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the glen region

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## Dave Snyder Receives PR Award



Regional Executive Bob Burns (R) presents SCCA Regional Public Relations Award to Dave Snyder (center), looking on is Mike Smith, who helped Dave produce radio PSA tapes.

*Ade Ketchum Photo*

Shee! Miss your plane to Nassau, and what happens? Burns gets the trophy AND the girl! (See cover of last month's Sparkplug). Seriously, I'm very surprised and grateful to everyone who had a hand in last year's public relations effort. Hats off to Mike Smith, who helped produce the goofy radio spots you may have heard last season on Corning radio; to Ade Ketchum, whose advice and legwork was indispensable; to Bill Green, who kept track of local publications for me; to the "Gang of Two", Sparling and Matuszek, whose friendly persuasion got me into all this; and to all the rest of the membership, who make Glen Region events so easy to promote. Quality sells itself. All the hoopla in the world won't keep people coming back to poor events. You, the members, make it all happen. Again, many, many thanks! Have a great 1984!

- Dave Snyder -

## The Office Of Secretary

The office of Secretary is one of the vital offices within the organization of the club. The holder of this office transcribes the minutes of both Board of Directors and General Membership meetings and also completes the mailing of these minutes and meeting notices to the entire membership. This officer maintains an up-to-date roster of members, prepares and mails the ballots for the annual elections and for by-law changes, has custody of the corporate seal and maintains the official records of the club.

In recent years, the secretary has had an assistant, who is appointed by the Board of Directors. The assistant helps out with the many duties of the secretary and assumes these duties in the absence of the secretary. Another helper, the Region's mailing committee, assists in the majority of the large mailings.

Irene Dobromil, from Corning, NY, is the present secretary, and is beginning her first term in office.

Listed below are the individuals who have held the office of secretary:

1957	Richard Miller
1958	Merrill Stickler
1959	George Richardson
1960,61,62	Janet Richardson
1963	Patricia Borst
1964	Janet Richardson
1965	Robert Vandegrift
1966,67	Lee Slippey
1968	Jacqueline Holman
1969,70	Patricia McQuillen
1971,72	Lee Edwards
1973	Shirley Brown
1974	Faye Bell
1975	Margaret Foley
1976,77	Beverly Hopkins
1978	Linda Atkinson
1979	Beverly Buckbee
1980	Linda Atkinson
1981,82	Beverly Buckbee
1983	Maryann Pradon

- Bill Green -

### Membership Meeting

Mar. 24 M&M Club - Montour Falls

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## Reflections

We are getting into the swing of things. March begins the rally season, first with the Rally School that was held on March 4th and followed by the first championship rally which was held on March 18th. The White Cane Rally is scheduled for April 1.

March is also the month of meetings. I, along with the BOD, have a meeting scheduled for every weekend in March. All these meetings should be very productive, and we will be keeping you posted on any developments.

An agreement has been made with the Finger Lakes Region to Co-host the June 16-17 race date

at WGI. This event will be a National Race. It is expected that both Regions will provide co-chiefs for each specialty. As more information is obtained concerning this event, we will be passing it on to you. Put the date on your calendar NOW! We know that this date conflicts with the Canadian Grand Prix - who cares - we need to get WGI back on the active racing scene - THIS YEAR!

Reading Roy Bergman's RE Report in the February issue of the WESTERN NEW YORKER has prompted me to reflect upon some of the all important jobs that are done in the Glen Region and taken for granted by many members. Bergman writes in his RE report that the two most difficult jobs are the Rallymaster and the newsletter editor. I agree but would also like to add to the list: all the elected officers, the Contest Board Chairman, the Solo II Board Chairman, the Social Chairperson, the Race Chairmen, Membership Chairman, and the list goes on.

I will probably alienate someone by leaving out an appointed position, but I am running out of paper, and it's snowing like !#!@\$\$X outside.

When you run a rally, do you think about all the planning and the time spent to lay out and check it? The effort required in getting enough volunteers to do the registration, to inspect the cars, to man checkpoints, and publish the results? It's a lot of work and many man hours. THINK ABOUT IT! Volunteer your help to Iyn Rexford.

THINK ABOUT IT when you read the SPARKPLUG. What would Tom Corp do if no one contributed to the SPARKPLUG? He would probably issue a blank page newsletter. By the way - deadline for stories to the Sparkplug is by the first of each month, even though Bill Green told me it was by the 15th.

