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Dave Snyder Wins PR Award



Bob Burns receives Dave Snyder's Regional Public Relations Award from Janet Clegg, South Carolina Region, a former winner of the award.

Bill Green Photo

Checkpoint 2

Rejoice all you "zero heroes"- rally season is almost here!

On March 4th there will be a Rally School held at the public meeting room on the second level at Arnot Mall. Registration will be from 12 to 1 pm and the cost will be \$2.00 for guests, \$1.00 for members. The school will be geared to the beginning rallyists with emphasis on route following and other "nuts and bolts" aspects of the sport. The school will be entirely classroom instruction (no "on course segment") with lots of handouts, slides, and other visual aids. If you are planning on rallying this year, this is THE place to start.

On March 18th you will have the opportunity to put all that rally school knowledge into practice at our first Championship Rally of the year. Craig and Debbie Champlain will be Rallymasters for the "Shamrock Search", starting at the Poster Restaurant on the Village Square, Painted Post. Registration will run from 11 am to 12:15 pm, drivers meeting at 12:30, and first car off at 1:01. Call Craig or Debbie at

(607) 962-8745 for additional information or if you would like to work the event. May the Luck 'O The Irish be with you.

The April 1st (no foolin') the non-championship White Cane Rally will be held in co-operation with the Corning Lions Club. If you haven't participated in this event before I would strongly recommend you give it a try - I guarantee you will find it a worthwhile and rewarding experience. Contact Tom Sparling or Ed Cordes and see further details next month in this column.

The second Championship Rally will be chaired by Carl Matuszek and Joe Carozzoni on April 15 starting at Club Valentine in Bath. More details next Month.

As a result of the efforts of Carl Matuszek, Sponsorship Advisor, we have two new sponsors for marque classes - Brown and Hauser for Toyota and Van Brunt Motors for Nissan/Datsun. Other proposals are outstanding that could bring in 2 to 3 additional marque awards. Also Tom Sparling and Joe Atkinson will continue to sponsor the AMS/Oil POR award. Many thanks to these sponsors and to Carl for their support of the Rally Program.

Finally, notes from Rally Board meetings:

- Dirt roads will not be used.
- Junior members (to age 16) category was discussed - anyone with ideas about how this could be implemented should pass them along to any Rally Board member.
- Contestant Evaluation Report forms format has been finalized - these will be used to "grade" each event in an effort to continually improve the program.
- A new self-scoring sheet is being designed to help in our transition from computer to self scoring.
- The update of Rally Regulations is now complete and copies will be available starting at the school. Many thanks to Ade Ketchum and his trusty word processor for the time and effort spent on rewriting the Regs.

Remember, if you're looking for a new area of activity in the Region - Rally Fun's For Everyone! See you next month at Checkpoint 3.

- Lyn Rexford -

Rally Board Chairman

REflections

Top honors this month go to Dave Snyder for receiving, from SCCA National, the PR award for 1983. Good work Dave, do it again for 1984. The Sparkplug placed fourth in the judging of the medium-large regional publications. The winning publication in this category was the Observers Stand, the Ohio Valley Region, Sue Rupp, Editor.

So the cruise is over, the warm weather, the aquamarine ocean and the islands in the sea are now all past history. What a weekend! Let's do it again! What seminars that were available saw excellent attendance by the Glen Region. Some

most informative material on tax status and exemption was presented in one seminar. This information is now being acted upon by your Board. More on this later.

Much discussion took place with the "higher ups" in SCCA concerning the racing dates with WGI. A proposal was formulated and presented to the Glen Region Board (Note - A quorum was present) by myself. The proposal is that the Glen Region and the Finger Lakes Region co-host a National race at WGI June 16-17th. I have just learned that this proposal has been approved by the Finger Lake Region Board of Directors. Close working relationships between regions are smiled upon by the National SCCA.

The annual meeting of the Sports Car Club took place on the tiny little island of Little Stirrup Cay. It was both unique and delightful. Be sure to read the minutes of this meeting in a future issue of Sports Car.

