



The Steering Wheel

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Upcoming Events

- March 9 Monthly meeting
- March 17 Go Kart racing at Checkered Flag
- April 13 Monthly meeting
- April 22 Autocross
- May 5 Autocross School
- May 6 Autocross
- May 11 Monthly meeting
- May 18-20 Hillclimb

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WinterX 2012— Dave Estey and Erik Saunders

LOUDON, N.H. -- Though it's early yet we've already been quite busy at the track. In an attempt to keep the cobwebs at bay and learn about winter driving, we held two WinterX events and one of them even had snow! Our January event proved how much fun slipping around in the snow and ice can be, as well as how fast Subaru can be when the course is opened up a bit. Meanwhile, our February 19th event gave drivers a taste of what the next North Country Rumble could be like, namely cold and windy – but still fun!

The lack of snow put a slight damper on registrants, but resulted in more runs for those who came. When all was said and done, everybody got 12 runs on a course that averaged about 35 seconds with a good mix of technical elements and open sections. The first car was off just after 9:30 a.m. and we broke for a 45-minute lunch at noon with everybody having already had six runs. The sun continued to beat down on us, slowly



warming up the pavement, which meant a little more traction and lower times in the afternoon.

Brandon Callison came away the winner in the RWD class, piloting Jon Beatty's Ford Mustang, followed by Howard Roundy behind the wheel of Terry Murphy III's Pontiac Solstice. The battle between the two long-time members lasted all day, finally concluding with Brandon's second to last run with a time of 30.727. Howard fired back with his



2012 Autocross Series
by Sports Car Club of New Hampshire



The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire is pleased to announce that Kinetic Motorworks of Hampstead, NH has come on board as our 2012 season Autocross sponsor. As the season sponsor, Kinetic will be providing points series class awards in the form of gift certificates good toward any product or ser-

vice that Kinetic offers. The awards are as follows: \$100 – First Place, \$75 – Second Place, \$50 – Third Place. The gift certificates are good towards parts, labor, tuning, and time on Kinetic Motorworks' all-wheel-drive Dyno, which can also accommodate non-all-wheel-drive vehicles.

In addition to the series points awards, Kinetic Motorworks will hold a raffle for a \$1,000 gift certificate toward any set of Enkei wheels. SCCNH club members will earn a raffle ticket for every event they compete in, which means the more races you compete in the better your chances to

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Autocross

We have a full season of autocross events this year with eight races and two schools. There is one autocross each month from April through September and two in October. We will also have two schools and the North Country Rumble at the end of the year including a runoff for SCCNH members. All our events will be held at NHMS this year.

Our first autocross of the season will be held April

22nd. Two weeks later we have our first school. If you are a novice come to the April 22nd event to get a feel which will make the school more meaningful. Anybody wishing to instruct at our novice autocross school May 5 should contact either of the Autocross Co-Chairs now. Instructors race for free the next day!

Four events are sponsored at this time (click on logos to left to visit their web sites). If you know of a

sponsor willing to put \$100 towards your event get them in contact with our sponsorship chairmen.

Apr 22 AutoX 1
May 5 Novice School 1
May 6 AutoX 2
Jun 10 AutoX 3
Jul 8 AutoX 4
Aug 11 Intermediate School 2
Aug 12 AutoX 5
Sep 9 AutoX 6
Oct 13 Rumble Runoff
Oct 14 AutoX 7
Oct 27 AutoX 8
Oct 28 North Country Rumble



Trailer Vandalism

This winter NHMS has had a vandal loose on the property. They have had several buildings broken into, a Jaguar damaged and various other damage.

Our autocross trailer was included in the vandals targets. The trailer has had all the access panels pried up and the windows broken. Water damage is of concern

at this point.

We have gone through the trailer. Many things in the back have been tossed. The sound meter and some batteries seem to be the only things missing. The electronic equipment is not stored in the trailer.

The trailer will be moved to Terry Murphy's Court Street Garage in Laconia soon for

repairs. We will need to fix all the bent panels, probably eliminate the rear window and create a more solid panel in the front door.

We will need your help to get the trailer back into shape. Reserve Saturdays **April 7 and 14** for trailer repair and cleanup at Murphy's Court St Auto in Laconia



WinterX—cont.

final and best run of the day – a 30.980. Beatty took third place with a 31.575.

The FWD class proved that yes, hybrids can win. Matt Verstraete won the class in his Honda CR-Z with a time of 32.793. Rob S finished second in his Mazda3 with a 33.088 followed by Dan

Fillingim with a 33.317 in his 2011 Mazda3.

Tom Peplinski in his 2011 Subaru STI was looking at an AWD class win with a time of 30.507, but Rob Kawonczyk ripped off a final run of 30.488 in his 2009 Subaru WRX to snatch a .019 second victory. Mike Dungle-

man finished third with a 31.065 in Rob's WRX.