THINK ABOUT the time and effort that went into the last membership meeting, with Bev and Jerry Buckbee making all the preparations, and Bill Green selecting the films and showing them. It all took planning and preparation.

Regardless of the event, racing to rallying - Solo II to Social events - Meetings to Media, it all takes the effort and time of people! MEMBERS, THINK ABOUT IT!

Now that I have to prepare this article by the first of the month rather than the 15th, I will delay the top honours for March until April. But it will probably go to the weatherman for staging this great snowstorm after our springlike weather.

In The Spirit Of The Sport  
Bob Burns

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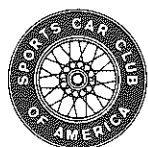
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## 4th Annual White Cane Rally

APRIL 1

Registration — 11:00 - 12:15  
Corning Hilton, Corning, NY

Information — Ed and Gail Cordes Rallymasters  
(607) 562-8097

Rally for a blind or  
visually impaired navigator!

## Fifteen Years Ago In The SPARKPLUG

One of the proudest moments in Glen Region history was realized at the SCCA National Convention in Denver when the Glen was presented the Regional Achievement Award for 1968 in the Large Region category. Making the award even more impressive was the fact that the runners-up were two of the largest metropolitan regions in the country, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

Recognized names among the individual award winners included Dave Tallaksen, the "Mouth of the South", who took the Woolf Barnato Trophy for outstanding contributions to SCCA, and Tony Adamowicz, who received the Tim Mayer Fund of \$1000, established in memory of the late Pennsylvania driver (and younger brother of McLaren's Teddy Mayer) to further the career of a promising young driver. The 25th anniversary convention drew 800 delegates, who listened to a heavyweight lineup of domestic and imported auto industry executives sing their praises... it was the Golden Age of Factory Racing, to be sure.

Closer to home, Glen Region members were not resting on their laurels, as coverage of three events showed. In January, the Region's display at the Corning Lions Auto Show had included Gordon Barkley's Autodynamics Vee, Vic Franzese's Lola Formula B, Dick Sparling's Lotus 51 (the original Formula Ford), and Dave Erwin's Ferrari GTO as the piece de resistance. (We would have taken the Elva Junior, but we didn't want to steal Dave's thunder, and besides, the frame was being painted.)

The February 9th ice gymkhana at Waneta Lake was blessed (?) with snow rather than slush, and showed the superiority of four-wheel-drive long before the Audi Quattro. The top eight times of the day belonged to Jeeps, Scouts, or Land Rovers, while Dick Rathbone took his Mustang around nine seconds faster than any other two-wheel-drive and 17 sec. ahead of any other rear-drive! Forty entries competed, with another four signing in but choosing to sit it out.

A week after the ice event it was back to rallying, with Stu Boysen's Flying Fickle Finger of Fate Rally. The weather improved from January's Snow Rally, but there were some amazing similarities: the same number of cars (29), much of the same territory (Addison, Woodhull, Big Flats), the same finishing point (Morrison's), and the same photographer (Stu Luther, who also did the honors at Waneta Lake). Bill and Sarah Knowlton moved up from second to first, but since they were Central New York Region members, Shirley Brown (driver) and Dave Sonday (navigator) held onto their Glen Region point leads.

On the racing scene, rumors had Pocono being completed in 1970 (it wasn't), Summit Point replacing Marlboro (it did), Lime Rock solving its local ordinance problems (it was a standoff, still no racing on Sunday), and the Central Florida Region patching up its differences at Sebring (apparently they did, but it didn't do much good in the long run).

- Al Robinson -

## Checkpoint #3



Rally Board Chairman Lyn Rexford (L) explains what to look for at a checkpoint to rally school attendees, Anita Dobromil models the new fluorescent reflective vests to be worn by checkpoint workers.

Ade Ketchum Photo

The rally school held March 4th was a very successful event with 35 non-member and 7 members registering. Many members were on hand to assist with the school including: Kelli Owen, Joni Mattice, Carl Matuszek, Tom Sparling, Craig Champlain, Dave Davies, Ade Ketchum, Connie Davies, Jerry Buckbee and Anita Dobromil, (who modeled the latest in checkpoint worker apparel). My sincere thanks to all these people for contributing to the success of the school.

