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NER IT7 Dinosaur Super Series

Voted best racing class in NER Road Racing*

*by a select group of IT7 drivers



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FROM THE REGIONAL EXEC

Welcome to the 2018 Pit Talk Annual Yearbook!



As most of you are aware by now, we have entered the digital age with Pit Talk, our regional publication to keep you abreast of what's happening in NER. Results, articles, advertisements for our region's supporters are posted regularly to make sure that everyone who wants

the information has it available as soon as possible. But some things don't translate well to digital. For example, many of our competitors want a memento, or an archive, of how they did throughout the year. So, we are publishing our Yearbook to bridge the gap between our traditional publication and our new digital publication.

Inside, you will find articles summarizing our different disciplines year in review and all of our event results. Solo had a great year with strong attendance at all 11 competition events and a fully subscribed EVO school in July. Congratulations go out to Brian Kuehl, Stirling Moss Champion, as well as all of Solo's Regional class Champions. Solo also repeated a strong showing in Lincoln, NE for the Solo Nationals with strong attendance and 5 National Championships, all well as numerous podium finishes.

Rally/RallyX also had a year to remember with 8 RallyX events, a Rally Sprint (think traditional stage rally), and 2 Road Rallies. The DirtFish RallyX Nationals were well represented by NER, with 8 of our own travelling to Indianola, IA to compete, and Chang Ho Kim bringing home a National Championship in Stock Front Wheel Drive. Road Racing had 7 events in 2018 across 4 separate tracks. They sent 10 drivers and 9 workers to Sonoma, CA for the 2018 Runoffs. Though we were not fortunate enough to claim a championship this year, we are proud of the folks that made the journey and represented our region so well.

Finally, 2018 brought us a new discipline, or at least a new name for one. Time Trials held 3 events in 2018, well subscribed and a great success on all fronts, with numerous competitors attending all 3 events. For anyone thinking of going Road Racing, Time Trials is a great way to start the journey, giving you the opportunity to learn how to compete on the track in a non-wheel to wheel format.

2019 looks to be very similar to 2018 from the standpoint of the number of events in our disciplines and

the energy and excitement leading in to our competitive season (except for RallyX, who as you probably know, never stop racing!!!) We also look forward to hosting one of the inaugural Time Trials National Tour events at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on July 5th and 6th. Come on out and support the drivers and workers on this new stage!!!

Finally, I can't forget a nod to the folks that run Track Night in America, SCCA's introductory program to give folks track time in their cars. There were 12 events in 2018, and even though some of them suffered from weather challenges (thunderstorms and the like), they were all fully subscribed. We look forward to hosting many more of these events in 2019. If you know of anyone that would like to lap their car at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, Whiskey Hill Raceway in Palmer, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, or Lime Rock, send them to www.TrackNightinAmerica.com for more info.

So, enough from me. I hope that you had a tremendous 2018, and look forward to meeting all of you at our events this year. Happy New Year, everyone!!!

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TNIA & TIME TRIALS

A National Tour and Growth in New Programs

The growth of new programs like Track Night in America, Time Trials and the CRE (Club Racing Experience) program continue to offer new opportunities to bring motorsports enthusiasts into our SCCA ranks.

In October, SCCA announced a new 2019 Time Trials National Tour that will visit 10 famed tracks across the country over the season. NER will participate in one of these stops at Thompson Speedway, scheduled for July 5-6.

The 2019 TNIA schedule includes multiple opportunities for our NER members to attend at tracks within our region. We encourage members to invite their friends, come out and participate, and build awareness for these entry level program that allow motorsports enthusiasts the opportunity to get on a track and get a taste for racing.



2019 SCHEDULE

Lime Rock Park; Lakeville, CT
May 22, May 23, June 13

New Hampshire Motor Speedway; Loudon, NH
May 24

Palmer Motorsports Park; Palmer, MA
May 2, June 6, June 27, July 18, August 8, September 5

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park; Thompson, CT
April 23, May 9, June 18, July 11, July 30, August 22, September 12, October 3

**For More Information, visit:
TrackNightinAmerica.com or
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Pit Talk set the standard for region communications when it first debuted almost 75 years ago. Repeatedly recognized and awarded for its coverage of region events and a way to share the stories and adventures of racers throughout the Northeast, in 2018, the region decided to upgrade the publication to a digital platform and launched PitTalk.org!

A New Digital Format

As media outlets across the country have realized, the new face of communications is digital. Traditional printed publications are on the decline as readers and viewers transition to screens and mobile devices to obtain, view, and share news. It is with this eye on the current and the future that the region made the decision to re-create everything NER members love about the traditional Pit Talk, but in a new digital format.

Keeping the Content Current

With the new PitTalk.org, race recaps, results, news and highlights are published and shared as they happen. In the last six months since the launch of PitTalk.org, more than 60 feature articles and results from 15 region events have been posted online and shared via the NER social media pages. To date, more than 3200 users have visited the site and viewed over 10,000 pages of content.

Moving Forward

Understanding that many of the region members cherish a printed Pit Talk, this annual yearbook will continue to be published and shared with the membership.

Members are also encouraged to subscribe to the PitTalk.org site to receive email notifications when new articles are posted. (Subscription is always free.)

Get Involved

As we continue to develop and grow the site, we are always on the look out for new voices to share their love of motorsports with our racing community. If you are interested in joining the Pit Talk team, or have ideas for articles, please contact Editor@PitTalk.org.

