Painted Post Pioneer Days, an early example of action photography by one A. Ketchum, and a classified ad contained this sad lament: "Future wife will not stand for divided affections; therefore, I must find a new home for my 1966 Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider."

The Chuck Ciprich Story



Chuck Ciprich at speed at Indianapolis

Chuck Ciprich, of Burdett, New York, has the two following dreams he would have liked to accomplish this season: to compete in the 1983 CART Indy Car Championship series, and to qualify and compete in the Indianapolis 500 mile race. The Indy 500 will have to be set back until next year, but Chuck will be competing in the CART series.

Chuck, car owner Ron Buckner of Webster, New York, and the team sponsor, Pace Electronics, owned by Pat Kehoe of Ontario, New York, put in a full month at the Indianapolis Speedway, attempting to get Chuck through his rookie test. He nearly made it, lacking only seven laps from completing his test in the 180 MPH bracket. Ciprich said, "It seemed like everytime we got the car on the track, there were those little problems that stymied us."

The Pace Electronics Team's car, built by Bill Finley of Speedway, Indiana, is a copy of the 1982 Gurney Eagle and is powered by a stock block, fuel injected, 335 C1 Chevy V8 engine. All engine work is done by Ron Hutter from Ohio.

Chuck was born in Laceyville, PA on November 30, 1941. He moved to Burdett, NY in 1943, when his father was transferred by the LeHigh Valley Railroad, now part of Conrail.

At 14, Chuck began hanging around the local garage belonging to John Rarick. John was racing cars at Dundee Speedway at that time, and Chuck and he became very close. Chuck even raced a few times at Dundee himself, before being drafted into the United States Army.

Upon his discharge from the Army, Chuck also went to work for the LeHigh Valley as a signal-man, which is still his profession. During these years he married Faith Vichio, and they now have three daughters.

A good friend of Chuck's, Charlie Beattie from Hector, NY, built a modified coupe, which they raced at Weedsport and Waterloo. This led to Show Car Engineering of Waterloo, which built another modified for Chuck.

In the early 70's Ciprich joined the Glen Region Sports Car Club of America, with an eye to road racing and eventually the professional side of the sport. He met Ron Buckner and form-

ed a partnership, which took him in a different direction. He began driving super-modifieds, which brought him many wins in the Northeast and Midwest.

The Ciprich, Buckner and Pace Electronics team plan to do the rest of the CART series this year, and they will definitely be back to make another attempt at making the Indy 500 field in 1984.

— Bill Green -

Membership News

New members include:

Daniel Flynn - an exterminator from Elmira, who is interested in most of our activities.

James A. Baker, Sr. - a firefighter at Elmira Fire Headquarters, who is interested in racing, rally, and Solo.

Brian C. Bills - works at Corning Glass Works and will be working as a course marshal.

Fred Douglas - a salesman from Waverly, who is interested in club racing, rallying and socializing.

Hubert Minor - from Chittenango, a manager-VP for Production Automation, Inc. in Syracuse, who is interested in most of our activities.

Cathy Esgrow - an executive secretary at the Corning Hilton and is our Region attorney's wife. Cathy is interested in club racing.

Carl & Sherry King - from Johnson City, who are both interested in all of our activities. Carl works for the highway department in the Town of Maine, and Sherry is a hairdresser.

Welcome one and all to the Glen Region.

Membership Contest - As of 5/30/83:

1.	E. Terry Matro	5
	Bob Rynone	3
	Jill Davies	3 3 3 2
4.	Helen Hagensick-Heaton	2
	Allyn Davey	2
	Tom Sparling, Jr.	2
7.	Joni Mattice	1
	Joe Atkinson	1
	Todd English	1
	Jerry Buckbee	1
	David Wright	1
	Jim Esgrow	1
	Tom Sparling, Sr.	1

Carl J. Matuszek Membership Chairman

For Sale

Dune Buggy-1965 VW-Good for Solo II, slicks and extra wheels. Contact J. Hamann, 761 Cayuga Drive, Horseheads, NY 607-562-3847

Rally News

On May 15th "The Whitcomb Ford 100 Rally" was ran, with 33 rally teams trying to navigate the instructions of rallymasters Carl Matuszek and Joe Carozzoni. The rally route toured western Steuben county, taking rallyists through the thriving metropolises of Hedgesville, Boyd's Corners, Freeman, Cameron-Mills, and, of course, Woodhull, where it seems that 15 rally teams failed to find the mysterious 2nd left, and managed to find the blue Camaro for the 100 point penalty for being off course.