At the February 15th Rally Board meeting we mailed announcements of the school, rally schedules and membership applications to some 203 non-members, who had participated in any of the final four rallies last year. The effort and modest expense of such a mailing was rewarded by the attendance at the school. When questioned as to how they had learned about the event, the vast majority responded that it was via the direct mailing, while some had heard it advertised on the radio and some had read about it in Ron Levanduski's racing column in the Star-Gazette. I also saw a number of people filling out membership applications at the school, so hopefully the number of members rallying will begin to show an increase.

Connie Davies has completed redesigning our self-score sheet, and she did a super job. The form is very "clean" and includes instructions for completing it. I'm sure it will be very well received by both new rallyists and those who have struggled with the old form in the past.

The next event on the schedule is the "Lions Journey For Sight", the 4th annual White Cane Rally on April 1st. If you want to drive for a blind or visually impaired navigator, please contact Ed and Gail Cordes (607 562-8097). There will also be an open class (for sighted navigators), so the event is open to all with a \$25 donation to the Southern Tier Association for the Blind.

On April 15th forget your taxes and attend the rally instead. See details of this event, chaired by Carl Matuszek and Joe Carrozzoni, elsewhere in this issue.

Rally-it's where the action is!  
Lyn Rexford

## Pylon Parade

I've received lots of questions about the price hike in entry fees for Solo II. Here's why the prices were raised.

First, we have revived the Divisional Points Fund. Fifty cents from every entry will go into a fund to help cover the entry fee cost of qualified Glen Region drivers at the NEDiv Solo II Championships. The idea behind this fund is to stimulate interest in the regional program and to encourage regional drivers to enter higher levels of competition. This fund is open to Glen Region members who compete or participate in 75% of Glen Region Championship events prior to the NEDiv Championships in August. They must be one of the top three drivers in their class according to the points standings and can not have received over \$100 in award money from the Pro Solo II Series. If any of the top three drivers chooses not to enter, then the next qualified driver in the class will be eligible for the fund. This fund covers only the entry fee to the NEDiv Championships.

Reason number two is economic. We have several capital expenses this year, (new battery for the timers, new pylons and scoreboards), which, although these items are charged to the club and not directly to Solo II, we feel they have to be covered by our program. Member entry fees have not been raised since 1982. We are attempting to keep the difference between member and non-member entry fees large enough to encourage non-members to join the club. Finally, the worst reason is that surrounding regions have charged higher entry fees and we feel it is time to bring ourselves in line with their pricing. We still are less expensive than most surrounding regions when it comes to entry fees, Solo II or rally.

We will try to give you your money's worth. Come out and test the Water.

Don't forget about the Glen Region season pass for Solo II. All the Solo II Board members have these passes for sale and they will be available through the end of the first Solo II on April 8th. Don't miss Dave Rothchild's event on April 8th at the Westinghouse plant in Horseheads. Registration starts at 9:30.

If you need to contact me, I am available from 2 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at (716) 334-3643. Tom Sparling is available locally almost any time at (607) 962-0711. Other board members are Joe Atkinson and Arnie Carbaugh who will gladly take your calls. Dave Snyder and Joe Carozzoni are a little out of the way but we are all willing to listen to your calls.

A reminder that the sites listed in the Solo II calendar are tentative, especially the Invitational at the track. All sites through June have been confirmed and we are working on new sites to bring you new and improved Solo IIs.

We have received several offers of sponsorship and this Solo II season is shaping up to be a true "revival" of the Solo II spirit. Come out April 8th and catch the action. You won't be sorry!

- Dave Marks -

## New Scoreboards

The Glen Region would like to thank CARBAUGH TOOL CO, INC., 590 Philo Rd., Horseheads, NY. In case you haven't noticed, the scoreboards which we use in Solo II are in poor shape. Check out the cost of new Flexi-Glass, it isn't nice. Carbaugh Tool Co, Inc. has provided us with enough material to make five new scoreboards, which will be much larger and more durable than the ones now in use. So, now you all must attend a Solo II to see our new scoreboards. Right?

Joe Carozzoni  
Solo II Board

## A Letter To SCCA Members

Dear Bob, Kathy and SCCA Members,

I sincerely hope that the track and the two regions have a happy and prosperous year. I would like to apologize for my shortcomings in regards to many incidents involving inter-service factors on the track. I hope that they do not affect workings with medical in the future.

