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# FROM THE REGIONAL EXEC

## Welcome to the 2019 Pit Talk Annual Yearbook!

2019 continued a strong tradition of #FunWithCars for the New England Region, with events hosted in Road Rally, RallyX, Rally Sprint, Solo, Road Racing, Time Trials, and Track Night in America. If there are people who want to have fun with their cars, we gave them the opportunity to do it.

2019 started out with a very unique opportunity for NER to showcase what we are at the New England International Auto Show in Boston. 9 cars and over a dozen people staffed the event under the coordination of Brian Mushnick. Well over 20,000 people were exposed to our club, and the feedback from the public, as well as the show organizers, was overwhelmingly positive. Thanks go out to Brian as well as everyone else who contributed to the success of the event.

Our Rally program remains a strong part of our offerings in New England, with Road Rally offering up traditional events, as well as contributing to the revival of the Great American Mountain Rally in Saratoga Springs, NY. Many of our traditional RallyX events were held, although there were challenges with sites and weather. Rally Sprint offerings give our members the opportunity to experience Stage Rally type events



as well. Thanks go out to the Rally Board for putting on such a great set of events.

Solo had another stellar year with 12 events at Moore Airfield at Devens Air Base bringing in a record number of competitors. They also organized an event in cooperation with SCCNH at New Hampshire Motor Speedway for Racing Against Leukemia which brought the club back together for RAL for the first time in several years. We hope that this is a trend to be able to continue getting all of NER together for RAL in the coming years. Congratulations to Todd Kean on winning the prestigious Sterling Moss Award as well as to all of our class champions.

Road Racing had a great year as well, with 7 events being held on our traditional race weekends. The weather cooperated much better this year than in the previous year, leading to strong attendance at all of the events. For 2020, we have a new event being presented, with a Day/Night regional being held in August at Thompson Motor Speedway. Something for everyone to look forward to. Keep your eyes out for more info.

Finally, a thanks goes out to CART, our partner in presenting a great year of Time Trials events. Together, we even held a National Event at Thompson in July. Great attendance and great feedback from the participants will hopefully lead to another strong year in 2020.

So now, without further ado, I give you the 2019 Pit Talk Yearbook, with articles and results in detail for all of the things that we did this past year. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the great success that we've had in 2019, and I look forward to seeing many of you in 2020.



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# \$15,000 RAISED FOR RAL

## NER Rally, Solo and Club Racing Meet at NHMS

Over the weekend of August 3-4, all NER specialties converged on New Hampshire Motor Speedway to bring everyone in our region together for two days enjoying all the racing fun and motorsports action we have to offer.

On the NHMS road course, the road racing teams were competing in the fifth NERRC event of the year. This included 34 FV drivers coming together to honor Paul Faford. Outside the tunnel entrance to the track, the Autocross teams set up and ran an additional event outside of the 2019 points series, which included a dozen IT7 drivers taking a break from the road course to try their hand navigating cones. And the rally team organized a special Game-Tour-Adventure rally throughout the Lakes Region of New Hampshire that kicked off and ended at the NHMS gates.

The weekend highlight was the annual RAL Auction and Raffle. With over 40 items up for bid this year, members vied for items like Bruins tickets, racing gear, and an iconic Gulf open-face helmet. During the auction, the region presented our Regional Executive **Rich Currey** with a special helmet decorated and signed by the kids at the UMass Memorial Children's Hospital, letting him know the region is behind him during his own battle with cancer.

But the biggest fundraiser was the donations gathered to shave the head of **Serge Lentz**. Over \$5000 alone was collected to watch him lose his locks.

Overall, we had hundreds of NER members, crew, family and friends throughout the NHMS grounds participating in RAL events. And when all the online donations, t-shirt sales, auction items, and entries were tallied, the region was thrilled to present a check for over \$15,000 to the hospital to support the children and families fighting cancer battles. Well done.



*ABOVE: Serge's granddaughter does the honors with the clippers. BELOW: One of the UMass patients enjoys a ride in a NER SRF.*



# 2019 MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

## 50 YEARS

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Grace Ruddy  
Derek Traut  
Joseph R Traut  
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Jacob Hart  
Joseph Haskell  
Garnett Hayes  
Nancy S Henderson  
Greg Holt  
Luke Horrocks  
Kenneth Hubbard  
Lorenz Jakober  
Murat Mark Ketenci  
William Koscielny  
Xiang Li

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Peg Dowd  
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Len L Ily  
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Fred Mapplebeck  
Charles P McCalla  
Shawn Morrison  
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William E Salie III  
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Kelli Bentinck-Smith  
John K Stowe  
Richard Wiehl

## 5 YEARS

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Jeff Adams  
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Justin Astacio  
Richard Astacio  
Yadhira Astacio  
Peyton Baldoni  
John J Branscombe  
Wendy E Cappola  
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Paula Chafe  
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Catherine Chimbolo  
Matthew Joseph Chimbolo  
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Dexter Czuba  
Sherry Czuba  
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Patrick Galen Dooley  
Nelson Dupuis  
Ryan Field  
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Kenneth Fowler  
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Gerard Goulet  
Julie Goulet  
Matthew A Gregory  
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Stephen Twaddle  
Tom Venturino  
Keith Verge  
Christine Verge  
Joseph Verge  
Richard Williams  
Nathan Winters  
Andrew Winters  
Nathan Zachary Wolsky

## 10 YEARS

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Coralee T Burke  
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James Chafe  
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Hannah Cox  
Jennifer Cox  
Bob Davis  
Billy Davis  
Nate Field  
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Stuart Hawkins  
Alexandre Korovkine  
Brian Kuehl  
Don Kuehl  
Chris Kvaka  
Donne S Marchetto



# ANNUAL MEETING

For 2020, the New England Region chose Apex Entertainment in Marlborough, MA as the venue to hold its annual business meeting and awards banquet. Choosing this site proved to be a big winner with the members, as more than 180 people registered and attended the event on Saturday, January 4. This was one of the largest annual meetings in recent years.

