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Kristian Skavnes Receives the Coveted Mark Donahue Award.
Left to right are Kent Prather, Bobby Rahal, David Donahue, Kristian Skavnes and Gary Pitts.
Photo by Mike Feno

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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?

First off some sad news, Tom Lynch, a long time NNJR member, racer and past RE father passed away after a short illness. We are all saddened to hear this. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom and his family.

We were supposed to have our Annual Region Party (aka Worker Party) on February 11th but the winter of 2005/2006 finally showed up. We had to postpone this fine party do to safety issues till April 1st (no joke).

So we have March already. Are we all getting our racecars in shape? Are we getting into shape?!?!? Shaving tires for Solo? Getting the latest timing equipment for Rally?

We have our first Membership meeting at the Ponderosa; Greg Gellas of Solo fame is our host. Come on out and get rid of those winter blues. Have a GREAT meal and talk about the upcoming season.

We will be having a Symposium, including Solo, Rally, and Race, at Reinertsen's Motors in Denville. We will also have our first Once-A-Year Tech at Reinertsen's in Denville on Sunday March 26th. We will also have our preseason meeting following the Once-A-Year Tech that same Sunday! Three for the price of one. Come on out! Refreshments will be served. Check out the racecars, bring your racecar to inspection, talk about getting involved and then get involved!

We had our second Board of Trustee (BoT) meeting last week. We are going to have a GREAT season in 2006. We have full schedules of race, rally and solo events. A little of everything for everyone. We are still looking for a Social Director. We have a new webmaster, Linda Louie has agreed to take this on, and I will of course be lending a hand when ever possible. Contact any BoT member if you have ideas or want to volunteer.

We have about 1000 members in NNJR. We need more volunteers to assist in putting on our events. Time to get involved, I promise you will have a lot of fun! Contact any BoT member and get involved!!!!!!

I missed the National Convention last month, I really wanted to attend but I had a few personal items to attend to. As you heard I am getting married one of these months. To make a long story short we are not following any rules with this marriage. Ask me next time you see me how married life is. Mike Feno, Joe Russell and a gaggle of NNJR members had a great time as well as some great stories. I in turn received a ton of material for my reading and listening pleasure. Fine material to read on the beach (tell Mike Feno I took all that material with me). Thanks Mike for covering all the RE meetings.

The annual Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund Freedom Races at Pocono on Mother's Day weekend are taking shape. Dave Hofmann is the driving force behind this. This will be a memorable event. We have the Lime Rock Sprints in August; look for a sponsors name real soon on this. This year on Monday July 3rd we will also have a Performance Driving Experience for driver education, want to drive on the race track? Come on out.

Don't forget April 1st, this will be the make up date for our Solo Awards and the Worker Recognition Awards. This is free so come on out and join the fun. Check the website.

Get involved in your region!

Treat each other with respect and you may actually be treated that way as well,

Darrell OEDA, Anthony



NNJR ANNUAL REGION PARTY!



WHEN: Saturday, April 1, 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.

DIRECTIONS!

From south take 287 North to exit 55
Make right at light onto Ringwood Avenue
Go 3.8 miles to Skyline Lake Drive. (landmark Skyline Diner)
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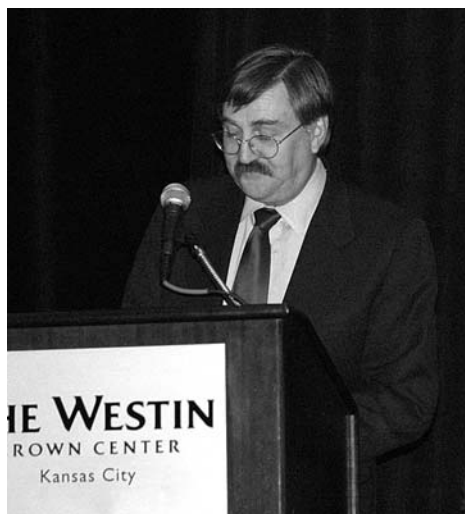
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Scenes from the SCCA National Convention in Kansas City

Photos by Mike Feno



Mike Dickerson, Manager of Regional Development and Support.



Gary Pitts, the Acting President of the SCCA, introduces the new officers of the club.



Bob Introne, our new President of the Board of Directors.



Mike Feno accepts the 2nd Place, Large Region Newsletter Award from Jim Julow.

Photo by Jack Hanifan

The new President of the SCCA, James Julow.



Herb Fischel, CEO of The Business of Motorsports, spoke at the luncheon sponsored by Heartland Park about the need to maintain a fan base interested in SCCA racing.