I believe that Kathy can give everyone that works with and utilizes medical, a friendly and confident feeling. I also wish to thank everyone who helped keep the wheels turning safely and my job enjoyable. I strongly urge everyone to rally around the track and Mrs. Burns with all the help we can.

Very truly yours,  
Jeff Perkins

P.S. I wish this letter could be posted in both the Sparkplug and Top End publications. My reason is to possibly help some people that drifted from medical to return. I have work records and fairly updated cards on personnel and events worked.

## Membership News

The Glen Region membership stands at 337 members, as of February 28, 1984. This is the highest our membership has been in over two years. New members include:

Gerald Foreman - from Towanda, PA ; He is interested in working as a pit marshal

Mark Shaw - a cook from Waterloo, NY, who is interested in working Fire-Rescue.

Erica & Jason Holcomb - the children of Bob & Nancy Holcomb. Erica attended her first race, before she was three years old and has helped in Timing & Scoring for the last two years. Jason hopes to attend a race before his fourth birthday in September.

Robert Bradley Jacobs - from Trumansburg, NY; He already has his logbook to go racing.

Gregory Menzenski - from Ithaca, NY, who is interested in rallying.

Gary Shaw - a machinist for Corning Glass Works, who is interested in Pro Racing, Club Racing, Solo and Pro Solo.

Debra Champlain - a hairstylist for Kenn Hair Fashions in Corning, NY. Debra is from Painted Post, NY and is interested in rallying and working races.

Scott Kreisler - from Corning, NY, who is interested in rallying.

Kathy Burke - from Horseheads, NY; She is interested in rallying.

Welcome one and all to the Glen Region.

#### Membership Contest As Of 2/28/84:

1. Bob Rynone	3
2. Bill Green	1
Jeff Perkins	1
Joe Carozzoni	1
Arnie Carbaugh	1
Kim Davies	1
Tommy Sparling	1

#### Sponsorship

Harding Chevrolet will be providing trophies to the highest placing Chevrolet in each road rally for 1984. A year end award will also be given to the highest placing members entered in a Chevrolet for the year.

Whitcomb Ford will be providing trophies to the highest placing Ford/Mercury in each road rally for 1984. A year end award will also be given to the highest placing members entered in a Ford/Mercury for the year.

- Carl J. Matuszek -

### **Spring Fever Solo II**

**APRIL 8**

Registration begins at 9:30  
Westinghouse Plant in Horseheads

Information — Dave Rothchild - Chairman

Home (607) 739-2616

Work (607) 734-2254

or any of the Solo II Board listed in this issue.

### **TAXATION WITHOUT RELAXATION CHAMPIONSHIP RALLY #2**

**APRIL 15, 1984**

**REGISTRATION — 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**CLUB VALENTINE**

Rt. 17 Exit 39 to 415 South  
Approx. 1/2 mile from exit on left

**Rallymasters:**

Carl Matuszek (607) 527-4423

Joe Carozzoni (607) 936-3066

## **Station 34**

Well, fellow flaggers, we are fast approaching a new season, and as usual, we want to get our bodies back in the condition required to be effective in the game we play. The more fit you are, the better your chances of putting up with the long hard hours, the good and bad weather and the occasional sprint with a fire bottle.

Start gradually, hiking over rough terrain, then add some jogging and start carrying something heavy like a fire bottle. By the end of April, you will be ready to attend the annual Flag and Communications school, including your bi-annual practice with a fire. Hopefully, you'll even put the fire out!

The school this year will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, 1984 at the Paddock Club. The school is open to any interested adult, so bring a few friends to learn what we do, and hopefully they will then come out and enjoy flagging this summer as we do. This is a two day school beginning both mornings at 9:00 A.M. and will include outdoor activity, rain or shine on Sunday. Dress accordingly!

We need help, so tell your neighbors about our hobby and invite them to join us.

F & C Coordinator  
Timothy G. Meddaugh



## **NORRDIC 1984**

NORRDIC is our premier Regional Racing Event. No other division has five superb regional racing series that run at six different tracks. The seventh track, Pocono, is the place we crown our Northeast Division Regional Champions. No other division has so much quality to assemble in one place. A place for championship caliber competition from each series to come to drive it out to become NORRDIC Champions.

NORRDIC is an invitational event. The top 6 finishers in each class from each series are invited. (8 finishers in Formula Ford and Formula Vee are invited). Additional invitations are sent to the previous year's champions.