While members were able to participate in program and specialty break-out sessions in the facility's private rooms, the biggest draw was probably the wide assortment of entertainment activities on-site, that allowed members to kick-back and have fun with their fellow racers.

After the Worker Appreciation Luncheon, the region hosted a Karting championship and Bowling tournament, where the Solo team proved to be the masters of karting taking home the team trophy. In addition, members could watch playoff football, play pool, challenge each other on the ropes course or trampoline park, or just grab a drink and share racing stories in the lounges.

At the end of the day, the annual Awards Banquet was held to honor each of the 2019 Season Champions and present year-end trophies and honors for Solo, Rally and Road Racing.



*2 of the youngest champions for 2019 -  
Noah Walker in Solo JC and Kimsoo Gopnik in Solo JA.*





# 2019 Season Champs

## RALLY CROSS CHAMPIONS

### PREPARED FWD

Amy Alton - 1st

### PREPARED AWD

Michael Maurice - 1st

Joel White - 2nd

Nikolay Nemchuk - 3rd

### MODIFIED FWD

Scott Carlson - 1st

Philip LaMoreaux - 2nd

Chris Zanis - 3rd

### MODIFIED RWD

Vaughn Micciche - 1st

Lazz McKenzie - 2nd

Vojta Kubec - 3rd

### MODIFIED AWD

Chris Regan - 1st

Emmanuel Cecchet - 2nd

Clifton Kangas - 3rd

### STOCK FWD

Chang Ho Kim - 1st

Austin O'Brien - 2nd

Kim Hapgood - 3rd

### STOCK AWD

David Bosquet - 1st

Dylan Foreau - 2nd

Michael Chase - 3rd

## ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONS

### EQUIPPED NAVIGATOR

Michael Beliveau

### EQUIPPED DRIVER

Chris Regan

### STOCK NAVIGATOR

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### STOCK DRIVER

Kelli Lamkins



## RALLY CHAMPIONS





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# SOLO CHAMPIONS

**SSC**  
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**STS**  
Brian Levesque

**AS**  
Alan Salnikov

**STX**  
William Brundige

**BS**  
Nigel Fenwick

**STR**  
Brandon Dryer

**CS**  
Dan Fillingim

**STU**  
Oliver Lucier

**DS**  
Fedja Jeleskovic

**SSP**  
Jeff Bakken

**ES**  
Brandon Dean

**ASP**  
Matthew Mickle

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**CAMS**  
William Salie

**CM**  
Joshua Parker

**XP**  
Thomas Moore

**DM**  
Alex Jackson

**CP**  
Phil Mackaronis

**KM**  
John Stanwood

**EP**  
Ben Wagstaff

**JA**  
Kimsoo Gopnik

**SM**  
Read Fleming

**JC**  
Noah Walker

**SSM**  
Justin Chen

**PRO**  
Ryan Field

**AM**  
Robert Barone

**PAX**  
Brandon Dean

**BM**  
Jim Garry

## STIRLING MOSS TROPHY

Todd Kean

## CHARLIE AWARD

Mark Buckley and Kyle Buckley



# SOLO CHAMPIONS



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# ROAD RACING CHAMPIONS

## ROAD RACING CHAMPIONS

**BSPEC**  
William Dergosits

**EP**  
Scott James

**FP**  
David Colbey

**FV**  
John Piscitelli

**GT1**  
Doug Valley

**GT2**  
Maurizio Cerasoli

**HP**  
Fred White

**IT7**  
Anthony Parker

**ITA**  
David Colbey

**ITB**  
Nat Wenworth

**ITE**  
Robby Smolinski, Jr.

**ITR**  
Zack Kelly

**ITS**  
Abhi Ghatak

**SM**  
Evan Karl

**SM2**  
John Raudat

**SRF**  
Mark Saviet

**SRF3**  
Steve Owens

**SSM**  
John Santos

**STL**  
Rob Sturgis

**T1**  
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## 2020 TNIA SCHEDULE

**Lime Rock Park; Lakeville, CT**  
May 20, May 21, June 11

**New Hampshire Motor Speedway; Loudon, NH**  
May 22, August 6

**Palmer Motorsports Park; Palmer, MA**  
June 16, July 21, September 10

**Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park; Thompson, CT**  
April 23, May 7, June 2, June 25, July 14, July 30,  
August 17, September 1, September 29, September 30

## 2020 TIME TRIALS SCHEDULE

May 9 @ Thompson Speedway  
September 19 @ Thompson Speedway  
October 3 @ Palmer Motorsports Park

Time Trials National Tour  
July 3-4 @ Thompson Speedway

The SCCA Time Trials and Track Night in America series continue to grow nationwide as these experiential programs attract new members and those looking to test the waters of on track racing.