Scenes from the SCCA National Convention in Kansas City

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Scott Hollingsworth, of the American Motorcycle Association, at the Grassroots Racing Forum with Rob Park and Mike Dickerson, giving his slant on motorsports in the U.S. today.



Terry Roberts, Joe Russell, Mike Feno, Lenore and Dave Panas, Nancy Huber, Walter Huber's hand and Stan Rider at the Tire Rack Solo Awards luncheon.



NNJR's Bob Dowie fielding tough questions at the Club Racing Board Town Hall meeting.



The SCCA promotional display.



Pete Hylton is the M.C. for the SCCA Jeopardy Game. The contestants are: Colan Arnold, Membership Services; Cheryl Babbe, Arctic Alaska Region R.E.; and K.P. Jones, Board of Directors member.

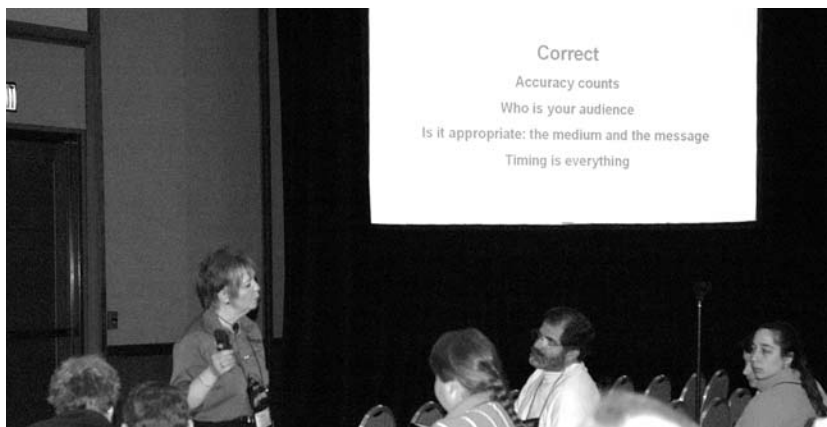
Joe Russell sits up front for all the action at the Club Racing meeting.



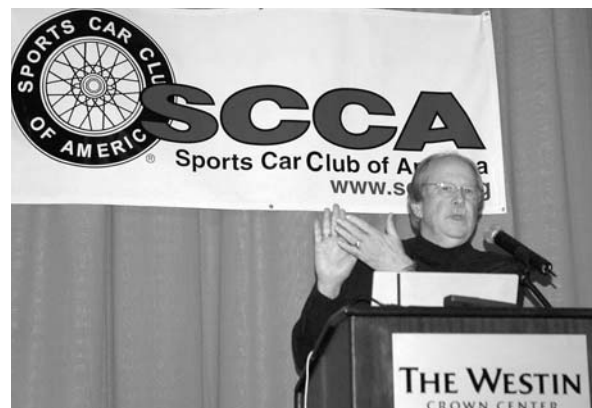
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Barb Lundquist speaking at the SCCA U. seminar.



Dr. John Melvin, President of Tandelta, Inc., on the efficacy of the HANS device over other restraint systems.



Nancy Huber and Marianne Lyons enjoying a break at the vendors room.



Brian Culbertson, Costas Dunias and Gary Pitts are contestants on the SCCA Wheel of Fortune, hosted by Pete Hylton. (Hey, conventions aren't all meetings, you know.)



Dave and Lenore Panas; Gary Pitts, Acting President of SCCA; Mike Smith, San Francisco Region R.E.; and Walter Huber at the Mazda Speed Club Racing luncheon.

Scenes from the SCCA National Convention in Kansas City

Photos by Mike Feno



Kristian Skavnes is awed by the fact that Bobby Rahal is presenting the Mark Donahue Trophy to him, along with David Donahue and Kent Prather.



Mike Feno and SCCA Hall of Fame Inductee, Denise McCluggage, photographed by Joe Russell.



The Dodge SRT exhibit at the convention.

The NNJR contingent photographed by Denise McCluggage. Mike Feno, Kristian & Katie Skavnes, Walter & Nancy Huber, Joe Russell, Terry & Peter Roberts, Bob & Leslie Dowie, and Dave & Lenore Panas.



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HUBER'S HASH

A Report on the 62nd SCCA National Convention

by Walter Huber

The Northern New Jersey Region was well represented at this year's National Convention – the 62nd annual gathering of our club. For the fourth straight year the convention was held at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, a city only about fifty miles away from Topeka, Kansas where our national headquarters are located. Making the trip were **Assistant RE Mike Feno**, **Trustee Joe Russell**, members **Leslie & Bob Dowie**, **Lenore & Dave Panas**, **Terry & Peter Roberts**, **Katy & Kristian Skavnes** and **Nancy & Walter Huber**.