We hope everybody enjoyed themselves at our WinterX events and learned something about their cars handling in slippery and cold conditions. We hope these will become a fixture of the club schedule in the future.

Annual Awards Banquet — George W. Young

On Dec. 3, 2011 the Sports Car Club of N.H. held it's annual year end awards and holiday banquet, we had an unprecedented 62 people attending. As in the past few years, we had the party at the American Legion Post 88 in Loudon, with Harts catering the dinner. They served their usual good meal of turkey and gravy, roast beef, broiled haddock, along with squash, mashed potato and salad. This year we had two desserts-the usual Black Forest Cake, and apple crisp added variety. An anonymous person generously brought in a pumpkin roll as an added dessert

choice.

The theme for this year's Yankee Swap was Harbor Freight or Northern Tools. Most of the gifts were along that theme except for a few "rebels" doing their own thing. There were a couple of fleece throw blankets, among them a checkered flag inspired one, that was swapped quite often.

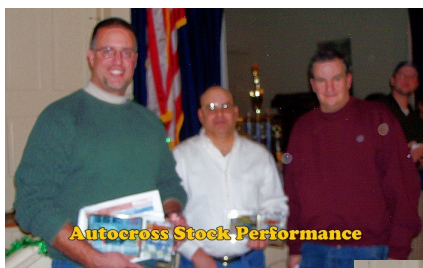
The trophies for the Auto-X classes were given out along with the Dave Erb Trophy, the Bob Heath Trophy and the Perl and Shirley Benner Trophy.



The yearly ritual of the transferring of the Presidency was performed with Dave Burden passing the torch on to incoming President, Paul Giblin. Many thanks to Dave for his hard work this past year, and good luck to Paul as he picks up for Dave in 2012.



Dave Erb Trophy



Autox Stock Performance



Autox Street Touring Winners



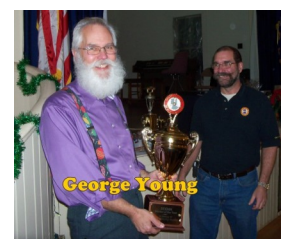
Autox Stock Sedan Winners



Autox Street Modified Winners



Autox Race Winners



Pearl & Shirley Benner Trophy



Bob Heath Trophy

Outgoing President's Message — David Burden

I'd like to thank all our members for a great year in 2011. Even before the year started, we were working on one of the biggest events with which our club has been involved. We were fortunate enough to have



been selected as the organization to sanction the 2011 Mount Washington Auto Road Climb to the

Clouds. But while we were working on the details of that event, we had quite a bit going on. In mid-January we held a fun event at New England Indoor Karting in Haverhill, MA preceded by a scavenger hunt.



February we held our first winter driving event in a few years and our first at NHMS.

The turnout was very good so we decided to expand the 2012 Wintercross series to two events. Maybe this time the AWD drivers will figure out how to beat a bunch of old guys driving front wheel drive cars.

In April we started our autocross series at NHMS but we

also provided two pace cars for the Dartmouth College bicycle race.

May was quite busy with an autocross, autocross school, drift clinic and the Spring Mt Ascutney hillclimb. June started with another autocross and drift event at NHMS and ended with the 5 day Climb to the Clouds at Mt Washington. Unlike Ascutney, we didn't have to supply all the workers, but even with 'just' needing to cover the spectator and pit areas we had to enlist more than our normal amount of workers.

July allowed us a little rest with only one autocross and drift event. Then we had a bit of a break until late August when we were well represented at the Northeast Exotic Car Show at the Budweiser plant in Merrimack, NH as well as our second autocross school and our 5th autocross. However, hurricane Irene showed up and we held the autocross one week later on Labor Day weekend. This made our September a little busier than anticipated. The following weekend we hosted an autocross clinic for the Smokin' Stangs Mustang club, Drift Spot held their final event for the year and we held another autocross. A week after that we were back in Vermont at Mt Ascutney for the fall hillclimb.

October brought our competitive events to a close for the year with 3 planned events at NHMS, our 7th and 8th autocrosses and the

North Country Rumble. The final autocross for the season was scheduled for Halloween weekend, but an early snowstorm forced us to cancel the event since October 31st is the latest we can hold competitive events at NHMS.

Our year finished with the annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet in Loudon on December 3rd where over 60 members joined together for a great time. We also closed out the year with a healthy bank account and a membership roster of 150.

In addition to all the events we held we also donated over \$2000 to a number of local charities – Belknap-Merrimack County Community Action Program (Concord Area Food Bank), Speedway Children's Charities and the Kevin Young Memorial Scholarship.

