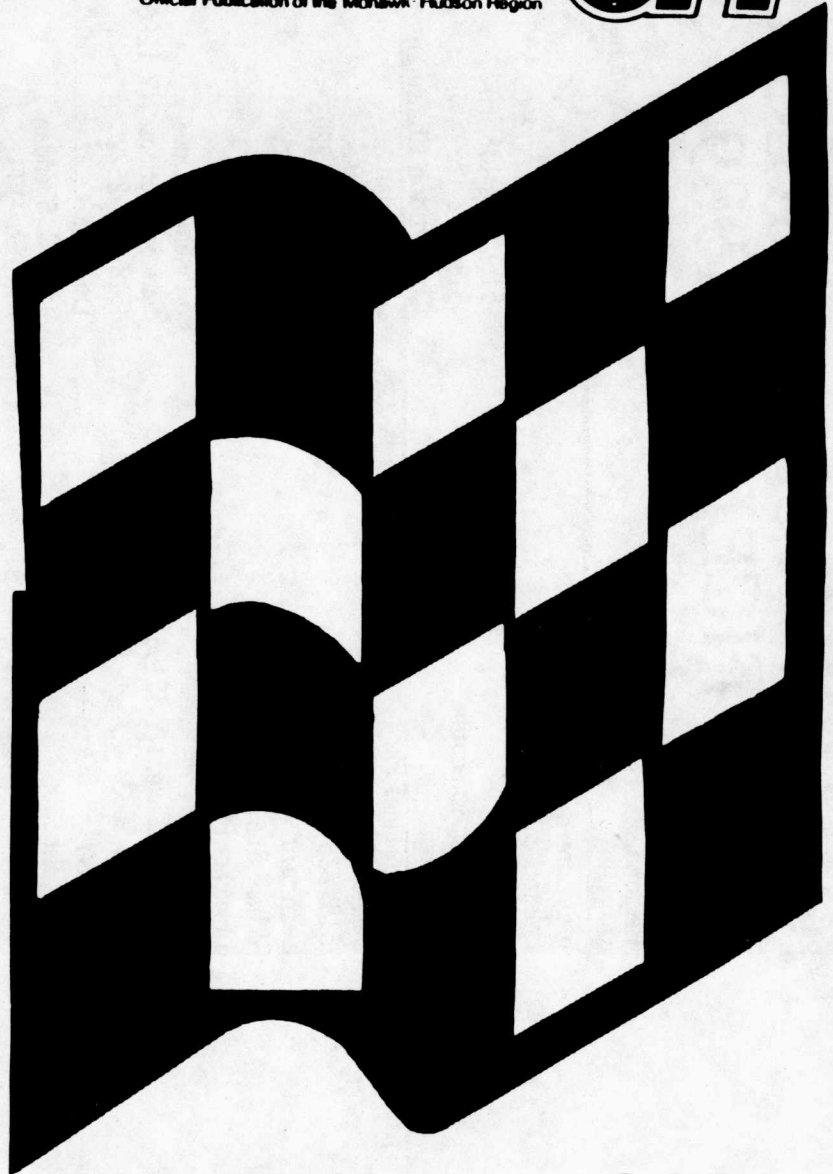


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1989 NYSRRC Point Standings, continued

Spec Racer

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| *Bob Newsome      | 75 |
| Patrick Kosuth    | 40 |
| *Russell Jaslow   | 31 |
| *Glenn Gleason    | 29 |
| *William Sargis   | 28 |
| *Norman Pietrucha | 15 |
| *Bill Morse       | 14 |
| Lynn Baker        | 8  |
| *Andrew Jones     | 4  |
| R.A. Simon        | 2  |
| Paul Whiten       | 2  |

ASR - none

CSR - none

DSR - none

FORMULA ATLANTIC - none

FORMULA CONTINENTAL

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Hank Kassigkeit | 40 |
| Brad Buenting   | 15 |

S-2000

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Joe Marcinjki | 40 |
| *Joby Graham  | 20 |

FF

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Brad Wright | 35 |
| Dave Curr   | 12 |

CLUF FORD

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Greg Black | 2 |
|------------|---|

F-440

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| *Bud Burdick     | 38 |
| *Chris Gilfillan | 35 |
| *Brad Loman      | 29 |
| Don Hennigan     | 8  |

FV

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| *Jerry Henderberg | 68 |
| *Arnold Carbaugh  | 57 |
| *Jim Carmody      | 34 |
| *Mike O'Brien     | 18 |
| Dennis Potocki    | 15 |
| Chris Carmody     | 13 |
| *Pete Nielsen     | 11 |
| Mike McKenna      | 9  |
| *Jim Kleinklaus   | 7  |
| *Jon Handy        | 4  |
| Dennis Corsaro    | 2  |
| Gary Kittell      | 2  |
| John Magee        | 1  |

EVENTS INCLUDED

May 13-14 (Pocono)  
 May 27-28 (Nelson Ledges)  
 June 3-4 (Watkins Glen)

REMAINING EVENTS

August 18-19 (Lime Rock)  
 August 26-27 (Shannonville)  
 September 16-17 (Watkins Glen)  
 October 8 (Watkins Glen)  
 October 28-29 (Nelson Ledges)

Please call me if you have any questions

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 (716) 872-1503 (eve.)