Pre-convention meetings were already happening all day long on Wednesday, Feb 1st. The Board of Directors were meeting as well as the various activity Boards – the Club Racing Board, the Solo Events Board, Rally Board.... I saw NNJ's Bob Dowie (CRB member) for just a moment on Wednesday as he was shuttling from one meeting to another. And I also saw – very quickly as well – our Area I Director and new Chairman of the Board of Directors, **Bob Introne** and the club's acting president and outgoing Chairman, **Gary Pitts**. Gotta give all these folks lotsa credit. They really put in whole bunches of time and work for the club!

The actual convention sessions got under way on Thursday, the 2nd. Mike Feno's flight was scheduled to touch down at the airport at around 11 o'clock on Thursday morning. Expecting that he might not get out of the airport quickly enough to make it to the first of the sessions for Regional Execs by 12:30, I had arranged permission to sit in on the session for him. But just as the session was about to begin, Mike arrived. I suspect that the hotel's shuttle driver, seeing all the race oriented folks coming to the hotel, must've figured he had to show off his driving prowess to the folks arriving for the convention.

The Annual Meeting was later in the afternoon. The results of elections in several Areas were announced and the recently elected Directors were installed. Outgoing Directors were recognized for their service. Gary Pitts, the outgoing Chairman of the Board, had also doubled as the interim president of the club while the selection and hiring of a new president was proceeding. Gary, a former member of NNJR, was thanked for having handled these additional duties.

The Annual Meeting is also the session where the membership receives reports on the status of the club's various areas of activity. Representatives from each of the club's divisions give their reports. The club's wholly owned subsidiaries also give status reports. These reports will appear in *SportsCar Magazine* in another month and you can read them then.

Also at this session we were introduced to the recently selected president & CEO of our club, **Jim Julow**. He will take over at the club's helm in mid-March. I had been introduced to Jim by Area 13 Director **Duck Allen** on Wednesday evening but my first opportunity to really talk with him was at the Chairman's Cocktail Party on Friday evening. He seems to be a very interesting and personable gentleman. I hope his friendly nature extends to capable business acumen. Here's hoping he will carry forward the excellent work which was begun by **Steve Johnson**.

HUBER'S HASH (cont'd.)

On Thursday evening the day concluded with a Welcome Reception in the grand hall of the Union Station located across the street from our hotel. We had a great time eating, drinking and socializing with friends while a five piece jazz combo played.

The Leadership Breakfast jump-started things on Friday morning. Among the awards given were those for Best Regional Publications. Our region's *Pole Position* newsletter was awarded second place in the Large Region category. Congratulations to our editor **Maureen Coultas**. The last time that *Pole Position* was recognized with an award was almost twenty years ago when **Joe DeLuca** was editor. Once again our newsletter's masthead will contain the words "award winning."

More seminars continued the morning's activity. At the Rally/Solo Awards Luncheon on Friday several more awards were presented. The afternoon was filled with more seminars and panel discussions.

Saturday morning began with the Club Racing Board Town Hall meeting. Then, in the last session before lunch, the third edition of the acclaimed Safety Symposium began with presentations by Hubert Gramling and Dr. John Melville who spoke on safety and aspects of crash test data collection.

The Club Racing Awards Luncheon was highlighted by the presentation of the Kimberly Cup, the Jim Fitzgerald Rookie of the Year Award, as well as several other prestigious SCCA awards. However, the pinnacle of this awards luncheon was when Northern New Jersey Region's own **Kristian Skavnes** was presented with the Mark Donohue Award by none other than RRDC President and banquet keynote speaker **Bobby Rahal**. This award is given annually by the Road Racing Drivers Club to the driver who demonstrates ability, competitiveness and success at the *SCCA Club Racing National Championship Runoffs*. How appropriate that this award, which is named in honor of a former member of NNJR, be earned by a current member. Kris' wife, **Katy**, looked on with pride as the award was presented and Kris spoke his words of acceptance.

A listing of all the recipients and the awards which were presented at all the ceremonies throughout the convention is available at www.scca.com and will also be published in the next *SportsCar* which you will be receiving.

Saturday evening's Hall of Fame Induction Banquet was the finale of the convention. Five members were added to last year's ten inaugural inductees. All five are well known to the NNJR membership and one, Mark Donohue – as mentioned earlier — was a member of NNJR and began his racing career with our region.

It was announced that the SCCA National Convention will begin a three year run at the Crowne Plaza on the Riverwalk in San Antonio in 2007. The last time the National Convention was held in San Antonio was 1992. I can tell you that the '92 convention in San Antonio was among the best I ever attended and the city was a great place to visit. Make your 2007 plans and hold the dates of January 31st thru February 5th open. Better yet, take an additional several days – come early... stay later... do both – to tour the area!