LAST CHECKERED FLAG Paul Faford – 1945-2018



The North East Formula Vee (NEFV) community would like to pay tribute to our dear friend, mentor, and competitor Paul Faford of Manchester NH, who passed away in September. Paul joined the NER in 1986 and has been a passionate FV racer and proponent for the 32 years since. In recent years he was instrumental in NEFV promotional activities, which has grown the class and established it as the largest in the NER for 2018, as well as the largest FV group in all the SCCA. Receiving the much-deserved “Extraordinary Dedication to Formula Vee” lifetime award this past year, Formula Vee’s resurgence as a class was Paul’s gift to us all and is his lasting legacy.



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NER Annual Meeting**

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70 Years of NER

2018 MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

50 YEARS

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25 YEARS

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Paul M Curran
Randy Currier
Michael J Frost
Thomas A Gray Jr
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John C Hennessy
L Timothy Klvana
Jon Lamkins
Peter T Mumford
Evan J Peteroy
Matthew E Poynter
Susan F Rogers
Jonathan Scannell
Marvin Scheinbart

10 YEARS

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Kingsley Beecher
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Claudette Dennis
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Christian Outzen
John M Rappa
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George L Rooney
Timothy James Santhouse
Tony R Senese
Barbara Seeger
Robert Slonaker
Don Stevenson
Robert Totten
Lana Tsurikova
Roger Edward Whipple
Michelle Lee Yaiser

5 YEARS

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Isbella Albani
Trey Albani
Ben Albano
Kevin Andrade
John Andrea
Jennifer Argyle
William A Argyle
Ralph Averill
Rachel L Baker
David Batal
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Mark Todhunter Robson
Jacob Ronald
Richard Kyle Rothman
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Jorge A. Santos
Jesse Earley Schmidt
Luiz Serva
Margaret Sharron
Ryan Soucy
Luciana Suppa
Marie Suppa
Silvio Suppa
Duane E Sword
Skaria Thomas
Irene Tien
John Verrochi
Lorena Vogel
Curt Vogt
Carter James White
Lincoln Cummiskey Young

2018 Season

ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, January 5, the New England Region held its Annual Meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH. During this full day of events, members were able to participate in Specialty Break-out Sessions for JDP Training, Road Racing, Rally/RallyX and a Solo Town Hall. Afterwards, everyone came together for a Worker Appreciation Lunch and then the Annual Business Meeting and Town Hall for the region, where five new members were elected to the Board of Directors.

The day was capped by a fabulous Awards Banquet where the 2018 Champions from each specialty were recognized and received their trophy. Members enjoyed a delicious dinner, and shared stories of the

season of racing along with music and dancing. As a region, we also recognized milestone anniversaries and the presentation of awards to members that went above and beyond.

2018 is a historic milestone for both the NER region, as well as SCCA as whole. It marks the 70th anniversary for NER, and the 75th anniversary for SCCA.

Overall, it was an informative and fun event, where the NER family came together with our shared love of cars and motorsports. Please congratulate all of the 2018 Champions and Trophy Winners!