2019 was the first year for the Time Trials National Tour, with one of the stops being a return to Thompson Speedway where the first SCCA timed competition was held in 1945. During the July 5-6 event, NER helped host what became the second largest Time Trials competition for the entire year.

For the coming year, NER will continue partnering with the Connecticut Autocross and Rally Team (CART) to host four Time Trials events, as well as a wide variety of Track Night in America days at tracks throughout the northeast.

As the popularity of these programs increases, the region is always looking for members to help facilitate the events. Already we are seeing the fruits of these programs as drivers transition from TT and TNiA to our CRE (Club Racing Experience) and eventually earn novice permits to continue on to club racing.





# FROM TNiA... ... TO ROAD RACING

Two NER drivers started in TNiA, then earned their novice permits in 2019 to start club racing

It's long been a discussion point within the club: How do we grow our membership and integrate new motorsports enthusiasts into all the #funwithcars opportunities SCCA has to offer? From the national office to the local level, many members have been working towards this goal, with Track Night In America (TNiA) being one avenue that has experienced recent growth and success in this arena. Turns out – that's because it works.

This summer, two drivers that first showed up at a NER TNiA event received their Novice permits for road racing, and we can now expect to see them as regulars at road racing events across the northeast.

## Testing the Waters with TNiA

"I found the TNiA event with only a day or so to go and it was full. But they advertised if I showed up that I could go on track touring laps," said Mark Lindsay of Connecticut. Those touring laps were so much fun, he came home that night and registered for his first full TNiA at Palmer Motorsports Park in May 2017. When he arrived, "I was about 10th in line of twenty, and it was Corvette, after M3, after Mustang," he describes, as he sat in his 2010 Honda Accord. "I was a bit nervous about what I had gotten myself into."

For Allen Briere, also of Connecticut, his first TNiA event was at Thompson Speedway in May 2015. With previous experience at HDPE and Autocross events, Allen had stepped away and not been involved with any motorsports activities for almost a decade. Then he ventured to the Thompson event. "The low cost of TNiA and afternoon track times were what drew me." He continued, "I had been interested in racing from a very young age, however the only exposure I had was with circle track racing, which seemed to be missing something. At an older age now, I can conclude it was excitement, thrill, and wanting to turn right."

Both men were hooked after that first TNiA. "I could not believe how much fun it was, especially for the price," Mark said. "The atmosphere was great, and everyone was very passionate about cars and driving fast. This was something I was missing in my daily routine." Allen added, "The first thing that impacted me was how approachable and helpful the SCCA team was. I will always remember how this event reignited my interest in motorsports."

## Moving Into Road Racing

With only their street cars, both drivers continued to attend TNiA events, trying different locations, but both recognizing that they would eventually want more. "I ended up logging 72 lapping sessions in three years and in May 2017 I located an old ITB VW GTI log-booked racecar. I purchased the car, and through the friendships I made in NER's TNiA staff, they held my hand, gave me a list of safety items needed, and helped me set a target date for a CRE at Thompson," said Allen.





Mark eventually attended a Palmer road race to learn about the different classes and decide what would be best for him. "After that event, I was sure Spec Miata was for me," he said. "It is a huge class with someone to race at every speed and lots of vendor support. It is also competitive in many other classes, so I could double dip if I wanted."

The SCCA website clearly laid out the path to a competition license for Mark, but the most time-consuming part was going to be building his car. "I looked into renting, but that was too expensive. I looked at buying a finished car, but I couldn't find a car I could afford built like I would want. In the end, I settled on building the car with help from everyone – family, friends, vendors, other competitors and everyone I talked to at SCCA."

Mark's first weekend being in a race suit on track brought out the nerves. "It was raining all weekend and I didn't want to throw it all away before it began. The car was brand new to me, so it took a while to be comfortable. It was exactly what I was hoping for though. I had great battles all weekend and was moving forward every session. I couldn't have asked for a better start!"

### Now a Novice Racer

"Once you're strapped into a car, no one knows you're a novice," Allen remarks. "My first race weekend, I felt prepared and looked forward to seeing my new racing family."

When asked how TNiA helped prepare them for road racing, both drivers immediately commented on the friendliness and helpfulness of the SCCA staff. "It's a sense of family," Allen explains. "They provided an outlet for my desire, advice and coaching. The low stress level of TNiA is 100% the reason I am where I am. It was so easy."

"Nearly everyone staffing TNiA are racing themselves. They have a passion and it is contagious," Mark continues. "TNiA helped me get familiar with local tracks and helped build my confidence. That first weekend racing, already knowing the track really helped with my nerves."

Peter Morrison and Greg Amy practically dragged Allen to that driver school at Thompson. Peter offered to conduct the Annual Tech on site, and Greg "didn't let up. He was messaging and texting me all through the morning session to 'Just Get Here!', and he'd take care of everything."