2005 Pine Barren Express (PBX) Road Rally

November 19, 2005

By Fred Cochran

Jim Heine of Sportscar Magazine said the PBX Rally has “far outdistanced every other divisional or national on the 2005 calendar”. Jim was speaking, of course, about the number of entries. Personally, I feel that there are a large number of other features that enter into our success.



We had 54 teams that showed up to run (and ran). Five of those teams came from our region. I would like to thank those folks for their support and congratulate them on their wise choice to run. They certainly know a good time when they see it. Seven teams from Philadelphia Region ran (they're pretty sharp too). Four teams from South Jersey, four teams from New England and three teams from Virginia & Maryland. There were four other teams from other Regions. Also, not all entries listed club affiliations, so there could have been more. Anyway, the SCCA was well represented in this year's PBX. There were also 2 teams from North Jersey Porsche Club.

What kind of vehicles ran? Well, 21 Subaru's, five Mitsubishi's, four Toyota's, four Jeep's, four Chevy's (2 Tahoes, a Suburban & ZR2), two GMC's, two VW's, four Fords (a Mustang & 3 SUVs), one Nissan, and a variety of other cars which included a Plymouth Voyager, a Dodge Dakota, a Saab 9-2x, an Olds Alero, a BMW 325IX, an Infinity FX45, a Buick Rendezvous, and a Jag X-type. Admittedly, a few of these vehicles exceeded width and/or height limitations and maybe one or two could have used an inch or two more of road clearance, but I heard no complaints. In case you're curious as to what is generally accepted as the most practical type of vehicle the answer is: not too small, not too large and with all-wheel (or 4-wheel) drive.

How well did our SCCA folks do ? Frank Bochanski & Peter Chezik from South Jersey region took 1st overall. 2nd overall & 1st in Equipped was Mark Johnson & Frank Beyer from Central New York region. Jim & Jeff Wakemen from North Jersey & South Jersey regions respectively took 3rd equipped. Jeff Lloyd & Walt Morris from South Jersey region won 1st Limited (Class B). 3rd Stock (SOP) was won by Dave Horoschak & Darren Hess from Philadelphia region. 2nd Novice was garnered by Andrew Dunkinson & Peter Merrick from North Jersey region. If you're interested in scores, they're posted on the RVSCC.COM website. I would note that we drew entrants from every state starting from Virginia north to Maine with one exception – Vermont !

The Rally itself is noted for its **roads**. They vary from very wide to extra narrow, from low clearance to overhung with trees. They're straight & twisty, level & slightly hilly, short and very long. The roads have one thing in common: 90% **unpaved**. Their surfaces are comprised of either white “sugar” sand, (which can be firm and grassy to loose), or hardpack (yellow sand with a mix of yellow clay). Most of the roads are approximately 1.5 lanes wide (usually sugar sand). Some are about one lane wide (sugar sand) and there are some two and three lane wide “hardpack roads”. Pictures on the RVSCC's PBX website show many of



these roads in all their glory. There were about 35 miles of excellent paved roads (State & County routes) in the '05 PBX and almost all of them were used as transit zones (no Checkpoints). In addition, the Odometer Checkleg and transit zone (to the Rally finishing point) are excellent paved roads (also county routes). Where do we find all these unpaved roads ? Why, in the State Forests! The Rally ran in **3 counties, 17 Townships and 5 State Forests**. The Rally passed through Fort Dix and past a number of important historic sites. Some 30 workers manned Registration, Checkpoints, scoring team, lead car, sweep car and other

activities. Some Checkpoints were more than 30 miles apart and were manned by one team (work on that one for a while). Checkpoints were all closed (contestants didn't stop at them) and were not visible until you were right on top of them (surprise Surprise !). In addition, we had workers from a farm repairing 2 roads one day before the Rally, State Forest road crews grading one major road 2 days before the event and one Township Road Crew repairing and raising a section of road 2 feet (a week before the Rally) – all at our request. And only 4 days before the Rally, I had a road collapse in the cranberry bogs and had to drive 60 miles down to the bogs the next day to work up a new route because the original road couldn't be repaired in time.

