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# Next NNJR MEMBERSHIP MEETING!!!

March 21st, 2006 AT 7:30

Ponderosa Steak House,  
Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange

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## What's DA Matter This Month?

Welcome to 2006 and the new Northern New Jersey management team. My name is Darrell Anthony and I am the Regional Executive for the Northern New Jersey Region of the SCCA.

First off I would like to thank Frank, Walt, Bob and Alan for doing a great job on the Board of Trustees. I have learned a lot from being on the Board in 2005. I hope I can follow in the previous leadership's footsteps.

The incoming 2006 Board of Trustees is a good mix of our membership. We are excited to represent one of the most active and vibrant regions in the SCCA.

I have been a member since 1985. I started out in Flagging and Communications, you can't get any closer to the action than here, and this is truly the best seat in the house! I then did my first tour on the Board of Trustees in the late 1980's. I learned a lot on how much actually goes on behind the scenes with our region. Many of our members just show up and assume things get done. The things that get done are by our few volunteers. These volunteers allow us to play in Solo, Rally and Racing. These individuals and teams are the backbone of our region. We need more members to get involved, why should we have all the fun?

Diane Henderson has been in the SCCA close to 20 years now, I flagged with her on several occasions and it is always a joy to see her on a corner station, look for that hat, as I go whizzing by. Diane was on the Board previously as well and will be a great addition to our team. Yes, Diane will bring the feminine touch to the Board but she knows racing.

Rob Foley has been entrenched in the Solo scene for as long as I've known him. Rob also had a tour on the Board and brings back a wealth of knowledge on how we can make the Solo scene and all the other areas even better.

Bob Zecca, Mr. Driving Impressions will be coming on the Board as the Secretary. Bob is always there for our Region. Seems whatever we need Bob is there. Look for the 2nd Annual Worker Symposium at Driving Impressions coming in the early spring of 2006.

Remaining on the Board will be Joe Russell as Trustee at large, Ben Phillips as treasurer and Mike Feno as assistant RE. The team that we have assembled will do the best for our region. We are in the business of having fun as well as putting on the best Solo, Rally and racing in the country. We also throw a mean party! We all volunteer to be on the Board. We are always open to suggestions and comments on how we can make our great region even better. We need more people to come out and join in all this fun!

Our membership chairwomen is Robin Bohnenberger. She and her team are doing a great job getting all our membership information together and helping our new members. We are lucky to have a great volunteer like Robin.

We ended 2005 with a great dinner at the Birchwood, we had over 60 attendees and 2006 will be even better. We recognized anniversaries and awarded the Victoria Cup along with the prize money associated. Our next party is February 11th in Ringwood at the Skylands Firehouse.

## What's DA Matter This Month? (cont'd)

This will be our Solo Awards and the Worker Recognition Awards. This is free so come on out and join the fun. The next membership meetings are held at the Ponderosa in West Orange compliments of Greg Gellas, great staff and food, this is a must on the calendar to attend. This will be March 23rd, bring an appetite, the food and drink are great!

2006 will be a great year of racing. We will have the 2nd annual Worker Symposium as well as the two (2) Once A Year Techs. We have the annual Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund Freedom Races at Pocono on Mother's Day weekend as well as the Lime Rock Sprints in August. This year on Monday July 3rd we will also have a driver education with a test and tune day for muffled cars at Lime Rock. If your car is under 89db come on out and see Lime Rock from behind the wheel. You will need to be a member to be covered by the insurance. The Solo program will be bigger and better in 2006. Englishtown will be the site and we have new timing equipment. Our Rally program will once again have four (4) excellent rallies in New Jersey. So come on out and join the fun!

We are excited about 2006. Keep an eye on the website for news. Look for any of the Board members at a Membership meeting or event near you. Come on up and introduce yourself, we are always open to new ideas or comments on how we can make our region better.

Never lift, yours for the Sport,  
Darrell 'DA' Anthony



Check their website at  
[www.tmrcl.com](http://www.tmrcl.com) for more  
information.

*Photos by Mike Feno*

Joe Russell, a member of the Union County Model Railroad Club ready to man the controls of the 108 car coal train, part of the spectacular annual Christmas Show. Open every Saturday during the year, it is definitely worth a visit.



## The Annual Dinner Dance Held at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany

Photos by Mike Feno



Sharon Burke and Ernie Anderson with Pam Haines and . . . Jeff Burke?



Robbie, Rob, Stephanie and Cathy Foley.