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Champions



RALLY CHAMPIONS

RALLY CROSS CHAMPIONS

PREPARED FWD

Chang Ho Kim - 1st
John Stanwood - 2nd
Erik Carlson - 3rd

PREPARED AWD

Manny Jusino - 1st
Timothy Thomas - 2nd
Gordon Richardson - 3rd

MODIFIED FWD

Philip LaMoreaux - 1st
Scott Carlson - 2nd
Michael Gallant - 3rd

MODIFIED RWD

Daniel Kubec - 1st
Vojtech Kubec - 2nd
Lazz McKenzie - 3rd

MODIFIED AWD

Chris Regan - 1st
Clifton Kangas - 2nd
Emmanuel Cecchet - 3rd

STOCK RWD

Scott Igo - 1st

STOCK FWD

Austin O'Brien - 1st
Sam Aleksanyan - 2nd
Kim Hapgood - 3rd

STOCK AWD

Nikolas Bak - 1st
Ryan Wandas - 2nd
Michael Chase - 3rd

ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONS

EQUIPPED NAVIGATOR

Scott Beliveau

EQUIPPED DRIVER

Chris Regan

STOCK NAVIGATOR

Colid Roddy

STOCK DRIVER

Dan Praetorious

CAMERON DEWAR
CUP RECIPIENTS
Colin Roddy & Dan Praetorious



RALLY OF THE YEAR
Grab Bag Rally
Mike Beliveau, Rallymaster

SOLO CHAMPIONS

SSC
Keith Casey

AS
Russ Siggelkoe

BS
Beff Jakken

CS
Steve Twaddle

DS
Evan LeBlanc

ES
Brandon Dean

GS
Nik Finn

HS
Jason Fair

STS
Brian Levesque

STX
Bill Brundige

STR
Brandon Dryer

STP
Craig Gagner

SSP
Shaun Moore

CSP
Rob MacAlpine

XP
Thomas Moore

CP
Jeff Seeger

EP
Ben Wagstaff

SMF
Aaron Skolnik

SM
Matt Emanouil

SSM
Gus Heck

BM
Bill Gendron

CM
Dave Thomas

DM
Alex Jackson

KM
John Stanwood

JA
Kimsoo Gopnik

PRO
Brian Kuehl

PAX
Ryan Field

**CHARLIE
AWARD**
Sam Creasey



**STIRLING
MOSS
TROPHY**
Brian Kuehl



SOLO CHAMPIONS





SCCA SOLO
ROOKIE OF
THE YEAR
Ryan Field



ROAD RACING CHAMPIONS

BSPEC
David Oliveira

EP
Mike Donnelly

FC
Alex Tollefsen

FV
Chris Barry - 1st
Michael Hinkle - 2nd
John Piscitelli - 3rd

GT1
Doug Valley

GT2
Maurizio Cerasoli

HP
Fred White

IT7
Dan Sheppard - 1st
JB Swan - 2nd
Anthony Parker - 3rd

ITA
David Colbey - 1st
Stephen Pope - 2nd

ITB
Nat Wenworth - 1st
Jacob Hart - 2nd
David Oliveira - 3rd

ITE
Geln Kurkjian

ITR
Zack Kelly

ITS
Abhi Ghatak - 1st
Mark Murphy - 2nd

SM
Richard Astacio - 1st
Jimmy Locke - 2nd
Matthew Morin - 3rd

SM2
Jimmy Locke - 1st
John Raudat - 2nd
Keith Knickerbocker - 3rd

SRF
Matt Rowe - 1st
Mark Saviet - 2nd
Leslie Kurz - 3rd

SRF3
Steve Owens - 1st
Kevin Treffeison - 2nd

SSM
John Santos

STL
Rob Sturgis - 1st
Ryan Duke - 2nd

T1
Mark Kentenci - 1st
Michael Saia - 2nd

T2
Darius Trinka

T4
Ken Payson

DIVISIONAL WORKER OF THE EVENT
JB Swan

MA & PA PHILBRICK AWARD
Linda and Ed Capullo



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ROAD RACING CHAMPIONS



RACE TO THE ALTAR

NER'S Flag Chief and IT7 Driver Wed at NHMS

Over 100 fans and guests cheered while white smoke billowed across the Winner's Circle at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. As it cleared, instead of a racecar coming to rest with a newly crowned champion behind the wheel, a glowing bride in a checkered flag wedding dress emerged raising a bouquet of flowers held high as "Send Me an Angel" by Real Life from the movie Rad played in the background.

Jessie Honigs and Jason Carroll, longtime New England Region members, exchanged vows, toasted a unity beer, and took a wedding selfie on Saturday, August 4th during the Cheap Date NERRC Regional event at NHMS. Their wedding, nicknamed the "Tie The Knot" portion of the race weekend, brought family, friends, and racers together to celebrate their union and the start of married life. The ceremony and following reception were filled with unique and individual touches that captured Jessie and Jason's personalities, highlighted all the fun racers have when they get together, and left everyone with memories that will last a lifetime.

The Couple

In typical 21st century fashion, the couple met through a Subaru online forum in 2007. Jessie claims she fell for Jason as soon as "he showed me his pink car." Jason had been involved with SCCA and met his best friend, Craig Swinehart, at a Solo event. Together, they got Jessie back involved into racing and the club. It was at an Indycar race in Baltimore with extra free time on her hands that Jessie met some flaggers and decided to check out that aspect of club involvement – and then became hooked. Today, she serves as the NER Flagging & Communications Chief, managing race control and flag stations for region events.

Even though the couple continues to dabble in Rally and Solo events, most often Jessie is found at tracks donning her worker whites and Jason is spotted behind the wheel of his blue, and yes still pink, IT-7 race car battling it out with all the other IT-7 cars in the NER Dinosaur race series.

Planning the Wedding

After being together for so many years, getting married was just one of those eventualities. As they discussed possibilities, the couple kept coming back to one thing, "We wanted to find a place that fit our personality. It needed to include all of our race friends and could show our friends and family what it is we love," Jessie explained.

The idea for NHMS was floated, and with some help from JB Swan and other members of the NER club racing community, the date was set for the annual NER August triple regional event.

The Ceremony

Old wives tales claim that rain on a wedding day is a sign of good luck. This couple must be extremely lucky! During the Friday test day, torrential rains, tornado warnings, and pellet sized hail pummeled the track. Saturday morning simply brought more of the same with nothing but grey skies and seemingly unending wet weather as the race day progressed. But with just a few hours before the bride walked through her cloud of smoke, the overhead clouds rolled away and blue skies emerged. Clear weather basked the track for the entire evening of festivities, resulting in a beautiful setting for the ceremony and reception.

After making her iconic race-inspired entrance, the bride met her waiting groom at the top of the winner's circle. Wendy Swinehart, long-time friend and wife of Craig, stood there waiting to officiate the ceremony.

Jessie was walked in by her father, wearing an asymmetrical, off-the shoulder wedding gown with a checkered flag bodice over 12 layers of tulle. And get this, she made it herself. "I bought the checkered flag dress and then altered it by removing one shoulder and adding the puffy draping at the bottom. Then I sewed all the layers of tulle together into a skirt that I wore underneath," Jessie explained as she described the process for creating the one-of-a-kind, two-piece dress.

The ceremony concluded with the bride and groom asking the guests to pose for a selfie. The requisite kiss. And then a High Five from Jason to Wendy to seal the deal.

The Reception

Guests, race drivers, workers, friends and family gathered under a tent next to the track for the reception. Once again, the couple's creativity and individual style was on full display. The first stop was the Guest Book Racecar. Jason's IT-7 was parked beside the tent with a basket of permanent markers for guests to sign the car and offer their well wishes. Leave it to a group of racers to leave some, um, creative drawings and messages on the car.