Everything the club did this year was because of the time and effort put into it by you, our members. The officers and chair people of the events get to stand up and take the praise once in a while, but without the workers and entrants, we would not be able to have all this fun.

Incoming President's Message — Paul Giblin

With 2011 almost in the record books, it's time for all of us to prepare for the holidays, to look forward to spending some time with friends and family and to get ready for an exciting 2012 which is just a few weeks away. The past year has certainly been an exciting one for all of us in the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire. We've had many more events this past year than we've had in quite a long time – including the return of the legendary Climb to the Clouds! As a result, the SCCNH membership list has increased to more than 150 members which is by far the largest it's been in many years and has certainly kept our Membership Chairman, Dan Francis, busy sending out membership cards while George Young's monthly Treasurer's Reports have been going up and up every month!

As a result of this success, the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire membership decided at our November meeting to help a number of non-profit businesses in the local area by donating a total of \$2,000 to three different organizations – something that was wonderful to see. As we look forward to the year ahead,

it's my hope that we as a group continue to enjoy the fun and success that the Club has enjoyed over the past few years, that we continue to grow as an organization and that we continually look for ways to help those around us.

Having been a member of SCCNH since 1978, I as well as a number of other long-time members know all too well how quickly things can change. With that in mind, I encourage everyone to please consider stepping out of their comfort zone a little bit in 2012 to take on a new responsibility or try something new within the Club. In other words, if you haven't competed in an Autocross before or for many years, why not give it a shot – we have a tremendous program. If you've been an Autocross competitor for a while but haven't tried a hillclimb yet, why not give it some thought? If you've never held an office or a position within the management of the Club, why not make 2012 the year you take on a new personal challenge? Trust me, you'll have an absolute blast!

Whatever your decision ends up being, I hope you'll give it some serious thought and try something new in

the coming year. We can always use help on the administrative side of things – as an example, we need someone to serve as the Executive Secretary – taking minutes at the monthly meetings. We also need someone to take over for Terry Murphy IV as the Chair of the SCCNH Autocross series. As you know, Terry has stepped down from this role to serve as the Club's Vice President for the coming year after successfully managing and growing the SCCNH Autocross series for the past three years.

In closing, I'd like to say THANK YOU! to the entire SCCNH membership for an incredibly successful 2011 and wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season. Terry and I are very much looking forward to working with everyone in the Club as we do our best to continue growing the organization and having some fun along the way.

Should you have any questions for me, or if you'd like to volunteer for a particular position within the Club, please feel free to send an E-mail my way at paulgiblin@usa.net or give me a call – my cell number is (603) 986-1217.



Minutes — January 13, 2012 submitted by Terrance Murphy IV

Meeting Attendees: Terry Murphy III, Terry Murphy IV, Robert Pellerin, Howard Roundy, Mike Ruggerio, John Stevens, Drew Young, Charlie Parsons, Dan Francis, Gary Brundrett, John Santos, Paul Giblin, George Young, Dana Boyd, Erik Saunders, Dave Estey

Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by President Paul Giblin

A motion was made to approve the last meeting notes by John Stevens, Terry Murphy IV seconded, approved by membership

Membership Report – Dan Francis reported there are currently 16 Life and 11 Regular Members for a total of 27. Cards for current members will be sent out soon as well as lifetime notification and cards to the new elected members. Gary B. motioned to accept the report, John Stevens 2nd. Report was approved.

Treasurers Report – George gave report on insurance binder for the upcoming Winter Event and talked about the financial standing of the club. Charlie P. motioned to accept, Howard 2nd. Report was approved.

Sponsorship Report – Terry M. reported that there have been no sponsors for the events this year. Kinetic Motorworks is gathering a proposal to bid on the years' sponsorship of the SCCNH Autocross Program. Keith will try to appear at the next meeting but the proposal will be with us regardless. Paul Giblin talked about a potential sponsorship for the NEHA Hillclimb Series. Paul Giblin suggested putting together a club portfolio to present to businesses in hopes to gain individual event sponsors. A discussion was had regarding adding a survey to the club website regarding our members and participants. Further discussion is to be had. Drew Young motioned to accept, John Santos 2nd. Report was approved.

Publicity Report – Dave Estey reported he is spreading the word about the upcoming season and adding schedules wherever he can.

Autocross Program – Terry M. Reported the success of the previous year. Terry Murphy presented the 2012 Autocross Program Budget which was accepted by the membership. Howard Roundy made the motion to accept, Erik Saunders 2nd.

Hillclimb Report – Drew Young reported a proposal to upgrade the land line radio system used at the Mt. Ascutney Hillclimb. Discussion was had and budget for the upgrade was presented. Howard Roundy moved to accept the proposal, Dave Estey 2nd. Motion was accepted.