Cindy and Walter Mann and Cory and Don Morang.



Ben, Christian and Lisa Phillips.

Everyone at the dinner-dance who volunteered for the Region in the past year.



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Photos by Mike Feno



Ming and Chip McKinley.



Pete Watson, Marie Galfas and Joe Russell.



Sharon Shayka, Brian Travers,  
Butch O'Connor and Tara  
O'Connor.

Thomas and Lisa Elliott,  
Russell Horton and Carol  
White.



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Dave Panas,  
and Nancy  
and Walter  
Huber.

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Photos by Mike Feno



Joe Colasacco, Spec Racer Ford National Champion and his wife, Gina.



John and Diane Henderson, Anita Aparicio and Greg Mulvaney.



Bunny Jenkins and Diane Miller discover edible flowers.

Darrell Anthony, Ernie Anderson, Sharon Shayka, Mike Feno, Pam Haines and Chip McKinley receive their twenty-year membership pins.





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Photos by Mike Feno



Joe Colasacco receives the NEDiv Driver of the Year Award for 2005 from Frank Cioppettini.



Frank presents the Victoria Cup to Ben Phillips, the Northern New Jersey Regional Racing Champion.



Outgoing RE Frank Cioppettini receives a gift from incoming RE Darrell Anthony.



Walter Mann leaves the Board as Trustee with a gift presented by Darrell.



Darrell presents a gift to outgoing Trustee Alan VanDeWeghe.

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## The Return of “HUBER’S HASH”

Well, I’m back. I will be bringing my sometimes wry Weltanschauung along with those oddball license plates and other stuff which I happen to notice as I drive here and there back to these pages. If my column’s return distresses you, blame our recently installed Regional Executive, **Darrell Anthony**. At last year’s Annual Dinner, while standing next to Darrell in a room without any windows, he asked me to resurrect my Hash column which used to appear in the old *Pole Cat*. I told him that if he became the club’s RE, I would. Deal made. Promise kept.

Saw the following NY license plate on the NY Thruway near the Tappan Zee Bridge while I was returning from Lime Rock: **HI ON E** “Good Grief!” I thought to myself, “You want to stay well back from this brazen puppy.” Anyone bold enough to advertise that they’re high on ecstasy is someone I want to not be near. But then, as the car turned off onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway, I saw that it was an E Class Mercedes-Benz. Let’s hope the owner was recommending the car and not the illegal drug.

Have you stopped by the Northern New Jersey Region website recently? DA is doing a great job keeping it current with all sorts of good information. On one recent visit to the website I noticed that there are four letters in the upper left of the picture at the top of the Home Page. Up in the corner there are the letters “jnth” — Is it a computer code? — could it be some secret terrorist trigger, sort of like the queen of hearts in the old movie “*The Manchurian Candidate*”? — possibly a coded message to his girlfriend? — What is it?!!

So I sent a note to DA and asked him what sort of evil was lurking on the website. Here’s his response: “That is one of my cats, either Cheeto or Godiva walking across the keyboard while I was editing the main page. There have to be a few more in there. Whenever I get on the computer they like to help.”

There’s a Knights of Columbus lodge on the Hamburg Turnpike in Butler. The marquee in front of the building always has a message; frequently a patriotic one with religious overtones. The current message is supposed to read “God Bless America.” However, the “B” is missing from the sign. Now it kinda reads, “Godless America.” Then again, perhaps that’s the message they wanted to decry.

**Scotty Wright** celebrated 40 years as a member of SCCA and the Northern New Jersey Region in March of 2005. He had been a Steward for many of those years. When he died on November 18<sup>th</sup> he was only two weeks away from being presented with his 40 year service pin at the region’s Annual Dinner. Scotty’s pin was brought to the funeral home by the region’s secretary **Bob McCutcheon** and was placed on his lapel.

I’m sure glad that I am not on the national Board of Directors. They are on a search just now to hire a new president and CEO to take over the reins of the club after **Steve Johnson**’s departure from the position in September. I’ve heard that they have a bunch of resumes in hand. And I’m told that some of the resumes look promising. Let’s hope that the club’s Directors are successful in hiring a person with the dynamicism, drive and capabilities which Steve brought to our club.

Speaking of the National Board of Directors, a recent notice from Topeka announced that our own Director from Area One, **Bob Introne**, was elected **Chairman of the Board** of Directors of the club at the December BoD meeting. Congrats to you, Bob! Bob and his lovely wife, **Carol**, plan on attending the NNJR Region Party in February. So if you wanna meet the top guy, come to the party!