A change from prior years' rules will allow all qualifiers to come to NORRDIC regardless of the number of National Points that are earned. A competitor qualified for NORRDIC and invited to CSPRRC will not be allowed to run NORRDIC. This change will allow all qualified regional competitors to come and race, and will not provide a testing ground for CSPRRC bound racers.

NORRDIC 1984 will be October 6 & 7 at Pocono International Raceway. There will be special awards from the Division's most dedicated race suppliers, hopefully continued support from our three racing schools and of course medals. Come run for the most treasured prizes of regional racing. The GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE of NORRDIC medals.

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## Solo II Schedule & Directions

- April 8 Championship Solo II  
Westinghouse Lot, Horseheads NY  
Rt. 17 East - Exit 52A and straight  
at light.  
Rt. 17 West - Exit 52 North, straight  
at first light and Left at second  
light.
- May 5 Solo II School
- May 6 Championship Solo II  
Corning Glass Works Tourist Lot,  
Corning NY  
Corner of Rt. 17 and Bridge St. in  
Corning.
- June 3 Championship Solo II  
J.S. Barr / Streets of Corning  
Last (first) red light in Corning on  
Rt. 17W (E), turn right (left) and  
go over the bridge. Then right.
- July 29 Championship Solo II - Invitational  
Watkins Glen International Race  
Track
- Aug. 26 Championship Solo II  
Sullivan Park, Painted Post NY  
Rt. 17 Exit 44 at traffic circle  
onto 15 South. Take first exit (approx.  
¼ mi.). Straight at light and up the  
hill.
- Sept. 16 Championship Solo II  
Ingersoll Rand, Painted Post NY  
Rt. 17 Exit 44 to Painted Post. Right  
at first light. Right at second light.
- Oct. 7 Championship Solo II  
Corning Glass Works  
See May 5 & 6 instructions.
- For all 1984 Solo II events:
- |                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Registration & Tech | 9:00 - 11:00 |
| Drivers Meeting     | 11:45        |
| First Car Off       | 12:00        |

PLEASE NOTE that dates and places are subject  
to change depending upon circumstances beyond  
our control. A simple phone call to any of the  
following may be beneficial.

If you have any questions concerning Solo II  
or Glen Region activities, please call.

### Solo II Chairman

Dave Marks (716) 334-3643

### Solo II Board

Joe Atkinson (607) 739-0524  
Arnie Carbaugh (607) 739-0785  
Joe Carozzoni (607) 936-3066  
Dave Snyder (315) 536-8932

### Activities Director

Thomas Sparling (607) 962-0711

## SCCA Competition Events Schedule

(As of March 6, 1984)

### 1984 SCCA BUDWEISER TRANS-AM CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

May 6	Road Atlanta
May 20	Summit Point International Raceway
June 3	Sears Point International Raceway
June 16	Portland International Raceway
June 24	Detroit Grand Prix
July 3	Daytona International Raceway
July 22	Brainerd International Raceway
August 5	Road America
August 19	Watkins Glen
September 2	Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres
September 9	Mosport Park
September 23	Seattle International Raceway
September 30	Sears Point International
October 7	Riverside International Raceway
October 28	Ft. Lauderdale

### 1984 SCCA CRC CHEMICALS CAN-AM CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

June 10	Mosport Park
July 7	Dallas Grand Prix
July 22	Brainerd International Raceway
August 5	Lime Rock Park
September 2	Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres
September 9	Mosport Park
October 28	Ft. Lauderdale

### 1984 SCCA ROBERT BOSCH/VW SUPER VEE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

April 1 (T)	Long Beach
April 15	Phoenix International Raceway
June 3	Wisconsin State Fair Park Speedway
June 17	Portland International Raceway
July 1 (T)	Meadowlands
July 8	Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport
August 5	Road America
August 12	Woodbine Motorsports Park
August 19	Watkins Glen
September 2	Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres
September 23	Michigan International Raceway
October 21	Laguna Seca
November 11 (T)	Caesars Palace

### 1983 SCCA VW RABBIT/BILSTEIN CUP SCHEDULE

May 6	Road Atlanta
May 20	Summit Point International Raceway
June 2	Wisconsin State Fair Park Speedway
August 12	Woodbine Motorsports Park
September 2	Lime Rock Park
September 23	Seattle International Raceway
September 30	Sears Point International Raceway
October 7	Riverside International Raceway
October 14	Phoenix International Raceway
October 21	Laguna Seca