Everything we do is for the benefit of the contestants. The Route Instructions are a type which are the only type usable for roads with no clues to follow. After all, there are no signs in the Forests, no buildings, no street lights, and pretty much every pine tree looks like every other pine tree. Mileages are measured to the 1000th when we set up the rally and are measured at least 3 times after that. We get permits to use every foot of unpaved roads on the Rally. We get permits from the State Forests (which will cost more next year). We get permits from the State & Federal DEP (which aren't free either). We get written permission from the State Police **and from every township we pass through** (some of whom charge a hefty "parade" fee). The route is checked by both experienced Rallyists and by at least one inexperienced team. The logistics for the PBX are probably the most complicated for any TSD rally in the country. We have never had a validated protest involving an error in our Route Instructions, timing or General Instructions (and remember the PBX is part of 3 different SCCA Championship Series-National, NEDIV and Mid-Atlantic).

If you haven't been on a TSD Rally, don't shy away from this one. There are always a number of Novices running the PBX, and they do okay. A lot of pro-Rallyists run our event as a warm-up or shake-down for an upcoming event like the Maine Rally (although our speeds are much lower and must be run that way. All you need is a moderately sized registered & insured vehicle with 5 inches of road clearance and decent exterior lighting. If you aren't sure about running, we could use some help on the day of the event. You can get more info on the event by e-mailing me (Fred Cochran) at Rallymaster@optonline.net or contacting Peter Schneider who is our Regional Rally Steward. The next Pine Barrens Express will run on November 18th 2006 – always the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Have a great time, help your Region and the SCCA. The PBX needs you.



May Daze

Sunday May 7, 2006

Ever Been on a Road Rally?

If you thrive on scenic drives on the back roads of New Jersey, NNJR-SCCA Road Rallying is for you. Road rallies test the skills of a driver-navigator team in following simple precise instructions along an intricate and interesting course at legal speeds on little-used public roads, staying carefully on time as you negotiate a series of unpredictable checkpoints.

Please plan on staying after the rally for good food, good stories and informal awards. Participants may pre-register by filling out the form below and mailing to the address shown. You may register at the event; however a maximum of 10 'walk-in entries will be accepted, so please pre-register to ensure a starting position.

Driver _____	Navigator _____
Street _____	Street _____
City/State/ZIP _____	City/State/Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____	Telephone (____) _____
E-Mail _____	E-Mail _____

Member of SCCA Yes _____ No _____	Member of SCCA Yes _____ No _____
Region _____	Region _____

Vehicle: Year, Make, and Model _____
Color _____ Registration Plate _____ State _____

Entry Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

\$20.00 per car if postmarked by April 22, 2006
\$25.00 per car if postmarked by May 1, 2006.
\$30.00 per car if postmarked after May 1, 2006 or day of the event.

\$5.00 Discount for SCCA members and/or for Novice ralliest.

This event will be conducted in accordance with the NNJR/SCCA Road Rally Regulations. The entrant warrants that an auto insurance policy with liability limits of not less the \$20,000/\$40,000/\$15,000, or the minimum requirements of the of the state of registry, whichever is higher, is in force for the vehicle entered, and said vehicle is in safe operating condition for the state in which it is registered. In signing this form, the entrant(s) agree to abide by all the regulations and decisions of the rally committee. **(If either the driver or navigator is under 18, a Minor Release Waiver must be obtained and signed by both parents/guardians in advance before the event-the Minor Release Waiver is available at www.scca.org)**

Driver's Signature: _____

Navigator signature: _____

Mail completed Entry Form and check for Entry fee payable to NNJR-SCCA to
Arna Cochran, 22 Glen Road, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

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Eligibility: In order for a Competitor to be eligible to earn points and compete for the Championship he/she shall be a NNJR member in good standing, enter and compete in all three NNJR Regional Races in 2006 [Double Regional at Pocono on 5/13-14 and the Regional at Lime Rock on 8/4-5]. A driver shall be classified as a starter or have qualified in each of the three races to be considered eligible for the championship. Failure to be a starter or to qualify for each race will render a competitor ineligible for the Championship. NNJR will tally all points and it is not necessary for a competitor to register or forward results sheets. All drivers will be considered for the Championship by virtue of entering the first race at Pocono on 5/13/2006. The Champion will be the Driver who satisfies the aforementioned criteria, accumulates the most points and attends the NNJR Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet to claim the trophy and \$250.00; second place \$100.00; and third place \$50.00. In the event the Driver with the highest accumulated points meeting the aforementioned eligibility criteria does not attend the Banquet then the championship trophy and prize money will be awarded to the Driver in attendance with the most accumulated points meeting the eligibility criteria.