There’s a white 4-door Toyota Prius hybrid hatchback sedan running around the area wearing New Jersey tag: **MORE MPG**. Yeah. I guess so.

**Craig Lavender**, for many years an NNJR member, a Flagger and a Starter, passed away on September 16<sup>th</sup> after battling pancreatic cancer for about seven months. Craig was married some years back to **Sue Conklin**, who – while continuing her SCCA membership with NNJR – has been living in the Washington DC area for a number of years. Craig and Sue have each been strongly connected with the Native American community.

On the weekend that Craig lay near death, many of his Native American friends were assembled in Washington for the 13<sup>th</sup> *Annual Prayer Vigil for the Earth*. Sue immediately contacted those who Craig loved so deeply. One of Craig's Native "brothers" offered a pipe ceremony to help him in his transition. There were about ten participants in a Washington hotel room, while an almost full moon could be seen through the window. Sue writes, "It was quite beautiful. And there was a deep sense of peace that came over us all. It lasted about ? hour. Just as Jimmy was putting the pipe away, my cell phone rang and it was Craig's sister Barbara saying that he had passed away. Jimmy just smiled."

Saw a silver Honda Civic on Route 23 with New York tags. I am quite certain that the driver is a Rangers fan because the plates were those specialty plates you can pay extra for and have your favorite team's logo on. Then again, maybe this girl was simply in love with the guy who drives around on the ice between hockey periods and dresses the ice. The license plate read: **ZMBONI**.

**Arthur Pearson**'s wife is an actress. Professionally, she is known as Jodie Lynne McClintock. When I saw Arthur at the NARRC Runoffs at Lime Rock in late October, he told me that Jodie had been cast in her first major movie role. In what I see as a remarkable coincidence, the film in which Jodie will appear is a movie about Flight 93, the plane on which our friends, **Joe** and **Linda** were killed four years ago. Jodie will be playing the part of Marion Britton, a lady from Queens, New York, who was an employee of the Census Bureau and was flying to San Francisco on business.

The film is being made at England's Pinewood Studios (the British Hollywood). Jodie will have returned from England before you read this. In January there will be a few location shots at Newark Airport. I will keep you informed as Arthur and Jodie Lynne send me updates.

Saw a billboard along the highway in Riverdale. A picture of a Mini and the bold statement: "There's Nothing Cool About a Fake Mini." And while returning from Boston I saw another billboard off the Mass Pike in the same series of Mini ads. This one read: "Hint: Real Minis Are Small." Along the bottom of each billboard is the following web address: [www.counterfeitmini.com](http://www.counterfeitmini.com) I recommend that you visit the site. I found it very entertaining.

There was a really nice 'Thank you' note published in *SportsCar*'s December issue to all the volunteers who worked the Runoffs® at Mid-Ohio this year. It was on pages 74 & 75. The photo in the double-page spread just happens to be of two folks well-known here in the NorthEast. **Tom & Linda Fanning** of the New England Region have been volunteering ever since I can remember.

A classified ad in the newspaper on November 22<sup>nd</sup> offers a 2002 Suzuki GSXR motorcycle for sale. The seller describes it as "...fast as hell!" and then says that it is a "Great starter bike." Somehow I can't see those two phrases being appropriate in an ad for the same motorcycle. In any case, I can't imagine that the ad will be endorsed by *Parents Magazine*.

Another reminder: Don't forget the **Region Party** scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>. More info should be available someplace in this issue. Phone your friends 'cause some of them may not read the old *Pole Cat* on-line and may have neglected to notify the region that they wanted a hard copy – a printed version – mailed to their home. And why not carpool? That way all but one of you can drink more of the region's **free beer**!



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# NNJR ANNUAL REGION PARTY!



**WHEN:** Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

**WHERE:** Skyline Lakes Fire Department on Edgewood Road in Ringwood, NJ

Join us for a casual night of music, munchies, beer, wine and soda.  
Solo Awards, including Race and Solo Worker Specialty Awards, will be presented.  
Coffee, tea and cookies after!

This tribute to our Region is absolutely **FREE** for **ALL** of our members (workers **AND** drivers) and their friends. Join us even if you haven't been to any of our events before and learn more about our sport and activities.

