



# The Steering Wheel

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## Upcoming Events

- April 7 Trailer Cleanup
- April 13 Monthly meeting
- April 14 Trailer Cleanup
- April 22 Autocross



- May 5 Autocross School



- May 6 Autocross



- May 11 Monthly meeting
- May 18-20 Hillclimb

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## Go Karts — Dave Esty

Our indoor karting event held at Checkered Flag Indoor Karting in Haverhill, Massachusetts was a blast. Twelve hearty souls braved the beautiful weather outside to race inside, and they were greeted with a 6 lap practice session, 20 lap qualifier and a 30 lap feature race! That's a lot of laps. Rob Pellerin came away the winner in the A feature, having only recently finished a racing league at the same facility (can you say ringer?).



Meanwhile in the B feature Mike Ruggiero came away the winner, followed by Erik Saunders and Rob Saporito.

A great time was had by all and I encourage everybody to take up the challenge next year should we do this again. Checkered Flag has proven an eager partner so I see no reason to halt this now annual tradition.

## Guest Speaker for April 13th Meeting

**Concord, NH** – Officials with the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire (SCCNH) announced today that the first Guest Speaker for their 2012 season will be Sports Car Club of New Hampshire (SCCNH) Life Member and former President, Mr.

Jerry Venne, from Concord, NH.

Jerry not only served as the President of SCCNH in 1971, but has amassed a long and successful career in motorsports – from building and racing sports

cars and stock cars to hosting his own racing-oriented cable television show in the 1980's, Pit Stop. Jerry also served as a NASCAR pit lane reporter for a number of years and worked in the marketing and show-car

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## New Online Registration

This year we are moving our online event registration to the most common site used in America, MotorsportReg. The system Bill Bennert built several years ago has served us well but the board felt it was time to move on. This move will give us more visibility to other racers. Our hillclimb associates KSCC and SCCV use this site.

MotorsportsReg will also add flexibility in the registration process. We will be able to do all events here: autocross, hillclimb, rally, go kart and banquet. It also has membership, number reservation and survey features. We will implement most of the features over course of the

year.

No users are being migrated from the old site to this new one. If you do not already have an account with MotorsportReg go to [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) and "Create an Account". Register yourself and your vehicle (s). This account can be used for event registration with any organization using MotorsportsReg such as SCCNH, SCCV, KSCC or NER.

When you register for one of our autocross events you need to know your class, both the SCCNH PAX class and the SCCA class:

- Stock Performance, (street tires – wear rating of 140 or higher) includes SCCA classes: SS, AS, BS, CS, ES
- Stock Sedan, (street tires – wear rating of 140 or higher) includes SCCA classes: DS, FS, GS, HS
- Street Touring, includes SCCA classes: STF, STC, STR, STS, STU, STX
- Modified, includes SCCA classes: SM, SSM, SMF
- Race, includes SCCA classes: Stock on R-Comps: SS, AS, BS, CS, DS, ES, FS, GS, HS; ASP, BSP, CSP, DSP, ESP, FSP, SSP AP, BP, CP, DP, EP, FP, AM, BM, CM, DM, EM, FM, KM, FSAE, KM

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## Autocross—Dave Estey and Erik Saunders, co-chairs

**We will be working on the autocross trailer April 7th and 14th at Murphy's Court Street Auto in Laconia.**

Its autocross time and time to get prepared for the season. We will be working on the autocross trailer April 7th and 14th at Murphy's Court Street Auto in Laconia. All are welcome to help us repair and refurbish the trailer, which is in need of some TLC after armed(?) bandits vandalized the poor thing.

Don't forget our first autocross of the season is April 22nd at NHMS! And anybody who is interested in instructing at our novice Autocross school May 5th should email Dave Estey at [estey.david@gmail.com](mailto:estey.david@gmail.com).



We look forward to seeing you all soon and shaking out some cobwebs!

**building and racing sports cars and stock cars to hosting his own racing-oriented cable television show**

## Guest Speaker — cont.

side of the sport as well. His exciting career in motorsports has spanned more than five decades! Please make plans now to join us for what will surely be an entertaining and informative evening with a longtime SCCNH member and mo-

torsports professional.

The April 13, 2012 SCCNH meeting will take place at the Windmill Restaurant located on Loudon Road in Concord, NH – the business meeting will get underway at 7:00pm followed at approximately

8:00pm by Mr. Venne's presentation. The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire's monthly meetings are free of charge and open to the public. For more information regarding SCCNH, please visit [www.sccnh.org](http://www.sccnh.org)

## From the President

Greetings,

It's the first day of Spring 2012 and we've already enjoyed temperatures in the mid to upper 70's, folks are getting their motorcycles, convertibles and racecars out of storage, we've held two Wintercross events at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, a Go-Kart event in Haverhill, MA and it feels like the cold days of Winter are far behind us already – it really feels more like May!