The March Roundtable meeting will take place on March 9-11th, hosted by the Central NY Region in Syracuse at the Syracuse Marriott, exit 35 on the NYS Thruway. Please let Ade Ketchum or me know if you are planning to attend, as rooms will be scarce. Between Ade and myself, we have reserved four double rooms. This will be an important meeting, as we will try to cast the NEDiv schedule into stone.

Concerning our racing dates at WGI, I feel we have presented to Finger Lakes a very workable schedule. In addition to co-hosting the premier event at WGI with a National race, we will cede to FLR either the July or September regional. The co-hosting of the June National by both Regions is going to need the cooperation of the members of both Regions.

We are well on our way to the beginning of a good year - whatever your bag is - PARTICIPATE. We need you. This is your CLUB. See you around.

In The Spirit of the Sport
Bob Burns

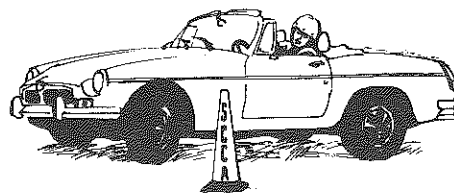
Sponsorship

Tom Sparling and Joe Atkinson are returning to provide the AMS/Oil Press On Regardless Awards for the rally series and the AMS/Oil Fastest time Of Day Awards for the Solo II series.

Brown & Hauser Auto Sales will be providing trophies to the highest placing Toyota in each road rally for 1984. A year end award will also be given to the highest placing members entered in a Toyota for the year.

Van Brunt Motors will be providing trophies to the highest placing Nissan/Datsun in each road rally for 1984. A year end award will also be given to the highest placing members entered in a Nissan/Datsun for the year.

Carl J. Matuszek
Sponsorship Advisor



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Fifteen Years Ago In The SPARKPLUG

The Sparkplug had a new look this month, thanks to the Region's new state-of-the-art Olympia typewriter. Membership meetings showed a new wrinkle as well, as a sign-in board replaced the old time consuming roll call. Several members later asked if I had become right-handed, but the member signing his name in the photo was not yours truly (I was slimmer in those days), but our Solo II Formula class antagonist Gordon Barkley.

John McQuillen presented Snow Rally II on January 19, but for the second straight year, raw dampness prevailed instead of snow. Nevertheless, 29 entries turned out for a tour that started at the FoodMart in South Corning and wound through the environs of Addison, Woodhull, and Campbell before finishing at Morrison's Restaurant in Big Flats. Dick Elsey and Ned Hubbard took the win, followed by the husband-wife teams of Knowlton, Brown, and Rhoades.

Doings at SCCA headquarters were much in the news, topped by the announcement that the publication of Sports Car, an in-house effort of the national PR department up to that time, was being "farmed out" to Don Nixon of Michigan City, Indiana. The Nixons had long been to timing and scoring at Elkhart Lake what the Perrys are to the Glen, but this move was to signal a long series of "musical publishers" for the Sports Car. In conjunction with the magazine's move, SCCA Executive Director John Bishop announced the appointment of Dick Vander Feen as full-time Public Relations Director. I wonder who they work for now...

A leak from the SCCA Planning Committee enabled us to lift from the Southern New York Region's newsletter a proposal by the committee to create "A base-broadening, non-voting type of membership... something like the Dan Gurney Eagle Club." We editorialized that this would eliminate some of the "inactive active members" from the Region's rolls and save the club money in the long run.

Meanwhile, the racing season was underway with the Twenty-Four Hours of Daytona, then under SCCA sanction and a part of the World Manufacturers Championship when that title meant something. After the Penske Lola-Chev (driven by Donohue and Parsons) came from hundreds of miles behind to win, we predicted that Roger Penske would walk from Philadelphia to LeMans in June. We also pointed out that the drivers of the first eight cars were all SCCA regulars.

