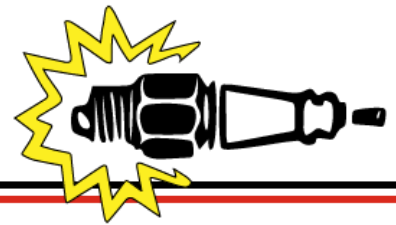




GLEN REGION SCCA SPARKPLUG



Welcome to 2019!

Let's take a quick look at what's been happening in the Glen Region and what's coming up this year...

- SCCA's Diamond Anniversary
- RE's Convention Recap
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75 Years of the SCCA

The Glen Region may only be entering our 62nd year as an organization, but the SCCA is celebrating 75 years in 2019.

What started as a small gathering of sports car enthusiasts back in 1944 has blossomed into a 60,000+ member organization of competitors, volunteers, and their families.



The official anniversary date for the SCCA is February 26th, but expect the SCCA to release a number of related announcements throughout the year featuring the new diamond anniversary logo created just for this occasion!

RE's Convention Recap

Glen Region Members,

I want to give you an overview of the information that the Glen Region team gathered at the SCCA National Convention. The convention was once again held at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas. Opening on Thursday, the first session attended covered Insurance and Risk Management. Kraig Hopkins and John Beam did a great job covering latest in SCCA insurance coverage. One thing that was reminded to the regions was that as a event host, you can always (and should) send any written contracts between the region and others (tracks, solo locations, equipment rentals, contracts between regions supplying workers and other organizations, etc) to the SCCA insurance reps (K & K Insurance) to have them review the contract for any liability loop holes or gaps. Overall it was a great, informative session on protecting the club we are responsible for.

Informal (hallway) meetings came next, as other regions wanted to know about our Glen Region events and exchange ideas. The official convention Opening Ceremony was next with the SCCA Member of Excellence being awarded. The Member of Excellence wins a paid trip to any racing event in the world in honor of their work supporting the SCCA. In the past, trips to F1 races, 24 Hours of Lemans, etc. have been chosen by the winner. What an honor and great gift!

The Regional Executives/Board of Directors breakfast was very productive. Meeting with our Area 10 Director, Earl Hurlbut, created a productive dialogue for Earl to bring back to the national BoD. Concerns over costs and promotion are always concerns to tackle. The SCCA Leadership Academy session had the SCCA President and national staff presenting the upcoming new SCCA website. It will be released and implemented in five segments beginning later this quarter. Ease of use for the member and the region officials/event hosts all will be easier in the near future.

The Awards Luncheon was fun with many national awards being presented. After the luncheon, I attended a session on Using Data to Improve You and Your Car's Performance. I learned a lot on what to look for and how to interpret all of the information from your car's onboard data systems. Also, the best place to pull data from in modern cars, and it is NOT the OBD2 port! New knowledge on the CAN ports on cars and other locations were covered.

All of the medium and small region's REs met with the national staff next to discuss the interfacing between the two. The usage of the national website and the legal responsibilities of a region's officers were covered. Also,

communication between regions of this size were discussed to exchange ideas and concerns.

The next session, SCCA Pro Racing Involvement, discussed opportunities for regions and Pro to work together at the various 2019 Pro Racing events. The SCCA Road Racing Town Hall showed that the national Club Racing Board continues to work on bringing new cars into Club Racing. The future of hybrids and electric cars were also discussed.

The next session was the Welcoming Environment and 30 Near 30 Feedback. The 30/30 was a data research project completed by Kristen Poole, also from our division, gathering data from SCCA members who are about 30 years old, and what they are looking for from the SCCA. The Stand 21 Safety Seminar was next with the most important item being that the patent on the HANS is expiring this year. Keep a look out for a whole bunch of imitators coming out very soon. Stand 21 warns about poor quality in these new units. Fake driver suits were also discussed, as they are showing up for sale online and are very dangerous.

The Tech Round Table was a productive with a lively discussion regarding all tech issues in Club Racing. Express Tech was discussed with how various regions implement the driver friendly tech.

The convention wrapped up with the Hall of Fame Banquet. After 75 years, the SCCA is strong and looking towards the future. On behalf of Tim Meddaugh, Allan Kintz, Ed and Sandy Sanders, we were all proud to represent the Glen Region and look forward to the 2019 season!

Ed.



Over 130 years of Glen Region membership at the National Convention!
Bob Hudson (ATL), Tim Meddaugh, Sandy & Ed Sanders, Allan Kintz, Ed Zebrowski

Assistant REport

I think there is one word for 2019, that is planning. Well, maybe POWER! but I'll get to that.

