

# Top End

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## Region Executive Report

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## Region's Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Secretary: Meridith Croucher ([secretary@flr-scca.com](mailto:secretary@flr-scca.com))

January 7, 2020

## Membership Meeting Minutes

Secretary: Meridith Croucher ([secretary@flr-scca.com](mailto:secretary@flr-scca.com))

February 4, 2020

## Finger Lakes Region Schedule:

**02.15.20** Route of All Evo Rally - TBD

Check FLR-SCCA.com

**02.29.20** Winter Series #5 Rally -  
TBD

Check FLR-SCCA.com

**03.03.20** 7:00 PM

FLR Board of Directors Meeting

Bill Gray's

1650 Penfield Road

Rochester, NY 14625

Road Rally and Autocross Budgets due

**04.07.20** 7:00 PM

FLR General membership meeting

Fireside Grill and Sports Bar

3939 E Henrietta Rd

Henrietta, NY 14467

**04.26.20**

FLR EVENT #1

Xerox

1410 Mitcheldean Drive

Webster, NY 14580

January has been a busy month. The SCCA National convention took place January 16-19. There were a lot of good sessions. Unfortunately, it is a very busy four days and it would be impossible for one person to get full benefit of what is available. FLR had four people attend and we split up the sessions to cover as much as possible. There was a lot of information. A key presentation was done by Chris Robbins titled "It All Starts With Respect". It dealt with proper behavior and sexual harassment. It is available on the SCCA website and anyone going to the MiniCon will have an opportunity to hear it from Chris Robbins himself. It is a sad commentary on the times that presentation such as this are required but that is the world we live in. Common sense seems to be in short supply.

We are adjusting to our new meeting schedule and learning fast. Schedules and commitments will have to be met. If a group commits to have something done by a date it has to happen to enable face to face. Communication. We had our first test with a proposal for an autocross bus. We were able to approve it via email in a short period of time and things are moving forward.

This article is for our first newsletter. Our intent is to put it out bi-monthly. The target for the email to go out will be the second Wednesday after the general membership meeting. For example, the February membership meeting is the fourth so we would like to send the email out on Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>. This would coincide with the SCCA email strategy I will go over on the fourth. The strategy was presented at the convention and makes sense. The intent is to not deluge people with SCCA emails but set up a system in hopes of getting more of them read.

It is up to you to make sure the email in your profile is up to date.

If you have not tried my.scca.com you should. What is on there for your profile looks good. Everything is easy to access. Right now, there are some problems as it is not totally connected to the scca.com website and you may have to go back and forth bit. Updating these systems is a huge task and there are a lot of tradeoffs but progress is being made and we should see a lot of changes.

At the last membership meeting I addressed the Autocross group. To say it did not go well is an understatement. It was not meant as an attack but to inform people about the grant process and budgets. I apologize to the group for my presentation and wish them luck with their 2020 season.

Charlie

Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting 1/7/2020

Board members present are Charlie Tanck, Elizabeth Thiel, Meridith Croucher, Jamie Hayslip, Jen Guerdat Arena, Andrew Edgcombe, and Mark Green. New members of the Board were present, Barb Lissow and Mike Brunner. Elizabeth and Mark were re-elected.

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Tanck at 7:00 PM. The meeting was at Bill Gray's in Penfield.

