



NORTHEAST DIVISION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT SENECA ARMY DEPOT



Photos by Jack Hanifan

HARD WORK PAYS OFF!

The many hours of hard work put in by the Solo crew headed by event chairman Jim Garry paid off with a great weekend at the Seneca Army Depot on Aug. 8. Great weather, 101 cars were registered and 99 cars turned in times. All participants gave lots of positive feedback on the course, the workers and the overall great time had by all.

The weather was perfect for the weekend and drivers, crews and workers joined in the camaraderie for the event. These photos taken by Jack Hanifan show many of the event highlights. Everyone gave Jim a big thumbs up for putting on such a fun weekend!

A beautiful day at the Seneca Army Depot



The timing and scoring crew hard at work!

Great Pumpkin Cancelled!

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RE REPORT

Jack Hanifan

This has been a busy month for the Region. The highlight of the month was the NeDiv Divisional Solo Championships. Jim Garry and the solo guys did an outstanding job putting on an exceptional event. Over a hundred entries were treated to two great courses and a tasty Barbecue on Saturday night.

The annual Kart night at the East Greenbush Funplex was another hit. Dick Stewart and Pete Smith arranged a fun time for all.

Photos from both of these events are elsewhere in the KO.

The last event of the month was the Golf outing at Burden Lake Country Club. Unfortunately, the RE forgot his camera but the weather was

beautiful and the food was good. The 2008 Champions are Tom Campbell, Paul Flood, Jack Hanifan and Tim Stewart. I have discovered the way to win a scramble is to concentrate on not killing the ball and keeping your head down. The other important thing to do is to make sure Tim Stewart is on your team. I am sure Tim is tired after carrying us for 9 holes but he is an excellent golfer.

One thing I want to mention once again is the **Nescca.com** website. The photos and results from the Divisional Solo Championships are posted there. I was surprised that a few of the competitors at the Championships were not aware of the website. All of the news from the Division is posted there, if you have not already done so, check it out.

EDITOR'S REQUEST

While I am trying to keep your KnockOff current on club events and news from national and other regions, I have very little in the way of news from the members directly. I'd like to change that if we can.

If anyone has an article or news item you would like to see covered in the KO, please forward them to me by the 15th of each month. Articles on club news must go in and will always take precedence. Members have commented in the past that more of a variety in subject matter would be great.

The 15th deadline is not set in stone but having articles by then makes things much easier for me to get each issue out for members to read well before the next meeting.

So get you fingers limber and type up some stories, old or new and send them my way. I will attempt to put in as much as possible in each issue. Let's keep the KO a great publication. Do your part to help! Thanks!



The modified grid.

The street prepared grid

NeDiv Solo Championship Weekend Photo Gallery



Area 10 Director, John Sheridan, who came to work on Saturday, talks with Safety Steward, Bruce Kosakoski.



DJ McArdle hands out worker assignments.





Kathy Barnes holds the umbrella for Co-driver Tina Reeves



Chris displays his pylon avoidance ability.



Andy Furlong gets his Rabbit ready.



Tina Reeves, National Solo Board Chairperson, returns from her run.



John Danese - Pontiac Firebird Formula



Tom Hansen is smiling because he just won a set of Hoosiers.



Georges Mobile Munchies provided both lunch and the Barbeque Dinner on Saturday night.



Arn Beebe and his Mustang GT



Tina Reeves receives her trophy.



Jim Garry- left front with his specialty chiefs

Official results are posted on the NESCCA website,
www.nescca.com click on solo; go to:
2008 Northeast Divisional Solo Championship Results & Photos



All the Trophy Winners

Fun Night at Funplex!



Rich Alexander, Ernie & Kay Riggi, Anthony Leone, and Dave Wachtel take a bit of time to plot strategy before getting in the karts.

Dave Hathaway takes a spin with a younger family member.





Al Smith brought his own crew to psyche out the opponents.

Elise LaFleche, Geoff Stim, Harry Adalian, and Chip Van Slyke give cameraman Jack Hanifan smiles for the KO photo gallery.



Once again the Stewart family turned out in great numbers for the go kart night. Everyone sure looks they're having a great time.



Grandpa Thom looks pretty happy with spending the evening with his grandson, Evan, Ian's youngster.



Pete Smith and Harry Adalian discuss the finer points of motorcycling while at the Funplex Park.

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THE GREAT PUMPKIN will NOT be making his 39th Annual visit to NELSON LEDGES this October.

Rumors are becoming facts. Western New York Region has been advised that the track will be closing before the scheduled Great Pumpkin Affair weekend of October 25-26, 2008. The Region has not been given details about immediate or future plans for Nelson Ledges.

Efforts were made to relocate the event, but a viable alternative was not found. With time for organizing an event and for planning on everyone's part growing short, the WNYR Board of Directors has elected to cancel the October, 2008 event. Efforts will continue toward presenting the 39th Annual-In-Forty Years Great Pumpkin Affair in 2009.

THANK YOU to all of the PUMPKINEERS who have made THE GREAT PUMPKIN AFFAIR such an enjoyable part of club racing, a 38-year-long party.

WNYR, BOD
August 10, 2008

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TO: Pumpkineers, Workers, Racers and Friends of the Great Pumpkin

The Western New York Region regrestfully cancelled this year's Great Pumpkin Affair after circumstances beyond the region's control developed.

The cancellation, hopefully for just this year, impacts many of us, especially as it occurs rather late in the season. Many of our plans must be changed.

Racers lose hours of track time.

There is one less opportunity to meet license requirements

NYSRRC and the KRYDERSERIES have each lost two points opportunities and will end their seasons several weeks earlier that planned.

The NESCCA ENDURO SERIES has become a four event series. With two events already run at Pocono, the New England event at New Hampshire in a few weeks and the Glen event in October remain.

Workers lose the opportunity to stand out in the rain and sleet and snow.

For many, a tradition has been interrupted.

We regret the inconvenience. Plan Accordingly

WNYR

August 11, 2008