- Al Robinson -

The Assistant Regional Executive

The Assistant Regional Executive plays a very important part in the Region's organization, as in the absence of the Regional Executive, he or she presides at all Board of Directors and general membership meetings and has the same powers as the RE. The assistant Regional Executive's office is an excellent training ground to learn all the day-to-day business affairs of the Region and enables he or she to move up to the RE's position easily if the person so desires.

The present Assistant Regional Executive is Dick Chambers of Burdett, NY. Dick is starting his second term in this office. He has a very good working knowledge of all club operations.

Listed below are the individuals who have held this office in the past.

1957	John Wait
1958	Don Peters
1959	Harvey Dick
1960	Roger Wadsworth
1961	L. William Argetsinger
1962	Richard Miller
1963	Ward Tooke
1964	Don Peters
1965	Mitchell Sayers
1966-67	William Bradshaw
1968-69	Carlton Brown
1970	John Busher
1971	John McQuillen
1972	Ed Slippey
1973	Kent Kiehl
1974	Dave Soday
1975-76	Eleanor Perry
1977	Patricia Grigoriou
1978	Norman Glueck
1979	Rich Goldwin
1980-82	Barb Luther

- Bill Green -

Membership News

The Glen Region membership stands at 335 members, as of January 25, 1984. New members include:

Michael & Deborah Schroedl - Michael is a optometrist from Honeoye Falls, New York. They are interested in club racing, rally, solo and working.

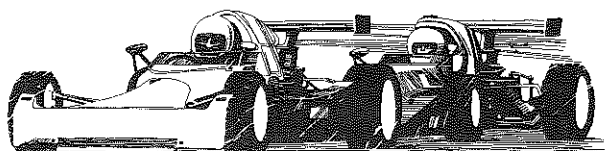
Timothy B. Hall - from Watkins Glen, New York; He is interested in pro & club racing, rally and working.

Welcome one and all to the Glen Region.

Membership Contest As Of 1/25/84:

1.	Bob Rynone	3
2.	Bill Green	1
	Kimberly Davies	1

Carl J. Matuszek
Membership Chairman



RALLY SCHOOL MARCH 4, 1984

Registration 12-1 p.m. at the
Arnot Mall
Public Meeting Room

*'Everything you always wanted
to know about rallying'*

Information: Lyn Rexford
(607) 734-2628

SHAMROCK SEARCH CHAMPIONSHIP RALLY #1

MARCH 18, 1984

Registration 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

*The Poster Restaurant, on the
Village Square, Painted Post*

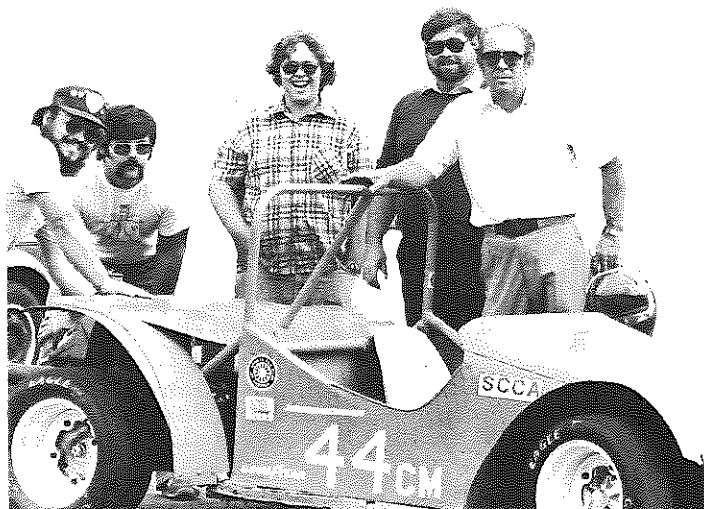
Rallymasters: Craig and Debbie
Champlain (607) 962-8745

Win A Solo II Pass

Here's your chance to win a free Solo II school and event pass in the First Pylon Parade Crazy Caption Contest.

