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REport

Glen Region Members,

I hope everyone is having a great holiday season. It is at this time of year that the region is out with the old and in with the new. The Transitional Board Meeting will be held on December 17th with both the 2015 and 2016 Boards in attendance. We should thank the Board members for their years of service. They stood up and took on the tasks of running the region. Solo Board Chair Brett Bourdette and Club Race Chair Allan Kintz have done great jobs this year. Without their Solo Board and Club Racing Board efforts, our events would not have been as great as they were!

Please give the new board your support by contacting them with any comments, concerns and communication regarding your region.

The 2016 Region Board has some hard work ahead of it in keeping the region on track financially. With the MAJORS Club Race in 2016 we will have a lot on our plates as well as with our July Sprints and newly modified Last Chance. But on the positive side, the track will glass smooth in 2016 with the new pavement!

As always, please feel free to contact any of your Board Members with comments, concerns, or even some Holiday Cheer!

In The Spirit Of The Sport, --Ed...

Elections Results

With the votes tallied at our recent Annual Meeting - we officially have a Board of Directors for 2016! No real surprises, but here are the officers elected for the 2016 Board.

- Regional Executive: Ed Zebrowski

- Assistant RE: Kyle Colbey- Secretary: Allan Kintz- Treasurer: Sandy Sanders

- Activities Director: Tim Meddaugh

- Director: Pat Scopelliti- Director: Brett Bourdette

And continuing on the board from last year:

- Immediate Past RE: Larry Emery

- Director: Chuck Dobbs- Director: Tom Weaver

We also would like to thank Phil Kelley for his 4 years of service as Director! Phil will, of course, continue to help the region and the Board in other roles and we appreciate his continued efforts!

As a very early reminder: If anyone is interested in helping the region by running for a position within our Board of Directors or even assisting as a member of the Nominating Committee in the fall - we welcome any offers! Just reach out to any of our current officers for details. If you'd like any further detail on what each of the positions entail, feel free to reply to this message and let us know!

Awards Banquet

When: Saturday, Jan 9, 2016 Where: <u>Lib's Supper Club</u>, Elmira

Cost: \$27 per person RSVP: no later than Jan 5

Doors open at 12 p.m. for a cash bar happy hour, followed by a buffet lunch at 1 p.m.. The menu will be similar to past years, including Italian sausage, meatballs, pizza, and chicken scampi - as well as a host of sides and dessert.

After lunch, we'll move on to awards. Along with cash for the bar, you'll also want to bring a few dollars for our 50/50 raffle (which typically benefits the Watkins Glen Library).

RSVP Detail

Please RSVP by 1/5/16 to Allan Kintz with a count of how many will be attending with your party. You can either mail payment to Allan with your RSVP info or pay at the door.

To RSVP, you can simply reply to this email with your details, call Allan at 607-368-8982, or mail your detail and payment to:

Allan Kintz Glen Region SCCA, Inc. 236 N Genesee St Montour Falls, NY 14865

We can't wait to see you all there!

Solo Season Wrap Up

from our Solo Chair, Brett Bourdette

The days are shorter and all the leaves have fallen from the tree. This solidifies in my mind the end of the SOLO season. I feel we had an exceptional year in the Glen region. Our courses were both interesting and challenging. The Glen region held eight SOLO events this year at five different lots. Our event attendance ranged from 39-69 drivers. We also had two out of region events in conjunction with Southern NY region. I would like to thank everyone that attended, helped out, and basically made this season possible.

As SOLO Chair I felt somewhat obligated to attend all of our events but due to other commitments I was unable to make it to our out of region events. I did attend three other events in different regions and would encourage others to do the same. It's a great way to pick up new ideas that may improve on our program.

We are very fortunate to have a great group of individuals that do so much to ensure we have a SOLO program for years to come. This last year I feel that we have added to that core group and hope to continue in that direction. The saying is true with anything "Many hands make light work" this really applies to SOLO, from acquiring sites to chairing an event. Don't ever be afraid to get involved. We always seem to have someone willing to help you if you are new to a certain task.

In closing I would like to mention a few goals for next year. We need to try to acquire new venues, increase our attendance at events, work on running our events more smoothly, and build on our novice program. We are also going to be asking the region to replace our timing equipment with a wireless system. We have already begun research into our options for the wireless system. I hope to see all of you at our awards banquet in January and events next year.

Brett Bourdette Glen Solo Chair

NEDiv MiniCon and Divisional Awards

The Northeast Division recently held its annual fall Mini Convention - this year held in Saratoga Springs, NY, hosted by the MoHud Region. As is always the case, the Glen Region felt like one of the best represented regions in the division with at least 12-15 members attending! The one and a half day event started with a Welcome party Friday evening at the Holiday Inn and picked up the next morning with a full day of informative sessions and meetings. Saturday concluded at the Saratoga Auto Museum for the banquet and awards presentation.

Saturday's sessions quite literally included something for nearly everyone. There were the usual scheduling meetings for such things as the divisional racing calendar as a whole, the NEDiv Road Racing Series, and also the NARRC/NYSRRC series'.

There was also a great Solo Course Design session presented by Houston Region's Roger Johnson that lasted multiple hours. No less than 4 of the Glen Region's Solo leaders made the trip for this session! A few other Solo programs also filled the day.

Banquet and Awards

Saturday evening we all reconvened at the Saratoga Auto Museum for dinner and awards. I'm happy to report that FOUR Glen Region members took home awards that Saturday night.

The 2015 NEDiv Worker of the Year was presented to Mick Levy! Our Marty Laux also took home the NEDiv Starter of the Year award. On the driver's side of things, Steve Spano won the SRF class championship for the NEDiv Road Racing Series and Jack Dinehart was crowned CFC champion.

Congratulations everyone! Another great showing by the Glen Region!

Other important details also came out of the 2015 MiniCon... Firstly, the regions and the NEDiv Council voted to eliminate the spring Round Table meeting, beginning in 2016. While somewhat controversial, this decision does free up some divisional funds for training or meetings as needed. Anyone looking to schedule or arrange anything should reach out to the NEDiv Council for details.

Also, the Divisional Racing Committee voted on the 2016 NEDiv Road Racing Series schedule that includes TWO events at Watkins Glen! Both our own July Sprints and the Finger Lakes Fun One will be Divisional Series events for 2016.

2016 National Convention

Hopefully by now you know that the 2016 National Convention has moved back to Las Vegas! Consider this another reminder to not only get your travel reservations set, but also your National Convention admission! This year's convention has a lot going on and spans almost 3 days. Officially the convention is scheduled for Jan 21-23, 2016.

The convention will be held at the South Point Hotel & Casino. Rates for the week/end will be \$60/night Mon-Thurs (1/18-1/21 nights) and \$100/night for Fri-Sun (1/22-1/24). These rates are only good until 12/28 so you should make your plans soon! The easiest way to make your reservation is through this link directly. There is also a small discount through Southwest Airlines if you're able to book your flight to Vegas through them. You can find a little more travel detail for the convention on the SCCA website.

Registration for the convention itself will cost \$325 (**THIS PRICE GOES UP \$75 ON 12/18!**). You can register for the convention online <u>at SCCA.com</u>. There is also a list of sessions and <u>tentative schedule information</u> (PDF) on SCCA.com if you're looking for detail on what is happening (hint: it's a LOT this year!).

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