\*competitor has competed in  
and finished two events



1989 NYSRRC POINT STANDINGS

SSGT

\*Kim Tupper 9

SSA - none

SSB

\*Mark Abraham 16  
Richard Smith 11

SSC

\*Tim Elliott 39  
\*Dave Meyer 32  
\*Joe DeLuca 20

ITE

Jeff Pierce 27

ITS

\*Bernd Hasenkamp 39

ITA

\*Don Girven 107  
\*Don Caldwell 70  
\*Kurt Weiss 38  
\*Rich Kiceniuk 24  
\*Rich Galkowski 9  
\*David Hopkins 8  
Kirsti Palmer 4  
Russell Strate 2  
\*Jim Gunter 2

ITB

\*John Weaver 50  
\*Gary Britton 34  
Steve Price 15  
\*Donald Thompson 11  
\*Michael Thomas 9  
\*Jeff Haines 6  
\*Sean O'Connor 6  
\*Ian O'Connor 5  
\*William J. Meyer 5  
\*Paul Paparella 3  
George Dennis 2  
Tim Farrell 2  
Tom Laird 2  
Geoff Helfond 2

ITC

\*Richard Merrick 72  
\*Jack Hanifan 57  
\*Al Bell 38  
\*Dave English 36  
\*Corky Corbett 30  
\*Peter Stern 18  
\*Mike Byers 4  
Mary Hartman 2

GT-L

Al Guadino 40  
Corky Linder 32  
Richard Bridgette 30  
\*Chet Williams 17  
Jim Harriger 10

GT-2

Domenic Toto 40  
\*Frank Juhasz 27  
Keith Bauer 46  
\*Mary Jo Cavallo 14

GT-3

\*Dick Fell 40

GT-4

\*F. Maldonado 51  
\*John Kwasnik 15

GT-5

Wendell Holmes 20

EP

\*Ken Long 30  
Jerry Wheeler 20  
George Morris 15  
Dick Tillinger 2

FP - none

GP

Mark McAllister 32

HP

\*Pete Smith 40  
Jim Ebersbach 2

## WHY DO I OWN THEE? LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

It is easy to explain why I drive racecars. It is the sport I do best in; therefore I get the most enjoyment out of it. Others may have different reasons; some wish to be champions, some wish to prove their manhood, and some for the publicity. I race because I like the challenge, the competition and it is fun. Having said that, there is another question that remains unanswered - "Why do I own a racecar?" It is a question that generates a considerable amount of thought.

I started out in racing by going to a professional driver's school and participating in their race series. I had a chance to buy a racecar, and had the money. The thought was dismissed by the realization that if I crashed it I was out of racing. I wanted to get the most driving time for my money. Owning a car was a gamble I could not afford to take. So I let someone else prepare the cars while I concentrated solely on improving my driving.

Ironically, several years later it was a lack of money that convinced me to buy a car. At that time the choice became "Do I race my own car, or do I not race at all?" I analyzed the factors involved. I was confident about my driving skills. After having worked for a racing team, I was confident about my mechanical skills, and much more realistic about my racing future. I looked forward to the challenge of maintaining my own car and wondered if I could compete with others on two levels: driving and car setup.

My first attempt was a disaster. I bought a FV because I figured there could be no simpler car to maintain. That may still be a correct statement in the proper context. "There is no simple to maintain racecar in the world!" After spending hundreds of hours in assembling the simple car, it would not handle, go or stop. Parts even fell off while on the trailer, before I got to the race track! But the challenge was laid before me... I could not let it pass me by.

My most recent attempt has been reasonably successful. I have managed, at times, to run competitively at regionals. The next step will be to win a race. Once I have accomplished that, I may lose the desire to own a race car; or I may not. Because I have come to another revelation about myself - I like to tinker.

I may even like working on my car more than winning races. I take pride in finishing a race without any mechanical problems or correcting them for the next time. One truth rears its ugly head when you own a race car; it is never perfect. Like its driver, there are always rough edges to smooth off and glitches to be exorcised. I am even more convinced that unless you have the same mechanical curiosity, you should not own a race car.