Here you see a picture of five guys standing around a car. Why are they smiling? What is the hairy guy doing to the back of this machine? Why is the person in the middle laughing? Your caption is as good as mine! Here's the deal: Write a caption, balloons, comments or description of what is going on in this picture. Send the results to: Dave Marks, 23 Loden Lane, Rochester, NY, 14623 by midnight, March 20, 1984, and win yourself a free pass to the May 5-6 Solo II school and event. Get your face printed in the Sparkplug along with the winning caption! Even get a picture of yourself along with the five guys in this picture! Win a \$7.00 value for the price of a 20¢ stamp! Judging will be done by yours truly, and results will be announced in the April issue of the Sparkplug.

Remember this is a family organization, so keep those captions clean! Only one winner, and judging is based strictly on how long I laugh or how red my face turns. In case of a tie, entries will be folded into paper airplanes and thrown for distance to determine a winner. Remember: enter by midnight, March 20th and win a FREE Solo II! Don't forget your name and address!



Solo II Announces Season Passes for '84

The Glen Region Solo II Board has increased entry fees for 1984. Member entry fees are \$5.00 and non-member fees are \$7.50. This marks the first price increase for members since 1982. This year a season pass will be available at a price of \$28.00 that will admit the bearer to all Glen Region championship Solo II events and the Solo II School. This is a savings of \$9.00. A regular season would cost \$35.00, plus \$2.00 for the school.

These passes will be available from mid-February through the end of registration at the first Solo II event on April 8th. These passes are available only to Glen Region members, and you must be a member at the time of the event. There will be no refund after the sale of the pass. These can be obtained from any Solo II Board members.

Worker License Renewal

Below is a general outline of the worker license renewal for 1984. I hope to have more information after the national convention.

1. About 45 days before your membership renewal is due, you will receive a membership renewal form and a worker license renewal form.
2. Renew your membership.
3. Fill out your worker license renewal form and forward to your regional specialty administrator. The administrator wants some proof that you worked during the previous twelve months.
4. If approved, the regional specialty administrator will forward to the regional licensing coordinator.
5. The regional licensing coordinator will forward to the divisional administrator.
6. The divisional administrator will forward to the national office.
7. The national office will issue the worker license and return it to the individual worker.

NOTE: The national office will not issue a new license if your dues for the coming year are not paid.

-Carl Matuszek -

1984 Solo II Calendar

- April 8 - Westinghouse, Horseheads - Dave Rothchild, Chairman.
- May 5-6 - Corning Glass Works, Bridge St., Corning - Tom Sparling, Craig Champlain, Chairmen.
- June 3 - J.S.Barr, Corning - Dave Davies, Chairman.
- July 29 - Glen - Joe Carozzoni, Chairman.
- Aug. 26 - To Be Announced
- Sept. 16 - Dave Snyder - TBA
- Oct. 7 - Arnie Carbaugh - TBA

NOTICE

Anyone submitting invoices (bills) to the Treasurer, Sally Chambers, must follow the listed procedures. If not followed payment will not be made:

1. All invoices are to be signed by the member submitting them.
2. State what the invoice is charged to ie: Race, Solo, etc.
3. Indicate if there is a back order price.
4. Indicate who authorizes expenditure.

Pylon Parade

It's almost Solo II time again, and do we have news for you!

The first Solo II of the year will be held April 8 th at the Westinghouse plant in Horseheads. Dave Rothchild will once again host the opening event of the season. to get to the Westinghouse facility, proceed east or west on Route 17 depending on your location and get off at the Ann Page plant. The rest of the Solo II schedule can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Our Solo II Board for the year is Joe Atkinson, Joe Carozzoni, Dave Snyder and Arnie Carbaugh. Stand by for more of Dave Snyder's wacky event spots coming soon to a radio near you.