Points: Each competitor that finishes pursuant to the Official final results will be awarded points as follows:

1 st place	30 points	10 th place	16 points	18 th place	8 points
2 nd place	27 points	11 th place	15 points	19 th place	7 points
3 rd place	25 points	12 th place	14 points	20 th place	6 points
4 th place	23 points	13 th place	13 points	21 st place	5 points
5 th place	21 points	14 th place	12 points	22 nd place	4 points
6 th place	20 points	15 th place	11 points	23 rd place	3 points
7 th place	19 points	16 th place	10 points	24 th place	2 points
8 th place	18 points	17 th place	9 points	25 th place	1 point
9 th place	17 points				

In addition, one additional point will be awarded for each car a competitor finishes ahead of, including cars that are classified as DNF's, (i.e. if a competitor finishes 3rd in class and there were 9 cars in his/her class the driver will receive 31 total points for that race regardless of whether all 9 cars are eligible to compete for the Championship).

In the event of a tie the winner shall be decided based upon the number of first place finishes in class, then if necessary, the number of second place finishes in class, etc.

Judges: The NNJR Club Racing Committee shall act as the judge for this Championship and shall decide all matters including ties and disputes in their sole discretion.

Upcoming NNJR Events

-Please mark your Calendar:

March 21, 2006	Membership Meeting
March 26, 2006	Once-A-Year Tech and Worker Symposium Denville, NJ
April 30, 2006	Once-A-Year Tech #2 Oxford, NJ
May 7, 2006	May Daze - TSD Rally
May 13 & 14, 2006	Joe DeLuca & Linda Gronlund Freedom Races Double Regional with an Enduro Pocono
July 3, 2006	Performance Driving Experience (PDX) Lime Rock
August 18 & 19, 2006	Regional Races Lime Rock
August 27, 2006	Mini Monte - TSD Map Rally
November 18, 2006	Pine Barren Express - TSD Rally
December 3, 2006	Teddy Bear Rally - Gimmick Rally

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The Assistant RE's Report from the National Convention

OK, so you can't ski in KC, but it holds a good convention. Meeting others who share interests makes for an enlightening several days. You discover most SCCA regions have similar problems but many different solutions. There are people interested in club racing, pro racing, solo, rally and the administration of all of it. The frustration and desire to make it all work for all members was a common thread running throughout many of the meetings, along with the need to increase the active volunteer base. How can we, The Board, get more of you to participate in the workings of the club?

The members of the Board and Specialty Chiefs were, and are, members like you who decided to help with the running of the club. There are always opportunities to help in some capacity, whether on the Board or as a Chief or to assist at various events. Solo, rally and racing would never turn away help, and any committee would welcome new faces. Most of us are reticent when it comes to getting involved with something that looks as if it's running well, already. If you look interested and are standing nearby, maybe we'll come over and ask you to join in. We still are in need of a Social Chairman (be in charge of the dinner dance and region party planning and other social activities of the club).

Our newsletter, Pole Position, which by the way, won 2nd place in the large region category, is our means of communication to all our members, along with our excellent website. It is now being sent to only those members who requested a copy be mailed to them. It is available on our website, but you can still request a mailed copy (contact Robin Bohnenberger). The Board of Trustees minutes give some idea of the goings-on of the club, and more information is available from any member of the Board.

The convention provided the opportunity to meet people from other regions as well as the members of the national staff. It was good to see the faces that go with the names at the Topeka office. It was especially enjoyable, as a Spec Racer Ford driver, to meet Erik Skirmants, the new president of SCCA Enterprises, whose candor and enthusiasm for the job is heartening. Meeting Denise McCluggage, John Buffum and Bobby Rahal among other luminaries was also a treat.

Before long, the nominating committee will be looking for candidates for our region's offices, and the "big shots" of today will become ordinary members again. Your chance for fame and glory is arriving soon, Don't let it slip away. It would really be wonderful if we could start a mentoring-type program for people to learn about what the jobs entail. In fact, we can. Just sign up now!

ATTENTION NNJR MEMBERS!

Remember the short story about Joe Russell in the January issue of Pole Position? (You can look it up on the web-site if you don't have a hard copy). We would like to do more stories about members whose interests outside the club would have interest to other members. You may not be a "publicity hound", but we would like to publish a short article with a photo of you doing your hobby or activity or even an interesting job. We know there are many members out there who fit the bill. Don't make us chase you down. (We will if we find out about you, so save us the detective work). You can e-mail, call or fax Mike Feno. Contact information is on the masthead.

Update your Email Address at www.SCCA.com

Now that the Pole Position is provided by email as a default, it's important that Members, Spouses and children check their Email address at <http://ams.scca.com>

You can also access this by clicking on the top right button "SCCA Member Login" at www.scca.com. You will have to register the first time you visit myscca.org and get a password. After that, you can change your password and maintain your information.

SCCA National provides us with an updated list every month. We use that list to push out Email notices of interest to NNJR members such as online availability of the current Pole Position is available online and information on meetings and competitive events.