At the end of the season in 2018, I closed the season with a race car stuck in 2nd gear and a partially blown engine. What am I to do? Start making to-do lists, planning, buying parts, turning wrenches, more planning, picking up and delivering parts where they need to go. It may be January, but it will be race season here in the Northeast before you can blink. It is never too soon to start planning for the coming season.

While that is true with my race car, it is also true with all corners of the club. The Club Racing Board may only have one race this year, but it still requires a plan. Allan is hinting about maybe an enduro, what will the schedule look like? Do we have all the stewards we need, and who will be the chiefs of the specialties? Keep your eyes out for a CRB meeting and help make a plan! What about autocross? The solo group will start *gasp* planning for their upcoming season too.

At the solo planning meeting, the group will line up weekends and sites, name event chairs, get sanction paperwork ready, it all requires people to help (and plan). I don't know the date, but I am sure this will get rolling soon. Brett?

What is your plan for 2019? One could be help the Glen Region figure out how to make ours.

Until next time, let's race (or at least plan for it)!

Kyle

Green Grand Prix Coming

The 15th annual Green Grand Prix will be held at WGI on Friday April 5th. We are looking for volunteers to help with the usual jobs of tech inspectors, pit lane, and autocross workers. What do you get for volunteering? A complimentary sub sandwich lunch and full buffet dinner at the Glen Club. Did I mention a chance to help auto tech students have a great day at the track and a close look at some real interesting vehicle technology? Please email Bob Gillespie at: rgillesp@roadrunner.com or call 315-694-2812. You can also find some more detail at GreenGrandPrix.com.



2018 Season Awards

We held our annual banquet a few weeks ago in Elmira and gave out some awards. If you couldn't make it, here's a quick recap of our recipients!

Our RE presented the **George Fetzer Service Award** to the Dobbs Family for their continued dedication to and support of the region. With Chuck and his support of Club Racing, Terri and all of her contributions to registration, and even Emily and her continued support of Tech - the entire family continues to support the region however they can.

We also gave out a number of Club Racing awards.

Divisional Driver of the Year was awarded to Dave Colbey for his excellent season in ITA. He finished 2nd in ITA in the NEDiv Road Racing Championship with region-high 261 points. He had podiums NJMP and Palmer and finished the season with a couple of wins at Thompson!

Majors Driver of the Year was presented to Gary Kittell. Gary finished 2nd in

FV in the Northeast Conference of the Majors Tour with podiums at Summit Point, Pitt Race, Thompson, and NJMP. Gary - your trophy is in the mail!

Our **Rookie of the Year** award went to Dallas Zebrowski. Frankly, it's about time we all saw Dallas properly get in a car and race. And he did great in his first two events.

Recalling the theme of Dobbs appreciation, Terri Dobbs was awarded our Club Racing **Worker of the Year** award. Terri has continued to be a huge help to registration, not only serving as chief for our Super Tour event, but also dedicating some of her countless hours of free time to cleaning out old files and junk from storage.

Solo also gave out a number of class awards for their 2018 season!

B Street: Mark Mangicaro

D Street: Kevin Hendrickson

E Street: Nile Heermans

F Street: Mark Lockhart

H Street: Kyle Colbey

Street Touring Xtreme: Joseph Scaptura

Street Touring Roadster: Curtis Salzman

Street Modified: Brett Bourdette

E Modified: Dan Lutz

Kart: Pat Scopelliti

And overall **PAX** winner: Kevin Hendrickson

Congratulations to all of our recipients! Here's to an even better 2019!

Elections and the Board of Directors

If you weren't at our Annual Meeting this past November, we did tally ballots for our 2019 Board of Directors. We had one change of position from those results.

The Board would like to thank Rob Craig for his recent service as a Director and welcome newly-elected Steve Spano to that open position!

The rest of our officials remained the same and you can always find the entire, updated list [on our website](#).

Notes from the Editor

You may have noticed (or maybe you haven't) a lack of SparkPlug/newsletter issues in the past year or two. Thanks to a new job and absolute crazy schedule, I had basically defaulted to only important announcements and updates while I catch up with life. I wouldn't exactly say that I'm "caught up" now, but I am planning to dedicate a more time to keeping you all informed this year. The job is still just as hectic - if not more so than the first year. But I'm going to try to make some more time to keep this going.

If there's anything that you'd like to see printed here, or, better still, if you have anything that you'd like to contribute - please contact me! I'd love to have some more Solo coverage throughout the season (even if just a few photos or a brief post-event report) and I'm sure there are plenty of people that would like to know how our Club Racing specialties are going as well as how our Glen Region drivers are doing!

In the spirit of the sport...

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