An event to look forward to in June will be a Solo II run in the streets and through several parking lots in the vicinity of the J.S. Barr offices in Corning. Dave Davies will chair the event. Details are being worked out at this time. Another important event is our annual Solo II school hosted by the team of Sparling and Champlain. This year's school will be held May 5-6 at the Corning Glass Works' lot off Bridge St.

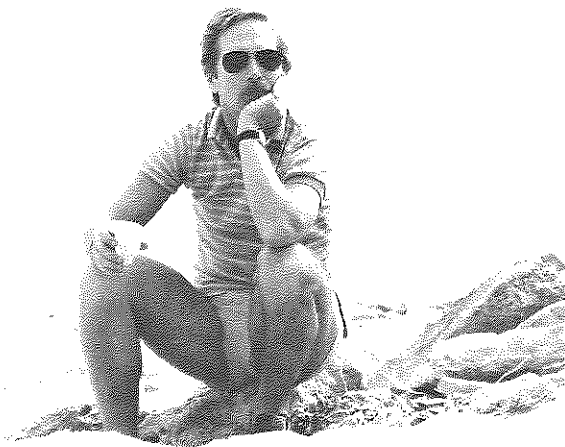
The Solo II program is pleased to announce the continued sponsorship of the FTD award by AMS/OIL dealers Joe Atkinson and Tom Sparling.

Look for some different awards this year in Solo II. Wood is out. You'll have to come to a Solo II to find out what is in!

The slate of chairmen is just about filled for this year, but why not grab a friend and be a co-chairman and leard the ins and outs of conducting a Solo II?

The Solo II Board has met several times, and the results of the rule changes can be found in this issue. Wider courses and tighter competition are just two major changes for 1984.

- Dave Marks -



SCCA President Nick Craw waits for the start of the Annual Meeting. Craw is putting a lot of emphasis on membership growth.

Ade Ketchum Photo

A Dream Come True

There aren't very many of us in this world that are able to sit in a high school study hall and dream about what we'd like to do in the future and have it come true fifteen to twenty years later.

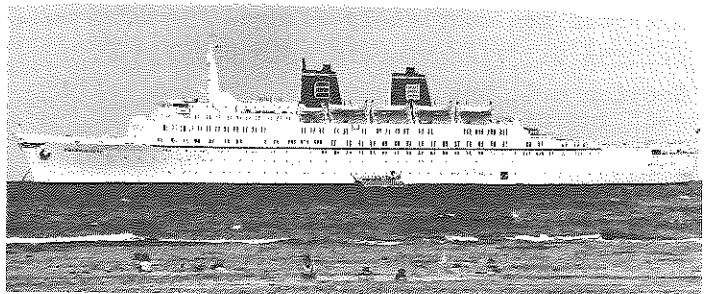
For Al Robinson, an 18 year member of the Glen Region, his dream has come true. Al has left the area to join Charlie Roberts and the SKOAL MOTORSPORTS REPORT, a daily motorsports radio show, based in New Jersey. He replaces former region member Brian Buchauer, who has moved on to the public relations department at Dover, Delaware Speedway.

Al and his father, Dick, served as editors of the Sparkplug in the late sixties and he has been a contributor to the publication ever since. His FIFTEEN YEARS AGO IN THE SPARK-PLUG column has been a hit for the past several years, relating some of our history to both new and old members. A few years ago he teamed up with Region Historian Bill Green to do a mini history series about Watkins Glen.

Al was also active in our solo and rally programs, a long time member of the Glen Timing & Scoring Team, served as a scriptwriter for the Glen Region slide shows and as an announcer at club races at the Glen.

Best wishes go out to both Al and Brian in their new endeavors.

- Ade -



S/S Emerald Seas anchored off Little Stirrup Cay.

Ade Ketchum Photo



Tug O War on Little Stirrup Cay, that's our Connie Davies on the front of the rope.

Ade Ketchum Photo

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Solo II Rules Update for 1984

The Glen Region Solo II Board has reviewed the Glen Region Supplemental Rules and has changed the following items:

Section 1.2 Add "The protest committee will be announced at the drivers' meeting."