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Go 3.8 miles to Skyline Lake Drive. (landmark Skyline Diner)  
Bear right at fork in road  
Make 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto Edgewood Road  
Firehouse straight ahead (100 yards)

From north take 287 South to exit 55  
Make right at light  
Make left at next light onto Ringwood Avenue  
Go 3.8 miles to Skyline Lake Drive. (landmark Skyline Diner)  
Bear right at fork in road  
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Firehouse straight ahead (100 yards)

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**NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION  
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 8, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM at the Cioppettini residence in Far Hills, NJ.

Present: Frank Cioppettini, Joe Russell, Darrell Anthony, Alan VanDeWeghe, Mike Feno Ben Phillips and Bob McCutcheon.

Absent: Walter Mann

Guests: Diane Henderson, Robert Foley.

Secretary's Report – The Board Meeting Minutes from October were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – The year-end reporting of financial statements were presented, reviewed and discussed. Ben Phillips reported receiving a vehicle insurance increase notice, The board reviewed and discussed causes and will investigate and recommend changes to our coverage.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bylaws Committee:  
No Report.

Racing Committee:

Dave Hofmann reported that he and Tom Lynch met with representatives of Pocono Speedway to discuss scheduling and arrangements for the spring event.

The board discussed options for the regions 2006 race schedule.

The board discussed the upcoming Mini-con format and schedule as well as Board Member attendance.

Rally Committee:

Frank Cioppettini reported the Rally Committee has two events planned. The Pine Barrens Express to be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> and The Teddy Bear Rally which is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Solo Committee:

Frank Cioppettini reported that the Solo Committee was planning two events to be held at Englishtown's Raceway Park.

Frank Cioppettini reported contacting the Solo Committee to discuss financial data required for the region's annual report.

Social Committee:

The Social Committee discussed plans for the Annual Meeting on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Dinner Dance on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Worker Party to be held on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>.

Membership Committee:

Frank Cioppettini reported contacting the SCCA National Office concerning current membership lists and forwarded the list to the committee members.

Mike Feno discussed the current Pole Position and its scheduled completion and publication.

Mike Feno reported the regions web site is up to date.

Nominating Committee:  
No report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Correspondence sent:

Frank Cioppettini requested from the chiefs of specialty their nominations for worker of the year awards to be presented at the worker party.

The board discussed planning and responsibilities for a Dinner Dance mailing.

Correspondence received:

None reported.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed catering plans for the Worker Party