1. Elizabeth Thiel – Financial
  - a. Deposits have been made for WGI, the Fun One and the Track Day.
  - b. Square is being used for the Rally Program.
  - c. The insurance claim check arrived for the “Fun One”
  - d. FLR has money, and all the bills are paid
2. Elizabeth – Awards Banquet Brunch
  - a. The Awards brunch has been moved to Polizzi's in Village Gate. It is a small place, holds about 80 persons. 77 have registered so far.
  - b. Bill Greene has confirmed he is coming.
  - c. The Saturday forecast is bad. Sunday is better.
    - i. Jackets have been ordered for awardee's and for members who had a 20<sup>th</sup> or more anniversary in 2019. They are similar to those given at the 2018-membership picnic.
3. Charlie – Board Calendar
  - a. We need to move approval of the budget and plans to March. Currently it is scheduled for May.
  - b. We should open registration the end of April.
    1. We are charging \$375 per day, and we have 2 days again this year.
4. Charlie – Region Calendar
  - a. Submissions of events across all programs for the region calendar need to go to Barb Lissow as activities Director.
  - b. Barb will then send the calendar to Meridith before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the digital Top End.
  - c. Charlie will send a Regional Exec report in the same time frame.
  - d. The programs need to send meridith links to their information pages.
  - e. Any flyers are due in the same time frame.
  - f. Jim Perrin is the webmaster for FLR-SCCA.com.
  - g. Classifieds for members need to go on the website.
  - h. Jamie to talk to Jim about access to the website to post Rally information.
  - i. Next meeting is 2/4/2020 at 7:00 PM at the Fireside in Henrietta.
    - i. Looking for a quieter location for the General Membership meeting.
    - ii. Will Autocross meet every month at the fireside?
5. Speaking of the website
  - a. The Bylaws have not been updated yet. Meridith to send the change for the electronic voting.
  - b. Elizabeth will ask Michelle about Changes to the Board calendar mentioned above.
  - c. Charlie will talk to Jim Perrin at the membership meeting.
6. Charlie – Mini Con
  - a. Dates have been posted. For 2/14-2/15/2020. They are looking for presenters.
    - i. Andrew suggested Nick and he could do presentation for a Divisional Autocross series although they are unsure that they have enough information.
  - b. The format of the Mini Con has changed. It is now Friday evening and all-day Saturday without meetings on Sunday. All SCCA programs have time and space for presentations, not just Road Race.
7. Car Show

- a. Barb Lissow to lead and Mike Brunner to help.
    - i. 3/4/2020 to set up, and 3/5/2020 it opens.
  - b. Elizabeth has ordered 500 of the latest hand out from SCCA Inc.
  - c. Elizabeth has become the charge person for “Stuff” for promotions. She asked for ideas for handouts.
    - i. Pens, Mini pylons (\$2 each), Key chain and Matchbox cars were suggested.
    - ii. She has also signed FLR up as Business of the month
    - iii. She will also approach “Honor Flight” to help
    - iv. She will also add information for the Track Day to promotional handout.
8. Charlie – Membership picnic
- a. Charlie will get the facility
  - b. Mike will do a program for the recipients and the group pictures
  - c. Elizabeth will do awards:
    - i. 5-10-15 years will get a T-Shirt.
    - ii. 20 years and more will get a jacket. (See Awards Brunch)
    - iii. Charli will call 5-15 years and ask for shirt size.
    - iv. Mike is to have formalized plans for the picnic.
9. Roundtable
- a. Mike – nothing.
  - b. Barb – needs a computer as she lost hers in the camper fire.
  - c. Jamie – Good Rally on Saturday. They had 15 teams. Good mix of experience and newbies. Teams came from as far away as New England Region. We now have a Rally every 2 weeks for 5 more events. Scheduling is more predictable this year.
  - d. Elizabeth - nothing
  - e. Andrew – Solo needs to finalize their schedule. Site owner want an event every other weekend. Also needs to formalize the “Chief’s Meeting”. Decision needs to be made on the Truck vs trailer for Solo.
  - f. Mark- Asked about the Road Race Committee. Charlie spoke to that
    - i. Jason LaManna, and James Gregorious will represent the competitors. It will also have a steward, the registrars and others. Their charge is to streamline procedures and have more communications for the greater group. May begin with a survey to all road race participants. FLR has 40 racers, but only 20 are active competitors.
    - ii. Perhaps a FLR series at the Go-cart Track?
    - iii. Discussion about Road Race ensued. i.e. track prices and Groups that want to race with FLR.
  - g. Charlie – Talked about Pine Run. Track Rental is very good. The problem is there is not enough space for the competitors. Solo has a cap of 50 competitors.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Meridith L. Croucher, Secretary.

# Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Inc.

Awards Brunch January 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Most people arrived around 11:00 AM at Polizzi's in the Village Gate on Goodman Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM by RE Charlie Tanck

Members and guests attending: approximately 77

There was a social hour from 11 to 12 including mimosa's and other beverages, followed by a Brunch Buffet. The food was really good.

At 12:39, a wrap up of the year 2019 was given by Charlie began.