Drew Young presented the 2012 Hillclimb Budget and discussion was had. Howard Roundy motioned to accept the proposal and Dave Estey 2nd. Motion was accepted.

Drew Young reported on the recent NESCCC meeting and talked about the upcoming NEHA Banquet.

DriftSpot – Terry Murphy talked about loaning some cones to Driftspot for their upcoming season at NHMS as we have done in the past. Drew Young motioned to accept, John Stevens 2nd. Motion was approved.

New Business:

Paul Giblin announced that Erik Saunders and Dave Estey have volunteered to co-chair the 2012 SCCNH Autocross Program. A discussion was had, Gary B. motioned to accept, Howard R. 2nd. Motion was approved.

Paul Giblin announced that the Executive Secretary position is still open and needs to be filled ASAP. If interested please contact Paul Giblin or Terry Murphy. Emails and Phone Numbers are listed on the website.

Paul Giblin suggested that newly joined members should have a sponsor from a current member of SCCNH. Each new member should come to the next meeting to gain an understanding of the club and for the club to vote in each new member. The thought behind this is to run the new membership as written in the by laws and to hope that having new members come to meetings will promote better meeting attendance and hopefully gain potential future board members. More discussion is to be had on this matter and will be tabled until the February meeting.

Minutes — January 13, 2012 cont.

Paul Giblin talked about the "Steering Wheel" newsletter coming back to life and asked if anyone would like to volunteer to write it. If anyone is interested please get in touch with Paul Giblin or Terry Murphy.

Howard Roundy talked about the Smokin Stangs club and sponsoring their 2012 event at NHMS as we did in 2011. Howard Roundy volunteered to chair the event. Erik S. motioned to accept the sponsorship, Terry M. IV 2nd. Motion was accepted.

A discussion was had regarding the usage of a new online registration process. A big thanks was given from several members to Bill Bennert for his design in the registration program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm

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ford. Next, Attorney Nathaniel Bigelow, Jr., of Goffstown was contacted to draw-up Articles of Incorporation. The Articles included: membership and dues, duties of elected officers, committees, fiscal year, seal and emblem, personal liability, amendments of articles and action by the club. Paul would be elected the first president of the club.

Quoting from the original By-laws of the Sports Car Club of

New Hampshire, Article II, Membership and Dues, Section 1. "Original members" — "All members in good standing of the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire as of February 26, 1956 shall constitute the original membership of this Club."

As the membership was geographically diversified, meetings were held in all areas throughout the State. In addition to the elected president, vice president, execu-

tive secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, activities director, Steering Wheel editor, area representatives were elected at the annual December Meeting. Areas included were Capitol, Gateway, Queen City, Seacoast, Lakes Region, White Mountains, Dartmouth/Sunapee, Cochecho, Monadnock, and Massachusetts. Many sports car enthusiasts from Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts also joined the Club in its heydays.



Kinetic 2012 Autocross Series — cont.

win this impressive prize.

To participate in the season sponsorship, all cars must display two Kinetic Motorworks stickers, which will be provided by Kinetic Motorworks, for the duration of the 2012 season. The stickers may be adhered to removable magnetic number

plates or, preferably, on the rear C-pillar glass. To recognize Kinetic Motorworks' sponsorship, the autocross series will be renamed the "Kinetic Motorworks 2012 Autocross Series by SCCNH." We hope you will all join us in thanking Kinetic Motorworks for their generosity and we are sure they will

prove to be a great friend of the club.

Please visit Kinetic Motorworks online at www.kineticmotorworks.com or stop in at their shop located at 313 Kent Farm Road Hampstead, NH. You can also reach them by phone at (603) 329-6083.



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History—Judy Fry

Many years ago Judy Fry wrote the history of our club. Excerpts will be presented here in each issue.

The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire has a long and colorful history, one worth telling, so just lean back, relax, close your eyes and let yourself go. Picture yourself cruising along a back country road in your favorite sports car with the top down and the wind in your face. A great feeling? You bet it was and radar wasn't being used for speed control and gas was 25 cents a gallon. While

you were sliding through the turns you would automatically wave to drivers of Austin Healeys, Triumphs, Jaguars, Morgans, and



MGs. These cars were becoming familiar sights on our highways in the mid 1950's. Many of these cars of yesteryear are now preserved in vintage and classic

collections.

It seemed natural for those with a keen sense of sport and a car to match that enthusiasm that a club whose members shared these interests would evolve in New Hampshire. The idea of a club in this area was sparked by Paul Manseau of Manchester. Following his discharge from the service, Paul contacted numerous sports car enthusiast friends. An organizational meeting was held the latter part of 1955 at the Belknap Recreation Area, now known as Gunstock Ski Area, Gil-