To be successful in racing you need hard work, luck and money. Since luck, according to Penske, is when preparation meets opportunity, you need a lot of work, money and opportunity. Work involves not just doing, but doing the right thing. Since you can pay some one to do the right thing, it comes down to money and opportunity. Since everyone who races has the same opportunity, winning comes down to money. Simple, isn't it?

So if you want to win, owning a race car is not a prerequisite. But with the right attitude, it can allow someone to enjoy racing to the fullest. A pride in competing in a self-maintained vehicle is a skill similar to driving skill, and just as rewarding.

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**RACE GROUP 6 - QT1 / QT2 / QT3**

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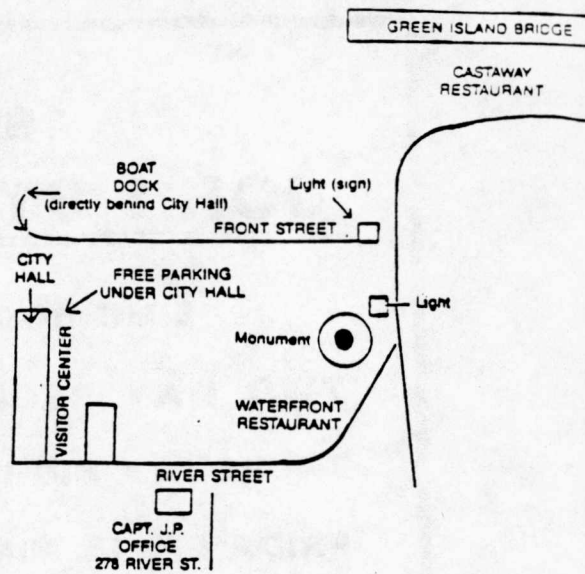
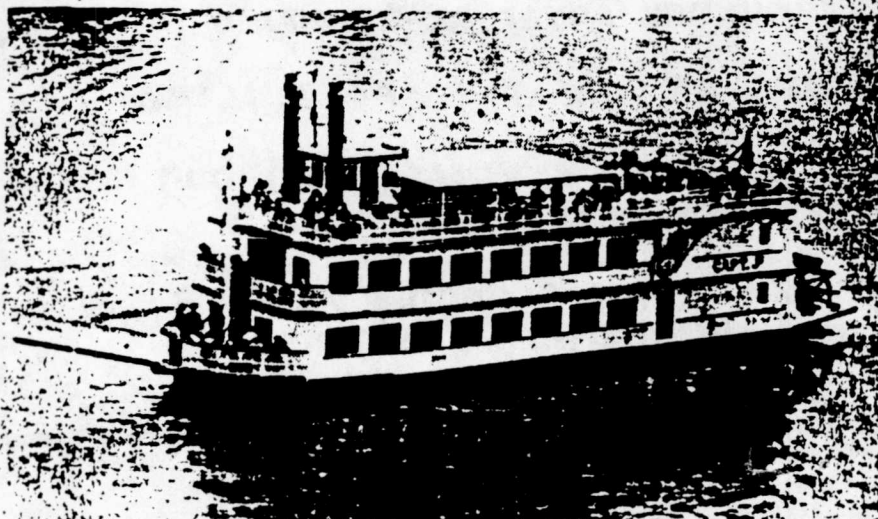
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Received a notice from Larry Dignan, Competition Board Chairman for the New England Region of SCCA, that New Hampshire International Speedway (Bryar) is under construction. The NER has cancelled the remaining races that had been scheduled there including the August 12-13 race as well as the September 9-10.

The New England Region will be assisting us with the John Stim Memorial Race at Lime Rock on August 18-19. This race will count as a NERRC race and points will be given.

Also received a notice from the national office of SCCA stating that the 1990 SCCA National Convention will be held in Indianapolis in February.

Hope all of you are planning to be at Lime Rock August 18-19!

--- SJH

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THE RE SAYS,

As many of you already know, planning for our race is well under way. Doug Kelley has taken firm hold of the reins as race chairman and the entry forms are nearly ready for mailing. We had a timing and scoring "school" here at my house which was reasonably well attended. I hope to see a lot of you at the race, both as competitors and workers. In the meantime, hope you're having a pleasant summer!

MPW

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THE RE'S MAILBOX

July Tri-Region F&C Newsletter

Info on 1990 national SCCA convention in Indianapolis

Announcement of availability and rates of the Wake Robin Inn in Lakeville, CT.

Registration schedule for National Runoffs

Entry for drivers school at Nelson Ledges, July 22-23

Entry for Duryea Hillclimb, August 26-27

Glen Region *Sparkplug*

Entry for inaugural drivers school and regional at Heartland, Topeka, KS

Entry for Finger Lakes Region/B.F. Goodrich Solo II Grand Prix, August 26-27

Entry for Susquehanna Region Yokohama/SCCA NEDIV Solo II Championships, August 4-6

New England Region *Pit Talk*