After arriving two hours late, Kathy Barnes walked Allen through registration and missing paperwork, Peter did the annual tech, and "before I knew it, I was strapping in and out on the track for the school." He added, "The day was a blur, becoming comfortable with door-to-door racing was completely different, and by the end of the day, I had my little Novice book. To be completely honest, it all happened so smoothly that when the day was over, I asked myself, 'Did I just become a racecar driver??? YES, Yes I did!'"

### Advice for Others

Since most TNiA staff are the same people working road racing events, both drivers recommend simply asking the question "how do I get involved?" Ask questions about the different classes and how things work. Spectating at a road racing event is another way to learn more. Mark notes, "Every competitor I have met loves to race and is happy to talk about it." "Just come say hello or offer to help out," Allen adds. He concludes, "SCCA has an open door, staff that helps you with everything, and is genuinely concerned with you enjoying your time."

### What's Next

Now that these two drivers have their competition licenses, watch for them at NER events in the near future. Allen will be bringing his ITB VW GTI to tracks, while also building another 2006 VW GTI to run in T3 at Time Trials. Mark's Spec Miata will be at all the NER events, with "a few reach tracks thrown in – Watkins Glen and VIR are definitely on the list."

As a club, NER would like to thank both these drivers for sharing their personal stories and experience with both TNiA, CRE, and their pathways to competition road racing. We are excited to welcome them into the road racing family and thrilled that they have found many ways to fuel their motorsports passion through all the programs and specialties SCCA has to offer.





# PRESERVING HISTORY

## Donna Stevens Tackles 70 Years of NER Records

Over two tractor-trailers full of materials. That's what arrived at the International Motor Racing Research Center's (IMRRC) SCCA Collection off-site storage facility in 2017 to begin the process of cataloguing and archiving all the papers, publications and photos of the Sports Car Club of America.

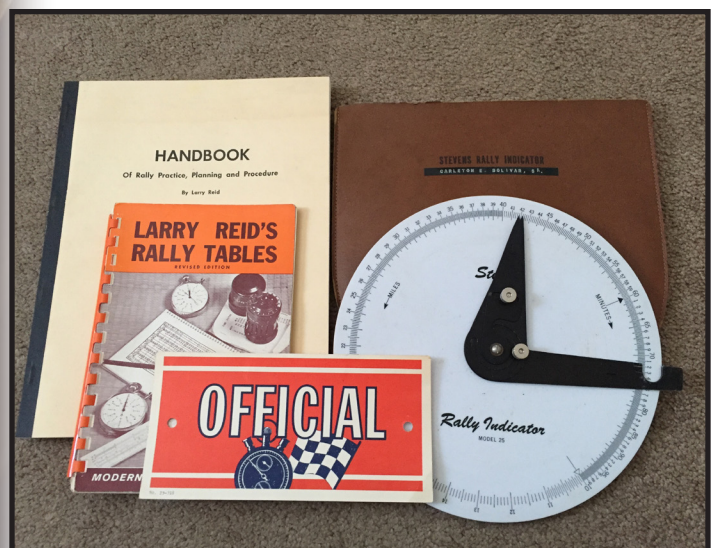
At the same time, the New England Region recognized our own cache of historical documents was in need of help. Ted Goddard served as the Region Archivist beginning in the late 1960s. When he passed away in 2016, all the materials he collected and stored at his home were moved into a storage unit. 10 filing cabinets, 200 boxes, 30 membership binders and many other items. Almost 70 years of history, but without any cohesive organization, inventory, or catalog.

The board realized we needed someone to organize and preserve this treasure trove of materials. Donna Stevens was the answer.

### Starting One Box at a Time

Recently retired, and living in New Hampshire near where the materials were stored, Donna heard about the project and she was curious. "I decided to take a look for myself and couldn't believe how much was there," she exclaimed. "I knew then that the project needed someone who had been around for 45 years and could relate to the documents and the members of the past."

"The first year was challenging," she starts. "Taking each box, one-by-one, and deciding what would be the best way to catalog all the documents." She decided to create an Index sorted by year and focus - Admin, Solo, Rally,





and Racing. The next step was emptying and removing all the rusted filing cabinets and installing new storage shelves.

As she makes her way through each box, Donna carefully reviews each item. "I have to decide if it should be kept and recorded, shredded, or transferred to the IMRRC, the North East Motor Sports Museum, or another venue."

To date, Donna is in her third year of sorting and cataloguing documents, and estimates she's about 50% completed. "We still have roughly 129 boxes that are untouched, with additional boxes continuing to be sent to us throughout the year."