Charlie Tanck – RE

- Thanks to Chef Polizzi for the good food and opening his restaurant for us.
- Thanks to Elizabeth for putting this together and seeing it through all the rough spots in planning.
- FLR had a good year in 2019.
  - We had the Super Tour and the Fun one for Road Race.
  - Solo had a good year at Seneca.
  - Rally has a good Winter series and is currently hosting the 2019-2020 season.
  - RallyCross is struggling without a leader and the loss of WGI for competition.
  - Track Day lost money, but gained experience. Thanks Dave Cuifo, Earl, Mike and Marsha, and others that made it happen.
  - The region just passed the Bylaws change to allow for electronic voting
  - We were without a, activities Director, but Barb Lissow stepped up to the plate and will be working on those issues.
  - We will miss Top End and Carl.
  - We have changed how we do our meetings. Odd months will be the Board Meetings held at Bill Gray's in Penfield. Even months will be the General Membership meetings at the Fireside inn in Henrietta. This was published in Top End and on the website.
  - The Mini Con is being handled by the Division.
  - Communications is a work in progress at the moment
  - **There is a new National website. [www.myscca.com](http://www.myscca.com) will get you to the new site. Your member number is your user name and then your password.**

Elizabeth Thiel – Financial

- We have money!

The Awards began at 12:45 PM

1. The Board Awards were as follows:

The Outstanding Contribution to the Region – (The George B. Merwin Trophy) went to Michelle Richau.

The Sportsmanship Award – (The Alix Lafontant Trophy) was given to Jason Smith.

The Outstanding Worker Award – (Gene Dinkel Trophy) belongs to Andrew Edgecombe for his efforts.

The Top End Award – (Finger Lakes Trophy) goes to Carl Dresie for his labor of love all these years.

The Mechanic of the year – (Fran McAllister Trophy) was awarded to Jeff Wayland.

The Board decided to give the Bucknam Family the Finger Lakes Region Special Recognition Award to the Bucknam Family for the level of participation in all aspects of the club.

2. The Road Race program awarded the following:

The Jim Nolan Race Scholarship, given by the Nolan Family to Jason Smith and Chris Batorski.

Driver of the year (John and Emily Castle Trophy) went to Chris Cuifo.

The most improved driver was named Jason LaManna.

And the Best New Driver (Roger Clouser and Jim Nolan Memorial Trophy) was given to Chris Batorski

3. Rally presented the following to Griff Jones

John Robinson Outstanding Rally Contribution Award

4. Autocross AKA Solo Awards.

The Autocross Driver of the year was Mark Kruger.

The Autocross Rookie of the year went to Emilio Moran.

The worker of the year, Autocross is Josh Watts.

The Outstanding Autocross Contributor – (Marv and Eunice Brudno Trophy) went home with Alex Johnson.

The awards were followed by a period of further socialization and the participants wandered off on their own schedules.

Respectfully submitted:

Meridith Croucher, Secretary

# Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Inc.

General Membership Meeting 02/04/2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by RE Charlie Tanck

Members and guests attending: approximately 25.

Charlie Tanck – RE

- The meeting began with an explanation about how it happened that the region sent 2 applications to National Office for a Grant. There was 1 grant per region awarded.
  - Track Day received the grant, Autocross did not.
  - Autocross was guaranteed the grant by Howard Duncan.
  - These are Track Night in America Grants, so it is felt that the experiential program, i.e. Track days received the grant as that is now the focus of TNIA and the National Office.
  - Discussion ensued.
    - The decision makers were unknown to the FLR Autocross leadership when they called
    - General feeling is that it was not Charlie's fault.
    - Charlie requested that they apply again. It is not cast in stone that it will automatically go to the Track Days, although that is the feeling from the Autocrossers in the room.
    - Grants are not to be a line item in the program budget.
- From the Convention, National wants to avoid email overload. They are asking that the regions send their informational emails on Wednesdays. Therefore, the Top End mailing will go out on the even months on the Wednesday the week after the General Membership meeting.
- The MiniCon is 2/15/2020. There is to be training sessions for all competition programs, plus National office will be there and will be available for questions and comments. NeDiv is hosting the event as no region was willing to host.
  - For more information please go to FLR-SCCA.com and search for MiniCon.
- Please use Charlie's real email to contact him. [cftanck@aol.com](mailto:cftanck@aol.com)
- Approval for Autocross to purchase a bus was done by email amongst the Board of Directors.
  - For the Road Racing Committee and Driver meeting. It is impossible to have 2 meetings in the same room at the Fireside. In the future, they will meet at another date.
  - Even numbered months are the General Membership meetings. The Board meets on the odd numbered months at Bill Grays in Penfield. For Program Chairs, please pre send your annual budgets ahead of the meeting for the Board to read, so we can ask questions. You may send to Charlie at [Cftanck@aol.com](mailto:Cftanck@aol.com).
- The Fun One: Entry fees will remain the same.
- NeOhio is doing 2 Time Trials at Nelson Ledges in 2020
  - The track is due to be inspected 3/1, and if it passes certification one of the TT's will become a regional race.