Top honors for the day went to Ed & Gail Cordes, driving their RX-7 to victory with 65 points and being the only team to hit double figures.

The Sparling-Atkinson Amsoil P.O.R. award went to Bill Ward & Fran Wilson, driving a VW Beetle with 1121 points. (It seems that this is the first rally that they have completed out of three tries, so it's well deserved.)

The Whitcomb Ford Award, for highest placing Ford, went to John Moore & Mary Ann Hahn, driving a Pinto to minth place with 266 points.

Awards were presented at the Poster Restaurant, where refreshments were served, and a good time was had by all.

A nice job commendation goes out to Joe & Carl for a fine rally, and a big thank-you goes to Whitcomb Ford for sponsoring this event.

Come out and discover your Region's landmarks--Run a Rally!!

Craig Champlain

Remaining Rallys for 1983

July 24 - Bill & Pauline Bradshaw starting at Rotsell's Restaurant, Lawrenceville, PA

Aug. 14 - Ed & Gail Cordes

Sept 25 - Dave & Connie Davies

Oct. 29 - Bob & Kathryn Burns

Nov. 6 - Todd English

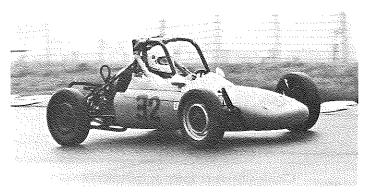
Remember! If you are running for championship points, you <u>must</u> work 2 events. So, contact the rallymasters! They will appreciate your help.

Also, we have had a few problems with seatbelts and calculators. The rules state that seatbelts must be worn at all times, and <u>all</u> vehicles must be equipped with them.

The calculator rule states that only a 4 function, non-programmable calculator may be used. (No TI-55's)

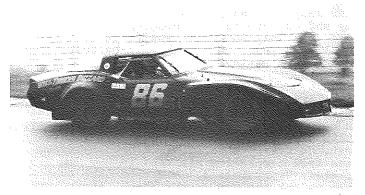
If any team is found in violation of any rules, it will mean disqualification!

New Drivers of the Glen Region at the Drivers School



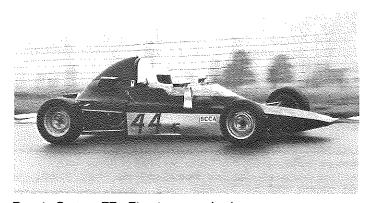
Jim Baker FV

photo by Tom Corp

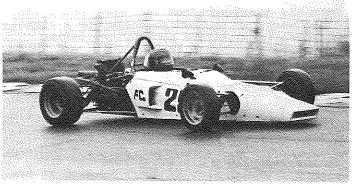


Hugh Cornell GT 1

photo by Tom Corp



Dennis Cotton FF - First in open wheel race photo by Tom Corp



David Beach FC

photo by Tom Corp

John Bushner Cont'd

terms. He then joined the Central Pennsylvania Region, SCCA in 1965, then transferred to the Glen Region in 1966.

John became involved in Glen Region Club affairs by being elected Activities Director in 1968 and 1969. Then he was elected assistant Regional Executive in 1970 and Regional Executive in 1972-1973. He has also served as Race Chairman and assistant Race Chairman for Driver's Schools for Regional Races and National Races. The years 1980 and 1981 saw him again get involved in club activities by serving on the Board of Directors of the Region.

John and his wife live on Harris Hill Road, near Big Flats, New York. He works at Corning Glass Works, as a Senior Photographic Engineer, responsible for photography required to pattern Corning Fotoform glass. John's other interests are stamp collecting, helping out with DPMA, personal computers, and working around his home.

Bill Green

Upcoming Solo II Events

July 10 ---- Corning Glass Works, Sullivan Park, Painted Post. Call Marks for details. (716) 334-3643 or (315)536-8213 on the weekends.

July 2-3 --- Pro Solo II, Toledo, Ohio. Call Carl Matuszek for de-

July 16-17 - Pro Solo II, Harrisburg, PA. Call Carl.

Facts Galore!

Do you know who is the driver with the most money earned over his Can-Am career? Do you know who is the all-time wins leader in the Trans-Am?

If you are not club historian Bill Green and can't answer the above questions, it's time you got your hands on a copy of the SCCA Professional Racing News Guide and Record Book. This year's edition has been expanded to include not only information on the four series the SCCA currently conducts, but also facts and figures on past SCCA series. Though designed for use by media, you, too, will find the book interesting and informative. And it's only \$6, including postage and handling, and is available by contacting the SCCA, 6750 S. Emporia St., Englewood, CO 80112.