### Finding Gold

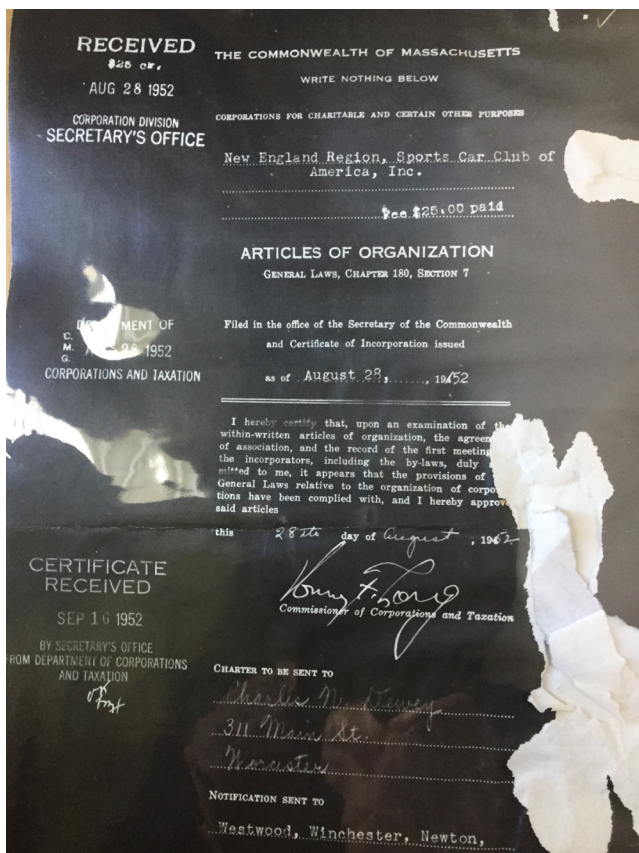
As Donna makes her way through the vast piles of materials, she's struck gold with a few unique finds. The two most important historical documents she uncovered so far have been "The New England Region Sports Car Club of America Incorporated (A Massachusetts Corporation 1952) BY-LAWS", which was published on January 1, 1960; as well as the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts 'ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION' for the New England Region, SCCA Inc, dated August 28, 1952. These were the founding documents for our region, registered with the state.

However, "One of the coolest items I found is a relic Rally collection. This included Rally indicator instruments, a Rally handbook written by Larry Reid in 1959, various hand-written rally tables, and a Rally Master timesheet converter" Donna says.

### The Work Continues

With over half the materials still to be processed, Donna continues to work diligently preserving and recording the history of our region and club. She is grateful for all the help she's received, from members sending in their own collections to taking the time to just look at stacks of old photos to identify drivers, tracks and events. James Ray has joined with Donna in helping with this task by posting photos regularly on the region's Facebook page. Members are able to quickly spot markers to help with identification and cataloguing of the images.

Any one who wishes to donate New England Region documents, records and results, can contact Donna and she will arrange for transportation. Then stop by and check out the SCCA Collection at the IMRRC the next time you're near Watkins Glen.



## NER ARCHIVES PROGRESS

# 50

BOXES OF MATERIALS  
Organized, Identified, Labeled

# 1800

INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTS  
Indexed and Catalogued

# 1000

ITEMS SENT TO IMRRC  
Documents, Records and Photos  
Delivered to the National Archives

# 531

PIT TALK MAGAZINES  
From 1953 - Today

# 200

PHOTOS  
Identified and Labeled



## 63 NER Drivers and Workers Converged on VIR

This year, the 56th Runoffs made a first-ever visit to the 18-turn, 3.27-mile circuit of VIRginia International Raceway located along the border of North Carolina and Virginia. Nearly 600 SCCA club racers competed for the title of National Champion in 28 classes over the week of October 7-13, 2019.

As one of the largest regions represented at the Runoffs, NER sent 39 drivers competing in 19 classes and 24 volunteer workers. At the end of the week, NER claimed 5 podium finishes and 17 Top 10 finishing positions. The crowning jewel for the week was the T4 National Championship title **Nick Leverone** claimed during the first race of the event.

One of the truly amazing performances of the week was during the B-Spec race. **Travis Washay** started the race dead-last on the grid, in the 26th position. After 14 hard-charging laps, Travis just missed a podium spot, but finished 4th overall.

Another highlight from the week was the Wednesday Night Paddock Party. NER helped host a paddock-wide event - similar to our LRP Paddock Crawl - for all competitors, workers, crew, friends and family, putting on what was considered one of the best parties for the week.



### STAND-OUT PERFORMANCES

- Elivan Goulart - 2nd Place - STU
- Tyler O'Connor - 2nd Place - FF
- Stephen Belthen - 3rd Place - T4
- Spencer Brockman - 3rd Place - FA
- Hugh Stewart - 3rd Place - T1
- Bob Beede - 4th Place - STL
- Travis Washay - 4th Place - T3
- Travis Washay - 4th Place - B-Spec

### 2019 Registration SCCA Worker of the Year Terry Roberts

*An honor earned by being a wonderful ambassador to the SCCA at and away from the track in her 29 years of service.*







## Modified FWD Champion and 3 other RallyX Podiums

The 13th annual DirtFish SCCA RallyCross National Championship was held once again in Indianola, Iowa September 20-22. The weekend brought a mix of weather conditions that resulted in challenging competition for the 7 NER drivers that towed to the midwest. All the grass, rain and eventual mud created both fun and challenging courses over the exciting three days of the event.

**Michael Gallant** and **Chris Zanis** started Saturday a little slower than expected with the shared VW GTI they brought for Modified FWD. But after the rains came, Michael came out swinging on Sunday, beating the leader by 6 seconds in the first run in the mud. His second run was once again blazing, propelling him to the Championship title by a mere 0.458 seconds. Due to cone penalties, Chris rounded out the podium claiming the 3rd place trophy.

The NER team also made a dominant showing in the Stock FWD category. **Kim Hapgood** found a spot on the podium in 2nd place with her Acura Integra, with **Warren Elliott** and **Chang Ho Kim** finishing in 4th and 6th.