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“One friend wrote a message in Chinese on the hood,” Jessie laughs. “We just had it translated and it says ‘You are the slowest race car driver in the world.’”

A buffet dinner was served, along with mixed drinks and of course – beer! A DJ played music on the tarmac dance floor, an artist drew cartoon pictures of the guests, and there were ladderball and corn hole games to play while guests ate and socialized. More than a dozen flavors of cupcakes were served to complete the meal.

Two of the younger guests, Maddy and Devan Sheppard, stole the show during the reception when they performed a customized lyrics version of Taylor Swift’s “Love Story” for the wedding couple. With personalized references to Jessie and Jason, tears and laughter were flowing as the two girls sang their hearts out to celebrate the wedding of two of their favorite people.

In the end, Jessie reflects, “I was amazed at all the people that unexpectedly helped out throughout the day. Without asking, people just pitched in. They even cleaned everything up at the end!”

The Honeymoon

After it was all said and done, the couple departed a few days later for a week long honeymoon in New Orleans. Back at their home in Bolton, MA, Jessie and Jason have settled into married life. From all of their friends and family, as well as the NER community, we were thrilled and honored to be a part of their special day. Thank you for sharing it with us.



RACE AGAINST LEUKEMIA

New England Region Raises More than \$9000

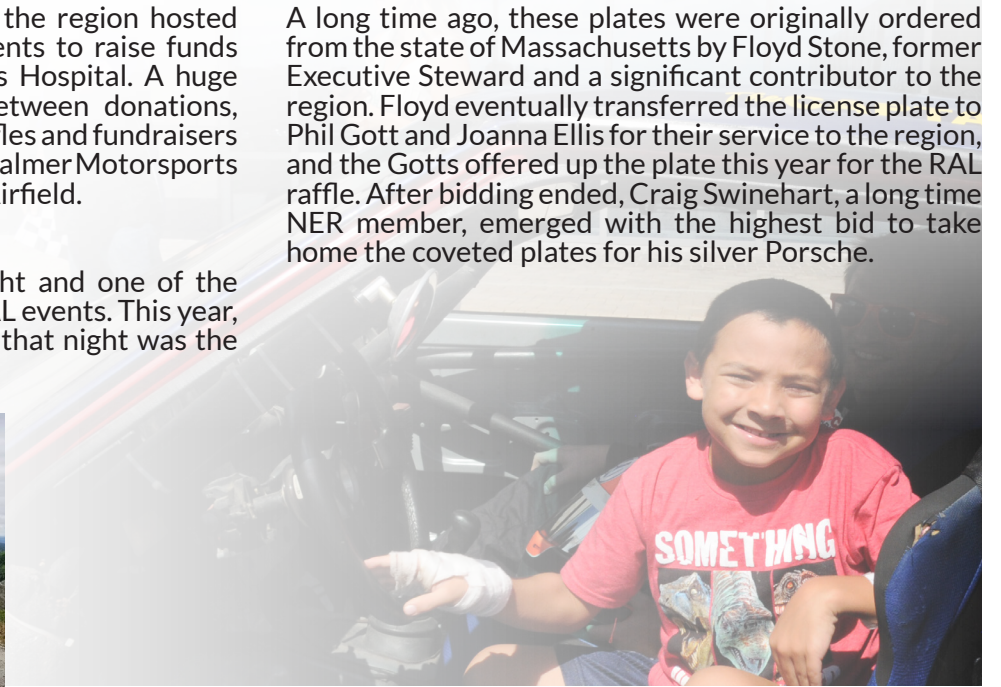
Over two weekends in September the region hosted three Racing Against Leukemia events to raise funds for the UMass Memorial Children's Hospital. A huge success, we raised over \$9000 between donations, t-shirt sales, and the annual RAL Raffles and fundraisers at the rally and road racing events at Palmer Motorsports Park and the Solo event at Devens Airfield.

MA SCCA License Plate

The annual RAL Raffle is a highlight and one of the biggest fundraisers as part of the RAL events. This year, the most desirable auction item up that night was the Massachusetts SCCA vanity plate.



A long time ago, these plates were originally ordered from the state of Massachusetts by Floyd Stone, former Executive Steward and a significant contributor to the region. Floyd eventually transferred the license plate to Phil Gott and Joanna Ellis for their service to the region, and the Gotts offered up the plate this year for the RAL raffle. After bidding ended, Craig Swinehart, a long time NER member, emerged with the highest bid to take home the coveted plates for his silver Porsche.



**THANK YOU NER STAFF
and WORKERS**

**Congrats to all the
NER 2018 CHAMPS**

**Special shoutout to our
friends/champs:**

Chris Barry - FV

Mike Donnelly - EP

Abi Ghatak - ITS

DIRTFISH NATIONALS

RallyCross Championships

SCCA **DirtFish**
RallyCross
National Championship

NER continued to make an impressive showing at the DirtFish RallyCross Championships held in October in Indianola, Iowa.

The annual winner-take-all two-day event saw competitors drive three different courses, with the combined time from every run used to determine the champions. Dry weather and sunshine provided favorable conditions for drivers throughout the weekend.

With multiple podium finishes, NER brought home one National Championship courtesy of **Chang Ho Kim** in Stock Front-Wheel Drive. In a tight race, Kim trailed at the end of Saturday in his Acura Integra. Keeping pace on Sunday, Kim secured the championship by running clean after the leader tagged a cone on his last run.