Section 3.1 Add "A driver must work once for each heat competed in. Exceptions may be granted by the event chairman in consultation with the protest committee."

Section 4.1 The standard entry fee shall be \$5.00 for SCCA members and \$7.50 for non-members.

Section 4.2 Season Passes will be available to Glen Region members only at \$28.00, through the first event of the year. No refunds after sale.

Section 6.3 Add "All pylons displaced during a competition run will count toward penalties. A competition run shall begin when the competitor begins staging and shall end when the competitor has completely cleared the stop box."

Section 7: Incorporate into Section 6.

Section 6.5 Any driver who hits any solid object during the event will receive a DNF for the run and is done for the day (previous times do not count). Any driver with one or more wheels off the pavement and onto soft ground gets a DNF for that run.

New Section 7 Add "competes or participates".

Section 7.2 Delete last two sentences (points for event chairmen and safety stewards).

Section 7.4 Event chairmen and co-chairmen receive 1st place points, Safety stewards receive 2nd place points and Timing & Scoring receives 2nd place points. Drivers serving in these functions may not run in the event.

Section 9.3 Delete and replace with Section 8.3 "The bumping order as stated in Appendix B of the Solo II National rules will be used for Glen Region Events."

Section 9.4 Delete.

Section 11.1 Delete.

Section 3.1 Add "Tech inspectors and registrars are exempted from the work requirement".

These rules are subject to approval by the Glen Region Board of Directors. Copies of the 1984 Glen Region Solo II Supplemental Rules will be available in mid-February from any Solo II Board member, or by writing to Dave Marks, 23 Loden Lane, Rochester, NY, 14623. National Rule books will be available in mid-March.

PRE 78 FF1600 Class Announced

IN RESPONSE TO INTEREST EXPRESSED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF FF1600 COMPETITORS

The NEW ENGLAND REGION / SCCA

WILL INCLUDE A CLASS FOR FORMULA FORD 1600 RACING CARS 1977 AND OLDER IN

Regional Races

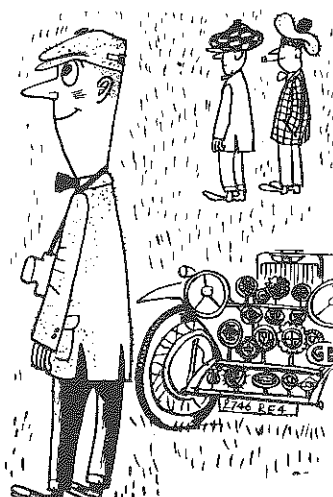
THE CLASS WILL RUN ON A RESTRICTED REGIONAL BASIS WITH ALL APPLICABLE RULES INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS.

THE INTENT IS TO RECOGNIZE THE DISPARITY IN PERFORMANCE AND COST BETWEEN THE NEWER HIGH-TECH CARS AND THE PRE-'78 CARS. THIS SHOULD RESULT IN LOWER COST RACING TO A WELL-PROVEN FORMAT AND ENCOURAGE INCREASED REGIONAL TURNOUT.

PARTICIPATION WILL BE INCREASED AS MORE REGIONS INCLUDE THIS CLASS AND AS IT IS PUBLICIZED IN REGIONAL NEWSLETTERS.

WOULD THOSE WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST AT THE NEDIV MINICON AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED REGIONAL EXECUTIVES AND RACING CHAIRMEN PLEASE CONTACT

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PIT TALK
39 Candide Lane
Storrs, Connecticut 06268
(203) 423-6857



PS

If you already run such a Class, let us know.

Eventually we would hope to see this class nationwide.

Longer wearing tires are being discussed but the present confused tire situation prevents resolution.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 4 Rally School
Mar. 9-11 NEDiv Roundtable, Syracuse
Mar. 18 Championship Rally
Mar. 24 Membership Meeting
Apr. 1 White Cane Rally