The final podium finish for the weekend went to **Vaughn Micciche** with his 1987 Porsche 924, claiming the 3rd place trophy in Modified RWD. **Hal Denham** finished the trip to Iowa with an 8th place finish in his Preperward FWD Mini Cooper.

*Photos by Vaughn Micciche*

**SCCA** **DirtFish**  
**RallyCross**  
**National Championship**

### NER FINAL RESULTS

#### Stock - Front Wheel Drive

Kim Hapgood - 2nd  
Warren Elliott - 4th  
Chang Ho Kim - 6th

#### Prepared - Front Wheel Drive

Harold Denham - 8th

#### Modified - Front Wheel Drive

Michael Gallant - 1st  
Chris Zanis - 3rd

#### Modified - Rear Wheel Drive

Vaughn Micciche - 3rd





# CHAMPION x 4

## Four NER Drivers Claim Solo National Championship Title



CSP: Billy Davis  
SSR: Grant Reeve  
DSP: Tamra Hunt Krystinik  
ASL: Lana Tsurikova



During the first week of September 2019, 63 New England Region autocrossers caravanned out to Lincoln, NE for the annual Solo Nationals competition. With one of the strongest autocross programs in the country, expectations were high for our competitors.

These talented drivers did not disappoint. When the final runs were scored, NER's program was home to four 2019 Solo National Champions.

With weather totally unlike the "biblical rains" of 2018, all 1300+ drivers battled it out on the concrete courses over this week of intense competition. When the first round of trophies was presented on Wednesday, NER already had 3 titles in the bag.

**Billy Davis** claimed the first trophy in CSP and was joined on the podium with his father, **Bob Davis** in

the 3rd position. Then **Grant Reeve** won SSR. The day concluded with **Tamra Hunt Krystinik** taking the title in DSP (and that's without the -L!)

The second round of classes then took the course, and **Lana Tsurikova** finished the week adding one more championship title for the NER group with her win in ASL.

After all the results were tallied, our solo drivers collected 15 more trophy finishes, for a total of 19 awards in 15 different classes.







# Why Nationals?

By Nigel Fenwick

Some of my fellow autocrossers wonder why any sane person would choose to drive 3,000 miles to run for about six minutes of autocross competition. But what's noticeable is that none of the people wondering this are people who have made this pilgrimage themselves.

With 63 NER drivers this year, clearly there's something in the water in New England affecting our sanity.

There's a saying at Nat's, "We come for the competition, we stay for the family." And this sums it up beautifully. The competition on this national stage is significantly higher than in regional events. Of course you'd expect that from any event that brings together the top drivers from regions all across the USA and pits them against each other over the course of a week.

This was my second Nationals and also the second for my team partner in Autocross and life, Sue. We're not the fastest drivers in our region by a long shot. On a good day we can be competitive, but we're certainly not on a par with our region's top drivers.

We go for the challenging courses, the talent on display with the competition, the mental challenges, and the social activities. We stay and come back for the family. This is the reason so many drivers come year-after-year, even never winning a trophy. Join us again in 2021.

## NER TROPHY WINNERS

- EP: 2nd – Evan LeBlanc
- HSL: 2nd – Ginette Jordan
- CSP: 3rd – Bob Davis
- ESP: 3rd – PJ Corrales
- ESPL: 3rd – Jojo Corrales-Kean
- HS: 3rd – John Swig
- SSM: 3rd – Ryan Field
- STR: 3rd – Mark Dudek
- DSP: 4th – Andrew Krystinik
- DSP: 5th – Tim Kong
- STR: 7th – Will Koscielny
- HS: 10th – Josh Brockman
- GS: 14th – Brad Fiore
- AS: 17th – Erik Carlson
- AS: 18th – Todd Kean


*Photos by Chang Ho Kim*





A white Subaru WRX STI is shown from a front-three-quarter view, driving on a racetrack. The car is in motion, with a blurred background suggesting speed. The car features gold wheels, a rear spoiler, and a hood scoop. The Subaru logo and 'STI' badge are visible on the front grille.

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# A KID IN KARTING

## Moving Up: A Journey Through the Junior Kart Program

*Written By: Kimsoo Gopnik*

Deep breaths. Simple. Just go through the course, come back and see how it feels, but don't get ahead of yourself. Just drive.

So I did.

And it was amazing. Of course I would want to take another run. I just couldn't wait. I tried to get back to the start line, simply turn my kart around to face the other direction. Or so I thought. Little did I know at 5 years old, that's not exactly how driving works. My first spin came after I had only driven 30 seconds. But I was already hooked.

That was 11 years ago.

Now, I have my permit and can drive places besides the fun autocrosses at Devens, MA. But it has been a long journey to get there.

Racing has always been a part of my life, and I have my dad, Chang Ho Kim, to thank. He has been autocrossing for 30 years now, adding rallycross to the mix 15 years ago. I traveled to my first race with him at four months old down in Florida. He made sure that as soon as I could, I would be driving too.

When I started in the Junior Driver Program, I was the youngest in NER to ever drive competitively. In the Junior C class, ages five to seven, the little 50cc engines only give off about 1.5 horsepower, but it is still enough for about 30 miles per hour (try explaining that to your kindergarten teacher). But after only a few years, it wasn't quite fast enough for me.