Scott Carlson and **Vaughn Micciche** secured 2nd place finishes, and **Erik Carlson** and **Philip LaMoreaux** wrapped the event with 3rd place trophies.

NER FINAL RESULTS

Stock - Front Wheel Drive
Chang Ho Kim - 1st
Kim Hapgood - 4th

Prepared - Front Wheel Drive
Erik Carlson - 3rd
Michael Gallant - 9th

Prepared - All Wheel Drive
Harold Denham - 4th

Modified - Front Wheel Drive
Scott Carlson - 2nd

Modified - Front Wheel Drive
Philip LaMoreaux - 3rd

Modified - Rear Wheel Drive
Vaughn Micciche - 2nd
Carmen del Genio - 6th
David delGenio - 6th

Modified - All Wheel Drive
Warren Elliott - 4th



Photo By Vaughn Micciche

SOLO NATIONALS

NER Claims 5 National Championships



2018 SOLO NATIONALS CHAMPIONS

GSL: Barbara Seeger
SMF: Brian Kuehl
SMFL: Ginette Jordan

EP: Ryan Field
ESPL: Becca Nell



64 drivers represented the New England Region at the 2018 Solo Nationals in Lincoln, NE. Once again, we were one of the largest regions present at the annual championship event.

By all measures, the week was a great success for our region, despite the “biblical” levels of rain. Luckily, all the rainy Solo events NER hosted this year may have given our drivers a leg up on the competition. Over the course of the week, NER drivers collected a “boat load” of hardware. Specifically, our drivers accumulated 5 National Championships, 16 Podium finishes, 3 specialty awards, and our own **Ryan Field** was named SCCA Solo Rookie of the Year!

A special congratulations goes out to **Ginette Jordan** for claiming her 13th National Championship in 2018. SCCA also recognized 11 people who were attending Nationals for their 35+ year and 5 of them were from New England Region.

NER PODIUM FINISHERS

- AM: Robert Barone – 5th Place
- AS: Mark Sarcevicz – 4th Place
- ASL: Lana Tsurikova – 2nd Place
- BSL: Susan Fenwick – 4th Place
- CSP: Billy Davis – 4th Place
- DSP: Tamra Hunt – 2nd Place
- DSP: Andrew Krystinik – 5th Place
- EP: Justin Chen – 3rd Place
- ESP: PJ Corrales – 2nd Place
- ESP: Bryan Mancuso – 3rd Place
- ESPL: Jojo Corrales-Kean – 2nd Place
- HS: Nik Finn – 3rd Place
- JA: Kimsoo Gopnik – 2nd Place
- SMFL: Kathleen Barnes – 4th Place
- STR: Mark Dudek – 4th Place
- STR: William Koscielny – 5th Place

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Bob Barone** –
- Dick Berger Perseverance Award
- PJ Corrales – Chairmen’s Award
- Tamra Hunt – Rothney-Kozlak Cup

Photo By Pam Davis



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Ryan Field Earns SCCA Solo Rookie of the Year Honors

For the third time, one of NER's own was awarded the honor of Solo Rookie of the Year for 2018. Growing up with a love of cars, he first entered into the autocross world in 2012 when a friend bought a Miata and introduced him to the sport.

2018 marked his rookie season and first trip to Nationals. Not only did Ryan claim the NER PAX Championship, he also earned his first National Championship in EP. "The entire trip to Nationals was the highlight of my year," Ryan explained. "I'll remember it forever." A convoy of eight people and four vehicles did the entire 1.5 week trip together. This included a 2-hour pit stop at the World's Largest Truck Stop where the Solo community came together to change out wheel bearings to keep the convoy headed home.

"Ryan put down a significant lead on the first day, then extended it on the second day, beating some long time competitors in that class," explained Kathy Barnes about Ryan's Nationals performance. "This is after he only drove the car at two events beforehand!"

Ryan's E-Prepared Honda Civic was provided and set-up by Brian and Don Kuehl. "I owe them a massive thanks for letting me use their car. I also need to thank my PROJECT.Devens family, my parents for letting me

store my car at their house, and especially Justin Chen for being a great friend and co-driver."

As Ryan continues to develop his driving skills, he's also activity giving back to the Solo program by working as an instructor, and learning how to run events at the National Convention. In 2019, expect to see him on the courses with his own SSM Miata.

For all the other rookies and novices out there, he advises "Don't be afraid because you think your car isn't fast, exciting or competitive. Autocross is all about having fun, and you can do that in any car." He concludes with, "Listen to everyone, ride with other, and use instructors whenever you can."

We look forward to seeing many more record setting performances from Ryan in the coming season.



SCCA RUNOFFS

10 Drivers and 9 Workers Headed West for the 55th Annual National Championships

500 racers gathered over the week of October 16-21, 2018 to battle it out on the hills of Sonoma Raceway. The 2.52-mile road course on the landform known as Sears Point is located in the southern Sonoma Mountains in California. The road course features 12 turns on a hilly course with 160 feet of total elevation change.

The general consensus among workers and drivers is that pictures and video do not adequately portray the extreme elevation changes at the track. Racers climb 158 feet of elevation between the apex of Turn 1 and Turn 3 alone.

19 NER members made the trek to the west coast to compete and work at this year's Runoffs. Some found success, others faced the hardships of mechanical failures and on-track incidents that ended their races early.