(The answers to the above questions are: Most money won in a Can-Am career - Denis Hulme, all-time wins leader in the Trans-Am - Mark Donohue.)

For Sale

1976 Shasta Camping Trailer, self contained. Full bath, sleeps 7, 4 burner stove & oven, forced air heat, etc. 23 foot - \$4000.00 - Phone Gregg Beach at (607)-733-4189

ROAD RALLY STANDINGS AS OF 5/15/83

Driver	Navigator			
2. Carl Matuszek 3. Bill Bradshaw 4. Ed Cordes 5. Arnie Carbaugh, Jr. 6. Bob Beckerman 7. Dave Rothchild 8. Todd English 9. Tom Sparling, Sr. 10. Kathy Sheehe 11. Beverly Buckbee 12. Maryann Pradon 13. Dave Davies 14. Joe Atkinson Stu Luther 16. Bob Burns 17. David Wright 18. Ken Strothmann C. Goeltzenleuchter 20. Stan Dobromil 21. Joni Mattice 22. Donna Pradon Doug Born Ron Levanduski Rod Faulkner 26. Craig Champlain 27. Robert Pinkston 28. Jerry Buckbee	1435 1435 1200 11200 1117 1117 1110 1110 1110 111	1. Lyn Rexford 2. Pauline Bradshaw 3. Gail Cordes 4. Joe Gaboriault 5. Dave Marks 6. Tom Sparling, Jr. 7. Joe Carozzoni 8. Dave Redfield 9. Connie Davies 10. Craig Champlain 11. Kathy Burns 12. Janet Wright Kelli Owen 14. Kelley Buckbee 15. Anita Dobromil 16. Sharon Troha Judy Born Barb Luther Bill Green Mary Farrell Jill Davies Kimberly Davies 23. Jerry Buckbee 24. Ken Strothmann 25. Ken Heaton Whitcomb Ford Class	443380 443380 443380 47760 8847760 7420 4660 3660 3660 3600 3600 3600 3600 360	
29. Victor Troha Kevin Hooey 31. Helen Heaton 32. Dave Snyder	270 270 250 240	Driver 1. Ade Ketchum 2. Maryann Pradon 3. Kevin Hooey	1435 975 500	
		Navigator 1. Lyn Rexford 2. Dave Redfield 3. Ken Strothmann	1435 975 500	

Stuart Duncan Joins SCCA National Staff

Stuart Duncan, who has worked in various facets of auto racing, has joined the Sports Car Club of America Professional Racing Department as Manager in charge of the 1983 Budweiser Trans-Am and Robert Bosch/VW Super Vee Championship series.

The announcement was made by SCCA Vice President of Professional Racing, George Couzens.

Duncan, 30, will replace Tom Blattler, who has resigned to take a position with the public relations firm of Bob Thomas & Associates in Redondo Beach, Calif. Blattler's resignation takes effect May 5th.

Duncan's latest venture in motorsports was with Lola Cars Ltd. in England where he worked on the design of the Championship car that Mario Andretti will be driving this season on the Indy Car circuit. He also assisted with the development of the Lola Group C T-610 sports car while attending races at Le Mans, Spa and Brands Hatch as part of the works team.

For Sale

1979 Mazda RX-7GS, Red/Black Int. Excellent Cond., Sunroof, AM/FM/CB/Cassette 48W-4 Speaker Stereo, built-in Escort. Two sets Alloys with mounted NCT'S and Phoenix 3011's. \$7750 includes \$500 Spares, Bra, Cover, Manuals, etc. Nationally competitive C Stock Solo II. Phone - Michael Butler - (607)265-3582 - (after July 5th or leave message). Sparkplug Thomas Corp Editor 228 Stuart St. Horseheads, NY 14845