When I turned eight, I could move up to the Junior B class, for eight to twelve year olds. I was able to drive a little faster, around 55 miles per hour. That's when the national competition started. I was finally able to travel with my dad to ProSolos, Champ Tours, and Nationals in Lincoln, NE. I got to learn new things, make new friends, and improve my driving skills. I gained experience, learned how my kart actually runs, and how I could work on it. Being able to understand what is happening on the course, feeling and listening to your kart, really is a great aspect of loving cars and the sport. It truly is amazing to hold a few wrenches in your hand and make modifications to your kart all on your own, as a ten year old.

But eventually, Junior B wasn't fast enough anymore. As soon as I turned twelve, I moved up to Junior A with more speed and competition. At that point, I had learned many tips and tricks of karting. Not only was I a better driver, but also a part of the region. I got to meet new karters like I had been 11 years ago, and show them the ropes. And that really is the best part.

Three weeks after I got my permit, I joined my dad in the Rallycross program to have more #funwithcars. I don't see myself ever not racing, and I look forward to staying involved with the SCCA and hope to branch out into different programs. But I will never forget my roots in the karting program. After 11 seasons, I have learned so much and cannot wait to continue to race in something other than a kart with a 10 horsepower engine— even though next year I will be competing in my Civic Si.

The Junior Kart Program really is a great opportunity for your family to bond, and you have no idea the friends you might make. Come hang out with us, if you love racing your kids just might love it too.





# 2020 SCHEDULES

# ROAD RACING

April 10-11  
Thompson Drivers School

May 2-3  
NeDivCS/NERRC #1 Opening Weekend  
Palmer Motorsports Park

May 23-24  
NERRC #2  
New Hampshire Motor Speedway

June 12-13  
NeDivCS/NERRC #3 Paddock Crawl  
Limerock Park

July 11-12  
Northeast Majors/NERRC #4  
Thompson Speedway

August 8-9  
NERRC #5  
New Hampshire Motor Speedway

August 22  
NERRC #6 Night Race  
Thompson Speedway

September 12-13  
NERRC #7 Pig Roast  
Palmer Motorsports Park

October 2-3  
NeDivCS/NERRC #8 Championship Weekend  
Thompson Speedway



## THOMPSON SPEEDWAY

### Under the Lights

Saturday, August 22

COMING IN 2020!

For the first time, NER will host a one-day, club racing event at Thompson Speedway, where at the conclusion of the day, every race group will complete their race at night, under the lights.

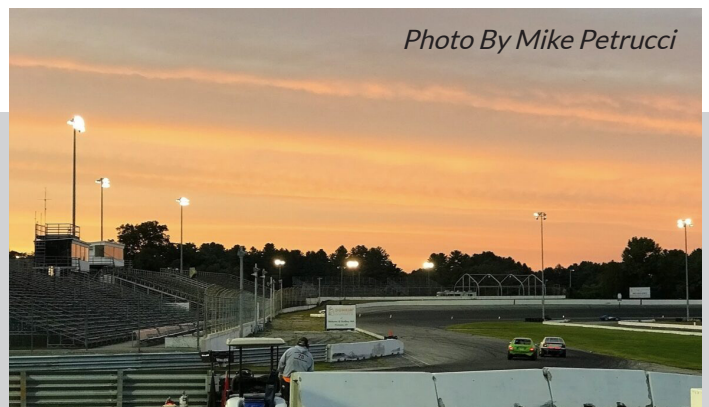


Photo By Mike Petrucci



# RALLY



## ROAD RALLY

- February 22: Winter Challenge  
*Hollow Inn, Barre, VT*
- March 7-8: Night Owl  
*Gorham, NH*
- March 28: 70th Annual Cape Codders' Courageous  
*Sea Crest Beach Hotel, North Falmouth, MA*
- August 8: Rally Against Leukemia  
*New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, NH*
- September 12: Hurdle  
*Southington Drive In, Southington, CT*
- October: Great American Mountain Rally Revival  
*Location TBD*
- October 10: Witch Way  
*Location TBD*
- November 7: Grab Bag  
*Concord, NH*

## RALLYSPRINT

- February 9: Winterfast RallySprint
- June 28: Summer RallySprint
- October 18: Fall RallySprint

## RALLYX

- February 1-2: Stafford Motor speedway
- February 15: Canaan Motor Club
- March 15: Canaan Motor Club
- April 25: TBD
- May 16: Okemo
- June 20: Mt. Snow

## STARTING LINE SCHOOL

Sunday, April 4

## SCHOOL TEST & TUNE

Saturday, June 27

## NER POINTS EVENTS

- Points 1: April 5
- Points 2: April 26
- Points 3: May 9 (NOTE: SATURDAY)
- Points 4: May 24
- Points 5: June 14
- Points 6: July 12
- Points 7: August 9 (RAL)
- Points 8: August 23
- Points 9: September 20