The region held out high hopes for FA driver **Spencer Brockman**, who started 2nd on the grid for his race, but had his race cut short after engine trouble plagued him during lap 5 of the race.

Craig McHaffie came through with the only NER podium finish with a 2nd place trophy in STL. Top 10 finishes were awarded to **Nick Leverone** (5th) in T4, **Joe Wolf** (8th) in T2, and **Chris Kopley** (4th) in GTL. **William Hendrix** (10th) in T3 and **Stephanie Funk** (10th) in HP both also earned the **Sunoco Hard Charger Award** for their outstanding performances.



WORKERS
Kathleen Barnes, Driver Info/Hospitality
David Faita, Steward – Safety
Dave Hottle, F&C
Steve Introne, F&C
Paul Krysiak, Starter
Richard (Dick) Patullo, Pace Car
Peter Roberts, Start Judge
Terry Roberts, Registration
Laurie Sheppard, Court of Appeals

DRIVERS
Tora Bonnier #0 SRF3
Spencer Brockman #34 FA
Stephanie Funk #62, HP
William Hendrix #101 T3
Chris Kopley #3 GTL
Nick Leverone #86 T4
Nick Leverone #91 SM
Craig McHaffie #68 STL
Joe Schubert #49 STL
Joe Schubert #49 SM
Hugh Stewart #23 T1
Joseph Wolf #82 GT2



GO FASTER!

Three NER Drivers Design and Launch a New Device that Allows Racers to Get Real-Time Audio Feedback

Every racer has faced it. That point where you know there is more speed out there, but cannot find it. You ask your fellow drivers for tips, pour over video, and try to make sense of the squiggly lines downloaded from the dashboard. Then head back out on track to try again.

One NER driver decided there had to be a better way - a way that did not include spending thousands of dollars on a professional driving coach. As he struggled to become more competitive, he realized that perhaps his twenty years building software and hardware systems could be his ticket to GO FAST!

The Idea for RaceVoice

A little over two years ago, Steve Spano designed the first prototype version of RaceVoice. His goal was to replicate the job of a driving coach with a tool that analyzed dashboard data then relayed that real-time information audibly directly to the driver. With RaceVoice his dashboard was now extended to keep his eyes up while driving and provide verbal feedback in every turn and every lap while he was still on track! He could instantly test braking and acceleration points to see where the fastest points were in a turn. He heard if he was making or losing time through a corner from entry and minimum speed announcements. He heard where the G-force limits were before the tires would break loose, knowing just how hard he could push his car. And he never missed seeing a warning light too late, because the system would monitor and announce critical engine diagnostics.

The NER RaceVoice Team

Curious about a black box he saw inside Steve's car, fellow SRF3 driver James Regan asked Steve what it did. On hearing the answer Jim immediately signed on to help Steve both refine and launch the product. Together they collaborated on features and what measures would be useful to a driver while field testing the unit during actual races. The two drivers then enlisted Dave Auer, another former NER SRF3 and F2000 racer, to complete the RaceVoice team.

New to the Market

With over 18 months of testing and development under their belts, these three NER drivers headed down to Florida for the Homestead and Sebring Majors in January to officially launch RaceVoice to the racing community. RaceVoice is now available to everyone. CSR's like Motion Dynamics have seen the results and are installing RaceVoice in their customer's racecars. The system works with any data-logging dashboard with an accessible CANBus port and allows drivers to personalize and set their individual preferences for alerts and notifications. More than 30 tracks across the country have already been mapped and are available through the RaceVoice Studio software component.

RaceVoice may be the next big thing in racing performance development, and it all started within our New England Region. We are so proud of the ingenuity of our members and wish these racers great success. For questions about RaceVoice, visit racevoice.com.



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50 YEARS OF RACING

Al Olmstead Marks a Half-Century with SCCA

Marking a 50th Anniversary is a historic milestone whatever the circumstance. In 2018, R. Allen Olmstead, known simply as "Al" to all of us, reached his 50th year as an SCCA member. For the last half-century, Al has been a familiar figure on flagging stations at tracks throughout the northeast.

His introduction to SCCA came when he was working at Hamilton Standard in Connecticut. One of the general managers at his facility was into sports cars and introduced Al to autocross and races at the old Thompson track and Lime Rock Park. "I went to Thompson to flag as a rookie, and while at registration, word got out that Paul Newman was there. One of my first flagging events was Paul Newman's driver school," Al reminisced.

Through the years, Al never ventured behind the wheel himself, serving all these decades as a dedicated volunteer and flagger. His favorite event being the F1 races at Montreal, where he spent 20 years overseeing corners. Al says the most vivid memories through the years are the ones that make him laugh. "I remember one cool down lap, where Keke Rosberg had a driver sitting on his sidepod and punched it coming around the left-hander at turn 9. The guy fell off, landed on his backside and slid across the track."

