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REport

from Ed Zebrowski, Regional Executive

Glen Region Members,

The season is speeding by, isn't it? The Fingerlakes Region SCCA SUPER TOUR MAJORS was a great success. Shortly, the Glen Region July Sprints will be a happening. Solo events are continuing to roll along.

August is Nominating Committee time. As in a recent article in Sportscar, it has been said many times, but the region really does need **YOU!** Please step up to the plate and consider being on the Nominating Committee, or running for an office. *A little extra time from each of us makes the region as whole run smoothly.* There will be Board of Director positions that will be open and needed to be filled (the Board has four Director positions). Also, I invite any member to consider running for any of the officer positions (RE, Asst RE, Treasurer, Secretary, and Activities Director).

--Ed...

2017 July Sprints

Now that we've made it past the Majors, there are less than TWO weeks until the July Sprints! And we are expecting another big weekend of Regional and Divisional racing. [Registration remains open](#) through next week on MotorsportReg.

Similar to 2016, the Sprints are again the 5th stop in the Northeast Division Road Racing Championship. The event will also count towards NYSRRC series points! In addition to the different points being collected at the event, we also will welcome the Fidelity Systems ProIT series, Historic Racing Group, and the US Formula First Championship! Like I said, it's going to be a big weekend.

With all of the fun on track, don't forget that our Activities Director is also planning some fun *off* the track! Saturday evening will include not only our usual social gathering in the garage (spaghetti dinner!) but also an optional boat tour of Seneca Lake!



The hour long Captain Bill's tour will include narration from the boat captain about the history of the area and the lake as well as refreshments provided by the Glen Region. Last time we hosted this tour it sold out - we hope to do the same again. Tickets are \$25 and available through the event registration link above.

Questions about the boat tour can be directed to our Activities Director, [Cheryl Zebrowski](#).

Solo Season Updates

We are nearly halfway through our Solo season already with three out of our eight events completed. We've also had a change in schedule for the next event if you haven't heard...

Originally scheduled for Sunday, July 9th, our fourth Solo event was set to clash with our July Sprints race weekend. It was decided that that weekend was a little too much of a conflict to successfully run a Solo event. So we bumped that event to *Saturday, August 5th* at the Domes in Horseheads.

A few weeks ago we also hosted what we called an Intro to Solo. The goal was to set up a half day "event" for completely new people to get the experience of an event with a little bit of hand-holding along the way. Word is the event was a hit. We didn't get a huge turnout, but those that attended had a great time and almost all of them returned the next day for the real event. They were hooked!

After the aforementioned schedule change, the rest of our season now looks like this - and you can pre-register for the events by clicking each of the links below:

- [Event #4](#): 7/23 @ The Shops at the Ithaca Mall
- [Event #5](#): 8/5 @ Elmira College Domes
- [Event #6](#): 8/13 @ Corning Community College
- [Event #7](#): 9/24 @ The Shops at the Ithaca Mall
- [Event #8](#): 10/15 @ Watkins Glen International Paddock

After three events completed so far, James Coulombe leads the PAX standings by 6.5 points over Dave Colbey and Matteo Scaptura. We expect the class points battles to heat up a bit as the season progresses.

We've been averaging about 30 drivers per event this year and we'd love to see that number grow! Reach out to our Solo chair, [Brett Bourdette](#) if you have any questions or would like to help with an event. You can also drop by our [Glen Region Solo Facebook Group](#) for some event chatter!

Never too Early to Plan for Elections!

As Ed talked about in his REport, with the year basically half gone already - it is never too early to start thinking about our regional Board of Directors and the elections process. We'll soon need to form our Nominating Committee that will be tasked with creating a ballot for the 2018 BoD. We will be looking for volunteers for not only the Nominating Committee, but also people eager to fill those seats on the Board! You know, we don't even need you to be eager - we'll take willing and able!

To jog your memory, the job of the Nominating Committee is to reach out to our membership at large and find people interested in running for one of the offices available on our Board of Directors - which, by the way, is almost all of them. The completed ballot from the Nominating Committee is then delivered to the Secretary for eventual mailing to the membership.

If you'd like to help with any step in this process, please reach out to any of our board members, or simply reply to this email!

Looking Ahead to 2018

Along with our annual election cycle for the upcoming year, we also have a couple important appointed positions to fill in 2018. Specifically, both our Club Racing Chair and Solo Chair positions are reaching the end of their current three year terms at the end of this year.

That means we'll be looking for some ~~suckers~~ volunteers to take over for the next three years - and it's never too early to start looking!

They obviously sound like pretty big jobs - and both do require some amount of work throughout the year. But the good part is that there is plenty of help! Incoming volunteers will have years of experience to draw from in both positions.

If either of these sound like something you'd at least like to know more about - please reach out to any of our board members or reply back to this email and someone can point you in the right direction.

Important Upcoming Dates

2017 NEDiv MiniCon: Nov 10-11, 2017

For 2017 the Northeast Division Mini Convention moves to the Washington DC Region. Tentatively scheduled for November 10-11, the Minicon will be held at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, MD. As per usual, details will be provided when they are available!

2017 Glen Region Annual Meeting: Nov 18, 2017

The Annual Meeting for the Glen Region is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2017. The meeting will likely be again held at the IMRRC in Watkins Glen - but we'll pass along more info once that is confirmed.

2018 SCCA National Convention: Jan 18-20, 2018

Mark your calendars: The 2018 National Convention returns, again, to Las Vegas and the South Point Hotel and Casino. It's scheduled for January 18-20, 2018.

No specific details are available yet - including registration and session information.

In the meantime, you can check out the [presentations and content from the 2017 convention](#) at SCCA.com. Almost all of the session materials have been made available online. Anything from Solo Course Design to Regional PR and How to Keep Volunteers and much more is listed on the right sidebar.

We'll pass along details of the 2018 convention as they become available.

Official Glen Region Merchandise Available

Want a fancy Glen Region tshirt or hat? How about a sweatshirt or jacket? You can get these things now, over on [SCCAGear.com](#). Click on Regional Gear on the left and look for the Glen Region on that page. As a bonus, a small amount of the proceeds are donated back to the region from purchases!

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