## STIRLING MOSS RUNOFF

Sunday, October 11

## TEAM CHALLENGE

Sunday, November 1

# SOLO



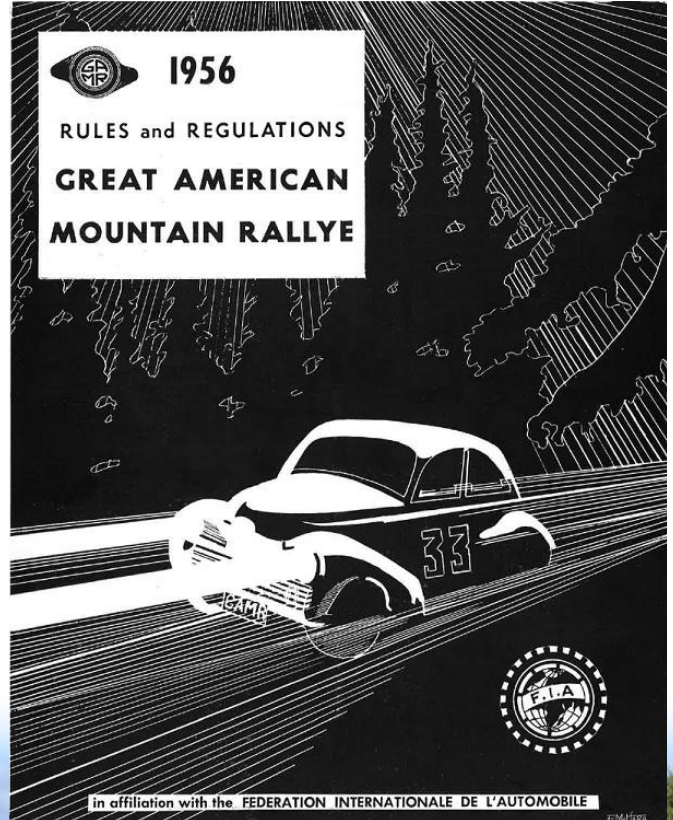
# RALLY REVIVAL

## Great American Mountain Rally Revival of 2019

The original Great American Mountain Rally lured rally teams from around the globe to congregate in the mountains of New England on Thanksgiving weekends from 1953-1957. A GAMRR Revival was the brain-child of road-rally enthusiast **Gary Hamilton**, and his mentor, veteran international road-rally guru **Steve McKelvie**. The 2019 running of the GAMRR took place October 25-27. It kicked off from Saratoga Springs, traveled through the High Peaks of the Adirondacks, and concluded three days later in Bennington, Vermont.

32 cars participated in the 2019 GAMRR, being divided into three categories. There were 4 "Original" cars, those from 1957 or earlier. The largest category was 1958-1978 "Classic" models, with 12 entries. And the rest were "Modern" cars, those built after 1978.

**Greg Davis**, in his 1952 Hudson Hornet pictured below, chronicled his adventures participating in the 2019 GAMRR, thoroughly enjoying his time, even though a brake problem prevented him, and the three other Original cars from finishing. **Edward and Ruth Sain**, in their 2015 Highlander took the overall win.





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Sat, Jan 25	Lime Rock- Winter Car Control Clinic	Tue, Jul 14	Watkins Glen International
Sat, Feb 22	Lime Rock- Winter Car Control Clinic	Mon, Jul 20	Thompson Speedway (TSMP)
Fri, Mar 13	New Jersey Motorsports Park- NJMP	Mon, Jul 27	Lime Rock Park 1pm - 5pm plus Car Control Clinic 9am-12pm
Sat, Mar 14	New Jersey Motorsports Park- NJMP	Fri, Aug 7	New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Sat, Mar 28	Lime Rock Park (1pm-6pm) plus Car Control Clinic (9am-12pm)	Sat, Aug 15	Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park
Sat, Apr 4	Palmer Motorsports Park - Counterclockwise	Mon, Aug 17	Lime Rock Park
Mon, Apr 20	Lime Rock Park plus Car Control Clinic (10am-1pm)	Mon, Aug 24	Palmer Motorsports Park - Counterclockwise
Mon, Apr 27	Watkins Glen International- long course	Mon, Aug 31	Watkins Glen International
Tue, Apr 28	Watkins Glen International- short course	Tue, Sep 1	Watkins Glen International
Sat, May 2	Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park	Fri, Sep 11	Lime Rock Park (1pm - 5pm) plus Car Control Clinic (9am-12pm)
Tue, May 12	Lime Rock Park Full Day - UNMUFFLED (12pm-5pm) plus Car Control Clinic (9am-12pm)	Mon, Sep 21	New Jersey Motorsports Park- NJMP
Thu, May 21	Pocono Raceway	Sat, Sep 26	Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park
Mon, Jun 1	New Jersey Motorsports Park - NJMP THUNDERBOLT Track	Mon, Oct 5	VIRginia International Raceway
Mon, Jun 8	Palmer Motorsports Park - Clockwise	Tue, Oct 6	VIRginia International Raceway
Mon, Jun 15	Pittsburgh International Race Complex	Mon, Oct 12	Lime Rock Park (1pm - 5pm) plus Car Control Clinic (9am-12pm)
Mon, Jun 29	Lime Rock Park	Mon, Oct 19	Palmer Motorsports Park - Clockwise
Mon, Jul 13	Watkins Glen International	Sat, Oct 24	Lime Rock Park (1pm - 5pm) plus Car Control Clinic (9am-12pm)
		Fri, Nov 6	Lime Rock Park (1pm - 5pm) plus Car Control Clinic (9am-12pm)

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