Mike Brunner-Membership. We have 424 members.

- Mike is also handling the agenda for the Membership Picnic in July. He has a draft prepared that needs wordsmithing for an email to people getting longevity awards and what they will get.

Elizabeth Thiel – Financial

- We have money! Elizabeth has moved some money back into investments.
  - Deposits to WGI are paid.
  - The Autocross bus has been paid for.
  - For more information contact Elizabeth at [ethiel99@gmail.com](mailto:ethiel99@gmail.com).

- Finger Lakes Region will be Canandaigua's National Bank's Member of the month. There will also be flyers and small mementoes at the bank. (I think it is the Irondequoit branch)

Barb Lissow and Elizabeth – Auto Show

- Date is 3/5/2020 at the Riverside Convention center
  - We will have Track Day Flyers and small promotional gifts available.
  - Would like Road Race, Autocross and RallyCross prepared cars.
  - Contact Barb at [blcatsandcars@aol.com](mailto:blcatsandcars@aol.com) to enter and work.

Jamie – Rally

- The Ithaca Rally was this past weekend. There were 13 entries and everyone enjoyed the Rally.

Meridith – STPR

- STPR 2020 has started meetings to resolve the issues from 2019. Too early for details
- STPR has subscribed to Zoom for Video conferencing to facilitate more attendance at the meetings especially during the winter.

Charlie – Track Day

- The plan is to run long course and short course as we do for the Fun One.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> 10 persons to sign up for both days will get 2 NASCAR tickets.
  - 1 price for all, member or not.
  - We will be the only track day using the short course
  - Pricing is \$325 per single day, \$625 for both days
  - Sanction application has been sent in.
  - 3/1, Track night in America will start emailing information
  - Dates are 7/22 and 7/23.

RallyX – no one in attendance.

Charlie – Road Race

- The new Competition Board met this evening before the General Membership meeting.
- The Fun one is the only focus this year.
  - Consists of 2 Stewards, 2 Drivers, 2 Registrars, 1 financial person and the 2 chairs for the event.

Charlie – We are striving for better communications, keeping up with the GCR Changes, and reducing the Credit Card rate.

Mark Green congratulated Mary Hartman for coming in 1<sup>st</sup> in class for the NYSRRC Series.

Someone heard that “Apex” email newsletter is going away

My.SCCA.com is working.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Meridith Croucher, Secretary



## Membership Report

January - 2020 G. M. M.

Members as of last report: 1-Dec-19 418

Members as of this report: 1-Jan-20 423

Members as of this report, gain or loss: 5



## Membership Report

February 2020

<b>Members as of last report:</b>	<b>1-Jan-20</b>	<b>423</b>
<b>Members as of this report:</b>	<b>1-Feb-20</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>Members as of this report, gain or loss:</b>		<i>+ 1</i>

# The Route of All EVO IX!

## February 15, 2020



**A rally of approximately 175 “interesting” miles using paved and unpaved roads in the New York Southern Tier. In keeping with the winter rally series format, this is an evening TSD rally run at speeds within the local speed limits.**

**Snow tires are recommended (all season tires may limit your speed group eligibility), tow rope/strap, and 90 minutes of flares or one DOT triangle are required to compete.**

**Rally start: Charlie Riedel's Restaurant, Canandaigua, NY, Routes 5 & 20 (Eastern Blvd)  
Finish location: Applebee's, Canandaigua, NY, Routes 5 & 20 (Eastern Blvd)**

**\$40/car plus \$5 for each non-SCCA member in the car  
Equipped, Limited, Stock, and Novice classes.**

<b>Schedule:</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>2:30 to 3:30 PM</b>
	<b>Novice school</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	<b>Driver's Meeting</b>	<b>3:40 PM</b>
	<b>First car starts</b>	<b>4:01 PM</b>
	<b>First car finishes</b>	<b>10:30 PM?</b>

**Contact the rallymaster to pre-register and for answers to questions:  
Karl Haltiner  
[kjhaltiner@gmail.com](mailto:kjhaltiner@gmail.com)  
(585) 721-8712**