That being said, we have nine and a half months of fun ahead of us and lots to do before we ring in another new year. First off, we have some members to thank for taking on some new roles in their lives... thanks to Erik Saunders and Dave Estey for taking over as SCCNH Autocross Co-Chairs for 2012, thanks to Rob Pellerin for taking on the role of SCCNH Executive Secretary, thanks to Howard Roundy for offering to serve as the Editor of the recently brought-back SCCNH monthly newsletter, the "Steering Wheel" and I'd like to give a special thanks to Terry Murphy IV who has taken on the

role of SCCNH Vice President this year – all are key roles in SCCNH and we very much appreciate the dedication and commitment of these members.

As I mentioned above, we have many events planned for the weeks and months ahead including eight Auto-X events & two Auto-X schools at NHMS, two Hillclimbs scheduled at Mt. Ascutney, the annual "Rumble" this Fall at NHMS plus the possibility of a Road Rally and of course, the always-fun and never boring SCCNH Awards Party in early December – what an exciting year!

Given that we have such a full schedule planned, I'd encourage everyone in the Club to "step out of the box" this year and try to help the Club in a capacity that you haven't been involved in before – if what you normally do is compete in Auto-X events, why not offer to work on a corner at one or both of the two Mt. Ascutney Hillclimb events or work in Tech at an Auto-X? If you normally compete in Hillclimb events, why not try an SCCNH Auto-X event at NHMS this year or maybe learn what it

takes to be "Control" at a Hillclimb? How about Co-Chairing an event or maybe helping with Registration, Timing or making lunches? Whatever you decide to do, you need to know that your efforts won't go unnoticed and they will be greatly appreciated by everyone! Why not make 2012 the year YOU try something different? In fact, let's make 2012 "The Year To Volunteer!"

In closing, I'd personally like to wish everyone a fun and safe season, regardless of what you do at events – whether you're a driver, a crew member or a volunteer – we couldn't do what we do without YOU! I'd also like to encourage everyone in the Club to join us at our monthly meetings... they take place the second Friday of every month at 7pm at the Windmill Restaurant located on Loudon Road in Concord, NH. Our next meeting is planned for Friday evening, April 13, 2012 – we hope YOU can join us!

Take care,

*Paul Giblin*

President

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## **Minutes — February 10, 2012 as approved March 9, 2012**

**Attendees:** Paul Giblin, Dave & Denise Patten, Charlie Parsons, Dan Francis. Terry Murphy IV, Terry Murphy III, Chris & Elija Barnes, Howard Roundy, Gary Brudrett, Dave Burden, Erik Saunders, Robert Pellerin, John Colony, Scott Beliveau & Dave Estey

**Location:** Windmill Restaurant – Concord, NH

February 10, 2012 SCCNH Monthly meeting brought to order by VP Terry Murphy IV at 7:07pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2012:**

Motion to accept      Howard Roundy  
Second:                      Charlie Parsons  
Unanimous Vote

#### **Membership Report – Dan Francis:**

As of February 10, 2012 we have 48 members  
Six new members joined SCCNH at the January 2012 Wintercross event at NHMS  
All membership cards have been mailed as of 2/10/12  
Paul Giblin will take care of getting two new “Life Member” cards made  
New SCCNH members this evening: Chris Barnes & family  
Motion to accept:      Erik Saunders  
Second:                      Denise Patten  
Unanimous Vote

#### **Treasurers Report – Paul Giblin reporting for George Young:**

Paul Giblin presented the February 2012 Treasurers Report for George Young who could not attend the meeting.  
Motion to accept:      Howard Roundy  
Second:                      Erik Saunders  
Unanimous Vote

#### **Corresponding Secretary Report – Charlie Parsons**

Nothing to report

#### **Sponsorship Report – Terry Murphy IV**

Terry Murphy's Court Street Auto has offered to sponsor two Autocross events – June & Sept.  
Terry is talking with four (4) other businesses at the present time about Autocross sponsorships

#### **Sponsorship Report – Terry Murphy IV (continued)**

We need the Tax ID paperwork completed ASAP – sponsors require the SCCNH Tax ID in order to make their payment  
Kinetic Motorworks of Hampstead, NH has offered to sponsor the 2012 SCCNH Autocross Series – details to follow. Value of sponsorship: \$2,125.00  
Paul Giblin offered to arrange a conference call in the near future to discuss SCCNH assets that could be included in SCCNH sponsorship proposals  
Motion to accept:      Erik Saunders  
Second:                      Charlie Parsons  
Unanimous Vote

#### **Publicity Report – Dave Estey**

Pushing next Wintercross event set for Feb. 19, 2012 using social media, SCCNH web site, E-mail, etc.