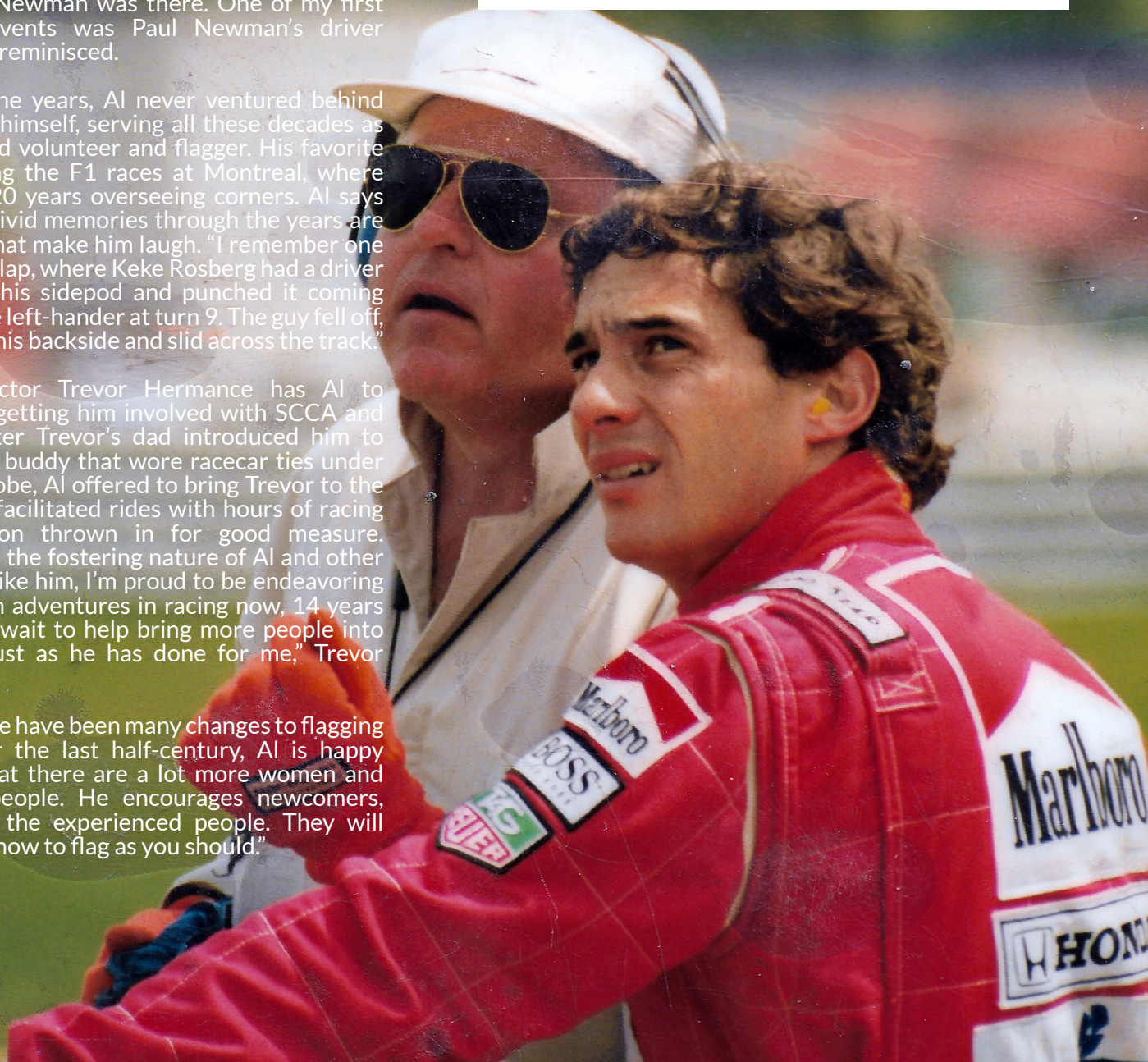
NER Director Trevor Hermance has Al to thank for getting him involved with SCCA and racing. After Trevor's dad introduced him to his church buddy that wore racecar ties under his choir robe, Al offered to bring Trevor to the track and facilitated rides with hours of racing conversation thrown in for good measure. "Thanks to the fostering nature of Al and other members like him, I'm proud to be endeavoring on my own adventures in racing now, 14 years on. I can't wait to help bring more people into the fold just as he has done for me," Trevor remarked.

While there have been many changes to flagging turns over the last half-century, Al is happy to note that there are a lot more women and younger people. He encourages newcomers, "Get with the experienced people. They will teach you how to flag as you should."

Al and Ayrton Senna

Spend any time with Al, and you'll be sure to hear one of his favorite stories. As Trevor describes, "I hardly knew who this "Air Ton Senna" was, whom Al had helped "get back to the peets" after a mechanical at a Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal when I was barely old enough to talk. But I've certainly learned to appreciate what being part of such a moment means to a worker in the years since!"

In the photo below, Al is with Ayrton Senna at the armco at the first turn in Montreal where he help Senna cross a hot track counter-race when it was safe, so he could return to the pits.



Mike Rand Marks 50-Years Between Starts at Thompson Speedway

October 1968 to October 2018. Fifty years apart, and yet the same driver was turning laps at Thompson Speedway on the same weekend.

Mike Rand, known for his decades of open-wheel formula car racing, celebrated this anniversary at Thompson Speedway during the John Stim Memorial races. "When I found out the race was the same weekend, fifty years later from that first one, I knew I had to be there," Mike said.

Through the years, Mike has built and raced upwards of 37 different formula cars. "I cannot explain why I was so taken with the formula cars, perhaps it was because of the purity of the vehicle, designed with one purpose, and no pretense of being used for anything except racing."

At the very first Road Atlanta Runoffs in 1970, Mike

won the National Championship in a Formula C and took 3rd in a Formula B/Atlantic in 1974. He has settled into the Formula Fords since 1991.