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2006 New England Challenge Series Schedule

(For immediate release – for more information, please contact Bob Lutz or John Merriman)

The schedule for the 2006 New England Challenge (NEC) series for Formula Ford has been set with 10 race events over 7 weekends. Based on driver feedback a major change has been made from 2005 in that both ends of Double Regionals will be counted as NEC events for 2006 rather than previous years where just the Sunday event was counted. A second Watkins Glen event was added to the schedule based on driver feedback. And finally, the Beaver Run event was moved to coincide with the National in June to avoid a conflict with Lime Rock in August.

The six race rule, wherein drivers count only their six best results, will likely be used by a number of drivers in 2006 with the expansion of the NEC series to 10 events. As in 2005, the Club Ford class will use the NARRC / MARRS spec tire rule; Club Fords running on soft tires will be grouped with FF for the purposes of NEC points and awards. Club Fords should continue to register for events according to the Supps for that event; the NEC coordinators, with help from the drivers, will track the Club Ford NEC class. The 2006 NEC schedule is:

April 29/30	Summit Point	WDC	Regional
May 13/14	Pocono	NNJ	Double Regional; both events are NEC
June 17/18	Beaver Run	SCR	National
July 8/9	NHIS	NER	Double Regional; both events are NEC
July 22/23	Watkins Glen	Glen	Regional
August 18/19	Lime Rock Park	NNJ	Regional
September 16/17	Watkins Glen	FLR	Double Regional; both events are NEC

The defending 2005 NEC Champions, Rod Kendall in CF and Doug Hobby in FF, will be back in 2006 to battle for the championship. Sponsorship for the 2006 series will be announced later in the winter as everything becomes firmed up. Last year we had an average participation of 16 FFs and a peak count of 26 cars at the 2005 Memorial Day event at Lime Rock Park, followed by 21 cars at Watkins Glen. Hopefully, the 2006 series will draw even better car counts.

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FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	STATE	JOIN DATE
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Adam	Brandhorst	Clifton	NJ	1/17/2006
Vince	Blancuzzi	Berkeley Heights	NJ	1/24/2006
Diane	Blancuzzi	Berkeley Heights	NJ	1/24/2006
John	Georgiopoulos	Ridgewood	NJ	1/26/2006
Zach	Skolnick	Westfield	NJ	2/1/2006
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Daniel	Palma	Monroe Township	NJ	2/7/2006
Paul	Fusco	Mendham	NJ	2/8/2006
SueAnne	Reynolds	Boonton	NJ	2/8/2006

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

35 YEARS

James	Dunlap	Norfolk	VA	6/1/1971
Raymond	Rovinsky	Peckville	PA	6/1/1971

30 YEARS

Peter	Huhndorf	Randolph	NJ	3/1/1976
Frank	Shober	Chatham	NJ	3/1/1976

25 YEARS

Edward	Picard	Sparta	NJ	3/1/1981
Allan	Sockol	Rumson	NJ	3/1/1981

15 YEARS

Barbara	Bell	Upper Saddle River	NJ	3/12/1991
Lynda	Wendling	Wharton	NJ	3/18/1991
Susan	Wendling	Wharton	NJ	3/18/1991

10 YEARS

Steve	Smotrich	Stockton	NJ	3/21/1996
Alexandra	Austin	Upper Saddle River	NJ	3/25/1996
Akele	Cooper	Basking Ridge	NJ	3/25/1996
Kevin	Franklin	Basking Ridge	NJ	3/25/1996

5 YEARS

Mark	Koch	Garwood	NJ	3/6/2001
Judy	Pagak-Foglia	Hackettstown	NJ	3/15/2001
Rocco	Sblendorio	Notley	NJ	3/20/2001
Carol	Boynton	Sussex	NJ	3/22/2001
Charles	Dobkin	Teaneck	NJ	3/22/2001
Thomas	Blaney	Warwick	NY	3/28/2001