## Minutes — February 10, 2012 cont.

Motion to accept: Gary Brundrett  
 Second: Terry Murphy III  
 Unanimous Vote

### Autocross Report – Erik Saunders

Kinetic Motorsports is very excited about their involvement in the series  
 The first Wintercross event at NHMS went very well, we had 34 entries  
 The event started at 8am and finished at 3:30pm – 45 minute lunch break  
 Everyone had six (6) timed runs on the 50-second course  
 Terry Murphy IV received an E-mail from a parent asking if his two 16-year old kids  
 could race Go-Karts in SCCNH Autocross events  
 Terry suggested looking at the insurance – will speak with George Young

### Hillclimb Report – Paul Giblin reporting for Drew Young

Drew reported that the work for the Hillclimb headphones is proceeding as planned by  
 Walter Clark.  
 A discussion was had regarding the running of the “long course” at Mt. Ascutney. Af-  
 ter some discussion it was agreed that the Club would use the next 6-8 months to  
 look over the course and the equipment to see what would be required to run the  
 “long course” in 2013, to make sure we have the right equipment and to make  
 sure the road beyond the usual “Finish” line is acceptable to compete on - a report  
 would be presented in the Fall.  
 Paul Giblin reported on the 2012 NEHA Rules Meeting and Awards Banquet – Paul  
 mentioned that the Common Man Restaurant facilities in Claremont were out-  
 standing and suggested that SCCNH should consider using this same location for  
 the 2013 NEHA event since we are the “Host Club”. Terry Murphy IV has already  
 secured the contact info there – he and Paul will look into costs, etc. for the 2013  
 NEHA Rules Meeting and Awards Banquet and report back to the Club.

## NEW BUSINESS

### SCCNH / Checkered Flag Indoor Karting Event – Terry Murphy IV

Terry Murphy IV will be contacting the owners of the Checkered Flag Indoor Karting  
 facility in Haverhill, MA to ask about setting up an event with them on March 10<sup>th</sup>  
 or 11<sup>th</sup>. As part of their 2012 Autocross sponsorship, they requested we host an  
 SCCNH event at their facility.

### SCCNH / Checkered Flag Indoor Karting Event – Terry Murphy IV *(continued)*

Paul Giblin suggested we combine an event with a month Club meeting for a change  
 of pace. Terry IV will discuss this concept with the facility owners and report back  
 to Paul as to the feasibility of this.

Motion to accept: Paul Giblin  
 Second: Dave Estey  
 Unanimous Vote

### “Rainy Day Fund” Concept – Paul Giblin

Paul Giblin discussed creating a “Rainy Day Fund” that could be used in the future to  
 help SCCNH members in a time of need. The use of these funds would be deter-  
 mined by the SCCNH Board of Directors and voted on by the SCCNH member-  
 ship. It was discussed that \$1 dollar from every entry of every SCCNH event be  
 deposited into this fund as a way to support the growth of the “Rainy Day Fund”.  
 A separate account would need to be established to support this effort and track  
 the funds. Denise Patten suggested that the account have a limit of not more  
 than \$3,000.00.

Motion to accept: Dave Burden  
 Second: Gary Brundrett

## Minutes — February 10, 2012 cont.

Unanimous Vote

### Rebirth of the SCCNH Steering Wheel E-Newsletter – Paul Giblin

Paul Giblin suggested that the Club consider bringing back the SCCNH monthly Newsletter as an E-Newsletter. Some discussion took place and a suggestion was made by Howard Roundy that the Newsletter be housed on the SCCNH web site. If the members agreed with that thought, he would organize it if members agreed to submit articles. It was also agreed that articles would be submitted by the various "Chairs" to Howard and that he would assemble them into a Newsletter format. The deadline for submission of articles would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Reports from the President, Autocross, Hillclimb and more would be regular submissions although other articles would be accepted as well as photos.

### Unfilled SCCNH Positions – Terry Murphy IV

Terry Murphy IV discussed how we have two open Board positions at the present time – Points Keeper and Executive Secretary. SCCNH member Robert Pellerin stated that he may be interested in taking on the role of SCCNH Executive Secretary, while a suggestion was made by Dave Estey that event Chairman submit points from their events to Howard Roundy for the web site and that should take care of that position. The suggestion made by Dave Estey was appreciated and taken under advisement by the BoD for consideration.