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. McCutcheon  
Secretary

## ***Upcoming NNJR Events***

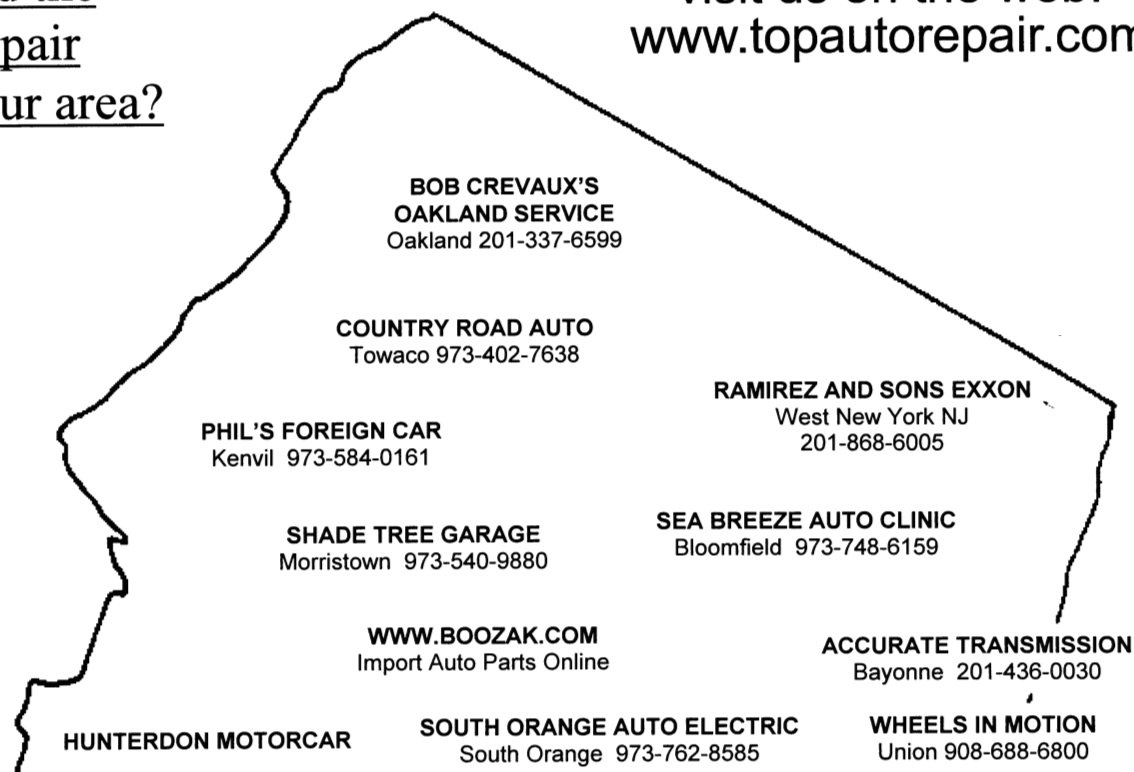
***–Please mark your Calendar:***

January 11, 2006	Board of Trustee meeting
February 11, 2006	Worker Recognition Party
March 21, 2006	Membership Meeting
May 13 & 14, 2006	Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund
	Regional Races and Enduro at Pocono
July 3, 2006	Muffled Day at Lime Rock
August 18 & 19, 2006	Freedom Regional Races at Lime Rock



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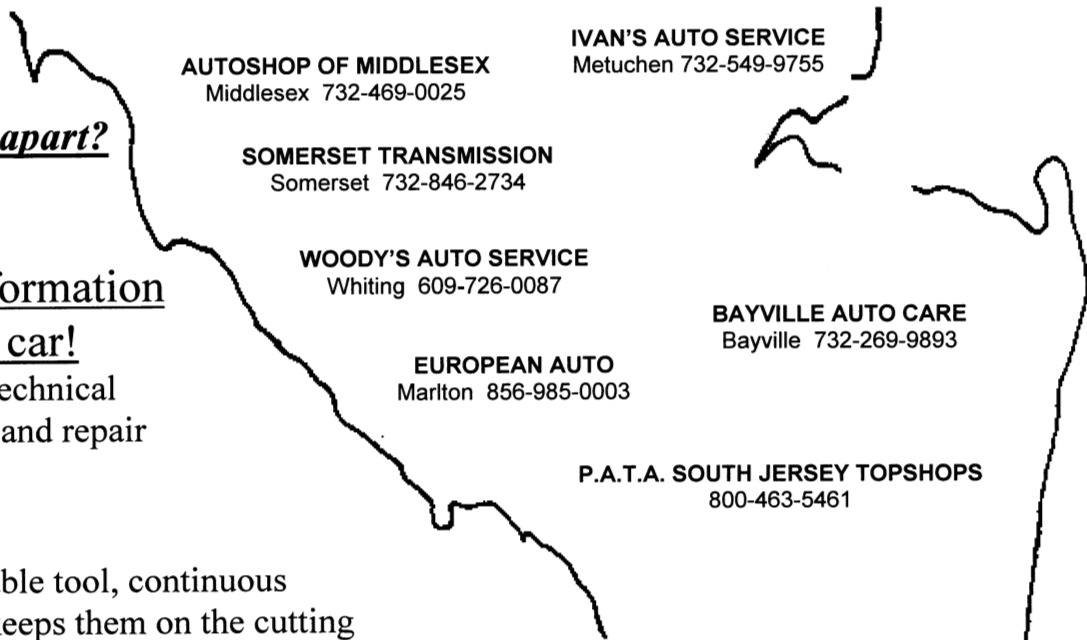
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### 25 YEARS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	STATE	JOIN DATE
Thomas	Lynch	Wayne	NJ	1/1/1980

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FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	STATE	JOIN DATE
Michael	Feno	Towaco	NJ	1/7/1985

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Alicia	Savastano	Hamburg	NJ	1/30/1990

### 10 YEARS

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### 5 YEARS

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Patrick	Baselice	Scarsdale	NJ	1/26/2000
Peter	Baselice	Scarsdale	NJ	1/26/2000
Ben	Philips	Boonton	NJ	1/26/2000

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1 Victor Yarosh Hope Ruse Hildy Knight	2 Jon Mirachi William Zick G. Siska Marco Matejka Thomas Torsney-Weir Shivam Parikh	3 Carol Kruger Mark Rubino	4 Susan Wendling	5 Wayne Bordone	6 Sean Gill	7 Fred Cochran
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## Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

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## PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

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