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FANTASY GRAND PRIX SOLO II RESULTS SOLO II STANDINGS AS OF 5/1/83

<u>C Modified</u>				A Modified	
1. Ernie Walden	VW Buggy	49.873	Glen <u>FTD</u>	1. Gary Woollard	200
C Prepared				B Modified 1. David Beach	200
1. Joe Carozzoni	Firebird	55.385	Glen	2. Gregg Beach	150
C Stock				C Modified	
1. Frank Stuart	Triumph TR-8	59.240	Guest	1. Ernest Walden	150
D Stock				E Modified 1. Dave Button	200
1. Jim Clark 2. Chris Scaptura	Fiat 124 BMW 2002	57.943 58.535	Guest Guest	C Prepared 1. Nile Heermans	400
E Stock				2. Gordon Herr	220
1. Ken Strothmann	VW Rabbit	53.275	Glen	3. Joe Gaboriault	200
2. Michael Anderson 3. Lyn Rexford	Honda Civic	53.964 54.991	Guest Glen	A Stock 1. Tom Sparling, Sr.	200
4. David Butchko 5. Richard Loveland	MGA Coupe VW Rabbit	56,916 1:00310	Guest Guest	C Stock	200
F Stock				1. Ed Cordes	200
1. Kevin Hooey 2. Kent Wentling	Mustang Chevy Pick-up	55.182 1:14.481	Glen Guest	E Stock 1. Ken Strothmann	200
G Stock	_			F Stock 1. Warren Wetzelberg	200
1. Mike Smith 2. Arnold Carbaugh 3. William Field	Honda Accord Honda Prelude Dodge Charger	53.393 54.905 1:36.240	Glen Glen Guest	Craig Champlain Joe Atkinson 4. Bob Beckerman 5. Kevin Hooey	200 200 150 100
H Stock				G Stock	
1. Barrie James 2. Jay McKendrick	Ford Pinto Datsun 210	59.393 1:02.762	Guest Guest	1. Dave Ticonchuk 2. Arnie Carbaugh	400 270
Celebrity Event		Mike Smith 4. Carl Matuszek	270 240		
1. Mike Smith 2. Rick Hughey	5. Dennis Cotton	100			
3. Susan Watkins 4. Dr. Lloyd Peak 5. Judy Woelki 6. James Whiting 7. Hon. Bill Green 8. Hope Merletti	1:03.321 WFIR Radio, Dundee 1:06.712 School Supt., Watkins Glen 1:07.708 Motor Racing Museum 1:11.064 WFIR Radio, Dundee 1:11.372 Motor Racing Museum 1:28.779			H Stock 1. Dave Rothchild 2. Ken Strothmann 3. Mike Scullin 4. Kevin Hooey 5. Victor Troha	400 150 120 30 20

RESULTS OF WHITCOMB FORD 100 RALLY

RX-7 CORDES*/GAIL CORDES*
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PR DBUID DAVIES*/CONNICT DBUIES*

3 KEITH MCPHERSON/MARK MCKERROW
280-ZX TOTAL = 173

4 C. ROTHCHILD*/JOE GABORIAULT*
CELICA TOTAL = 211

MAZDA GLC TOTAL = 227

5 MICHAEL TOOMBS/MARSHA LEHTO
NOVA
SPITFIRE TOTAL = 252

6 JUNI MATTICE*/KELLI OUEN*
PINTO
10 JOHN MOORE/MARY ANN HAH
286

11 CARL* +CHRIS GOELTZENLEUCHTER
TERCEL
288-Z

3. AL MORG/BOB RUDD
COROLLA
COROLLA
14 PAUL ALIPRANDO/ED LEE
10 LOUD DL TOTAL = 358
15 DAN DOUGLASS/E. HARDCASTLE
16 DITAL BRADSHAU*/P. TOTAL = 402
17 CRAIG CHAMPLAIN*/P. CORNELIUS
18 MIKE + PAT GRIGORIOU
18 MIKE + PAT GRIGORIOU
18 MIKE + PAT GRIGORIOU
260-Z TOTAL = 444
19 JOHN DAY/AL SCHIFF
HORIZON
21 ANDREW KOUAL/ROBYN KOUAL
21 ANDREW KOUAL/ROBYN KOUAL
22 RICHARD SPIKE/SANDI HENDERSON
TOTAL = 478
22 RICHARD SPIKE/SANDI HENDERSON
TOTAL = 478
23 MILLIAM LABARRE/KEITHAL BEACHY
24 TODD ENGLISH*/UENDY PECK
CAMARO
25 CAVID URIGHT*/JANET URIGHT*
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RESENTER DUNBAR POR STOTAL = 621

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RAZDA SUNDOUNER SUTTOTAL = 637

RAZDA SUNDOUNER SUTTOTAL = 637

RAZDA SUNDOUNER STROTHMANN*

TOTAL = 769

RAZDA SUNDOUNER STROTHMANN*

TOTAL = 341

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TOTAL = 341

RAZDA SUNDOUNER SUTTOTAL = 1121

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The Whitcomb Ford Award was won by John Moore and Mary Ann Hahn in a 1980 Pinto.

Bill Ward and Fran Wilson won the AMS/OIL Press On Regardless Award furnished by local dealers, Tom Sparling and Joe Atkinson.

Wine was furnished by Bully Hill Vineyards, Inc.