### TSD (Time-Speed-Distance) Rally – Paul Giblin / Scott Beliveau

Paul Giblin introduced longtime SCCA TSD Rally & Rallycross organizer Scott Beliveau from Laconia, NH to the SCCNH membership to discuss the possibility of organizing a TSD Rally for the Club in 2012. Paul stated that he'd like the Club to host some sort of "Road Rally" in 2012 if for no other reason than to familiarize the current membership with another form of motorsports from the Club's history. Scott suggested various sorts of Road Rally events but suggested that a short, 3-4 hour "Gimmick Rally" be considered and the membership agreed.

### TSD (Time-Speed-Distance) Rally – Paul Giblin / Scott Beliveau *(continued)*

A possible start area may be NH Motor Speedway and a possible ending location could be the home of Terry Murphy III in Belmont, NH. Scott Beliveau offered to organize the event when and if the Club decided to move forward. Paul thanked Scott for taking the time to attend the meeting.

### Dartmouth College Bike Races – Charlie Parsons

Charlie Parsons mentioned that the organizer of the Bike Races from Dartmouth College contacted him about SCCNH providing the "Pace vehicles" again for the year's Criterium races in Hanover, NH. Charlie stated that two vehicles/drivers would be needed and he offered to provide one, while Dave Estey offered to provide the second. The event takes place on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

### Square Card Reader – Terry Murphy IV

Terry Murphy IV talked about a new way for SCCNH to accept credit cards at events called the "Square card Reader". He showed the group an example of the device that plugs into a smart phone – as long as there's cell service we can accept credit cards. There's no monthly service charge or fee, but there's a 2.25% fee when a credit card is scanned. The fee increases to 3.5% if the credit card is manually entered. Terry Murphy IV offered to work with George Young to sort out the bank account details and set-up.

Motion to accept: Paul Giblin

## Minutes — February 10, 2012 cont.

Second: Terry Murphy III  
Unanimous Vote

### MotorsportsReg.com – Howard Roundy

Howard Roundy discussed a web site to handle pre-event registration called MotorsportsReg.com. Howard feels that this system is better than what we've been using. Denise Patten stated that SCCA uses this for everything, including annual meetings, etc. The charge fees may be slightly more than what we're currently using (1 to 1.5%) but this system merges fees paid with registration info so we don't have to do this manually. After some discussion, the group agreed that it was the way to go.

Motion to accept: Dave Estey  
Second: Howard Roundy  
Unanimous Vote

### SCCNH Autocross Trailer Clean-Up – Terry Murphy IV

Terry Murphy IV offered to organize a clean-up day for the Club's Autocross trailer this Spring at Murphy Auto in Laconia, NH. A date for this event will be announced at the February 19, 2012 Wintercross event at NHMS.

### A motion to adjourn was made at 8:42pm

Motion to accept: Terry Murphy III  
Second: Dave Estey  
Unanimous Vote

## History—cont.

ing skills were stressed at a I I events. Events ranged from rallies to highly competitive speed events.

It wasn't unusual to have ten or more events scheduled during the year. Gymkhanas, autocrosses, concours, rallies and night rallies were popular, hill-climbs and ice races were included in a busy schedule. Time trials at Thompson Raceway in Connecticut and Bryar Motorsport Park, came later. Reading through

old Steering Wheels day. This rally included a names of events bring back memories.

Rallies were most popular, including such memorable ones as, The Twin State Tour in 1960, Bugs Bunny Rally in 1961, The March Hare in 1963, Over the Border Rally in 1963, and The Economy Run to the Sea Coast in the early 1970's. In 1972, some of us will remember The Twelve Hour Rally, starting at midnight and going until noon the next

day. This rally included a 186 mile tour including parts of Maine in the fog and for a few lost souls southern parts of Canada. There was a good turnout for the Rally for the Blind in 1973. One blind navigator arrived accompanied by her seeing eye dog. The lucky rally driver was assured that the German Shepherd was most friendly and didn't eat SCCNH members. In recent years, turkey and Halloween rallies have been popular and well attended.



**the German Shepherd was most friendly and didn't eat SCCNH members**





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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.*

As the membership was geographically diversified, meetings were held in all areas throughout the State. In addition to the elected president, vice president, executive secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, activities director, Steering Wheel editor, area representatives were elected at the annual December Meet-

ing. Areas included were Capitol, Gateway, Queen City, Seacoast, Lakes Region, White Mountains, Dartmouth/Sunapee, Cocheco, Monadnock, and Massachusetts. Many sports car enthusiasts from Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts also joined the Club in its heydays. The number of officers and area representatives appear to have remained the same from 1956 to 1959. In 1960, several additional

officers were added to the traditional ones elected each year. New positions/officers added were a first vice president, a second vice president, membership director and an advisor.

The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire was open to any person who was interested in automobiles and automobile activities. Safety and improvement of driv-

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