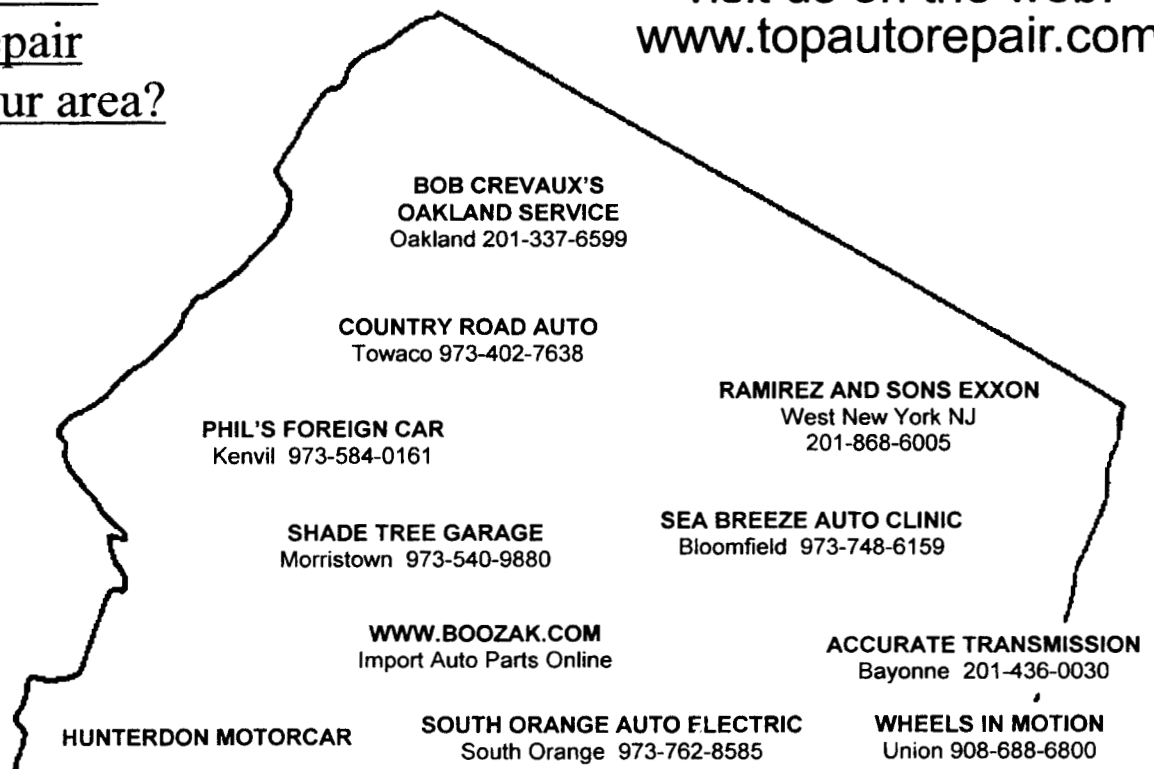
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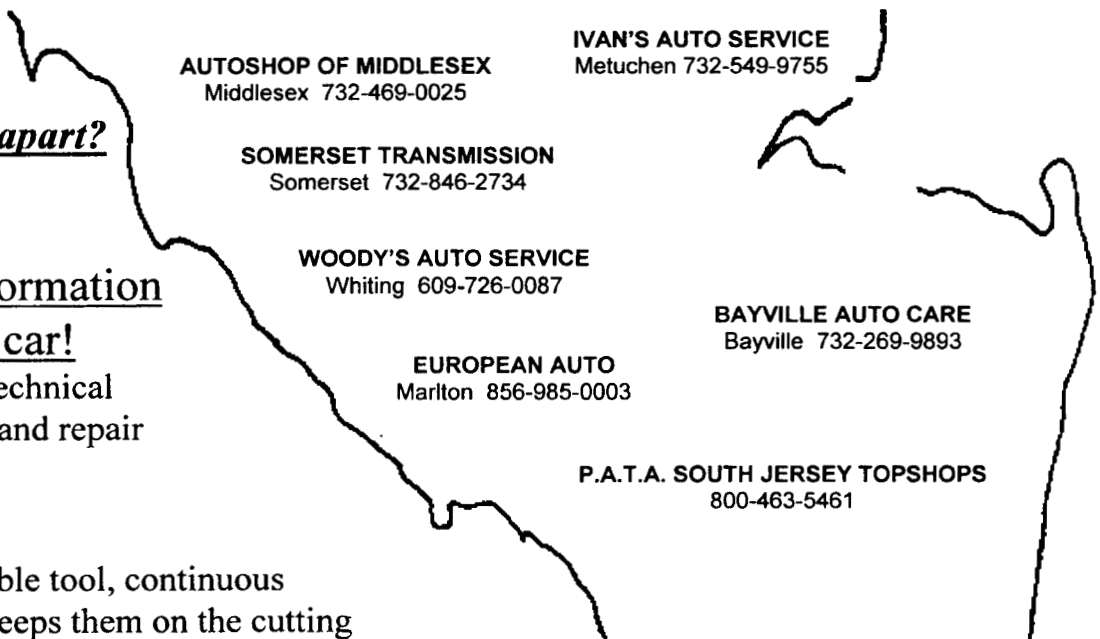
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