He first turned a wheel on track at the age of 19 in a Formula Vee, "The feeling was one of yup, this is what I gotta do. It just felt right, at home. I was completely relaxed and in love with that feeling. I still am today. The adrenaline still hits when the visor is lowered and the motor is running as we set off on another pace lap. I'm just an aging adrenaline junkie!"

From his decades of experience, Mike reminds young drivers of the need for patience. "Respect the skills that are needed to advance. Stop messing with the car and just drive. Miles and laps. Yes, miles and laps are costly, and back then tires lasted much longer and entry fees were \$25, but seat time has never been more important."



2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE: DAVID AMMEN

An SCCA member for more than 60 years, Ammen spent nearly half that time as a competitor who made 20 consecutive National Championship appearances through the '60s, '70s and '80s. An accomplished driver, the New England Region member is also well known for his hard work behind the scenes. He was a Road Racing Steward until the 2000s, participated on the Competition Committee, served consecutive years on the Board of Directors, and is a Woolf Barnato Award winner.



2019 SCHEDULES

ROAD RACING



2019 NERRC SCHEDULE

April 25-26
Thompson Drivers School

May 4-5
NeDiv/NERRC #1 Opening Weekend
Palmer Motorsports Park

May 25-26
NERRC #2
New Hampshire Motor Speedway

June 14-15
NeDiv/NERRC #3 Paddock Crawl
Limerock Park

July 13-14
Majors/NERRC #4
Thompson Speedway

August 3-4
NERRC #5
New Hampshire Motor Speedway

September 7-8
NERRC #6 Pig Roast
Palmer Motorsports Park

October 4-5
NeDiv/NERRC#7 Championship Weekend
Thompson Speedway



RALLY

2019 ROADRALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (TIME-SPEED-DISTANCE)

2019 GAME/TOUR/ ADVENTURE EVENTS

April 6 (Saturday)
69th Annual Cape Codders' Courageous /
45th Old Timers'
Holiday Inn Cape Cod - Hyannis, Massachusetts

August 3 (Saturday)
Rally Against Leukemia
*New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) -
Loudon, New Hampshire*

September 7 (Saturday)
National: Hurdle 2019
Southington Drive In - Southington, Connecticut

October 5 (Saturday)
Divisional: Witch Way to the Covered Bridge
Vermont

February 9-10 (Saturday-Sunday)
Winter Challenge 15
Hollow Inn - Barre, Vermont
Event Web Site: www.winterchallengerally.com

March 16 (Saturday)
Frost Heaves
New Hampshire

Summer - Whole 'Lotta (*Massachusetts*)
Fall - Big Lap (*New Hampshire*)
Fall - Grab Bag (*Plymouth, New Hampshire*)

2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

October 25-27 (Friday-Sunday)
Great American Mountain Rallye
New York



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Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14

STARTING LINE SCHOOL
Saturday, April 13

STIRLING MOSS RUNOFF
Sunday, October 6

NER POINTS EVENTS

- Points 1: Sunday, April 14
- Points 2: Sunday, April 28
- Points 3: Saturday, May 11
- Points 4: Sunday, May 26
- Points 5: Sunday, June 16
- Points 6: Sunday, June 30
- Points 7: Sunday, July 21
- Points 8: Sunday, August 18
- Points 9: Sunday, September 22

TEAM CHALLENGE

Sunday, November 3



BOSTON CAR SHOW

NER Brings SCCA to International Car Show Visitors

For the first time, NER was invited to represent SCCA at the New England International Auto Show January 17-21, 2019 at the Boston Convention Center. While thousands of automobile enthusiasts browsed the latest domestic and imported vehicles, they were also able to visit the SCCA Race Car Pit Stop and learn about all the various SCCA programs that allow us to have #FunWith Cars.

The SCCA booth was situated next to the Subaru display in one corner of the convention floor and proved to be quite the attraction for visitors to the car show. Multiple attendees commented about how they kept coming back to see the various race cars on display.

Our generous members donated a wide assortment of race vehicles to fill the over 4500 square feet of display space given to us by show organizers. These included open wheel cars like Formula Atlantic and FV, Road Rally cars, production vehicles, touring cars, and performance vehicles for Track Night in America events.

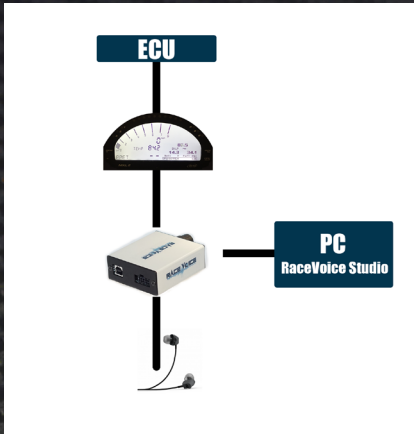
More of our members volunteered to staff the booth and promote all the various aspects of SCCA, answering questions about the different programs and distributing materials.

Each day of the show saw a steady stream of people through the booth, but the weekend was exceptionally busy with a constant crowd and often lines for turns sitting in the vehicles.

The event was a huge success and opportunity to engage with car people and bring awareness of SCCA to hopefully a new group of motorsports enthusiasts. We hope to see many of the faces we met at the show at one of our events this year, and hope this is the first of many years participating in the Boston Auto Show.



Go Fast with... the Speed of Voice!



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