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## Car Guy Nirvana - Zippo Grand Prix @ Watkins Glen 9/8-10/06

- Written by: Joe Pilato

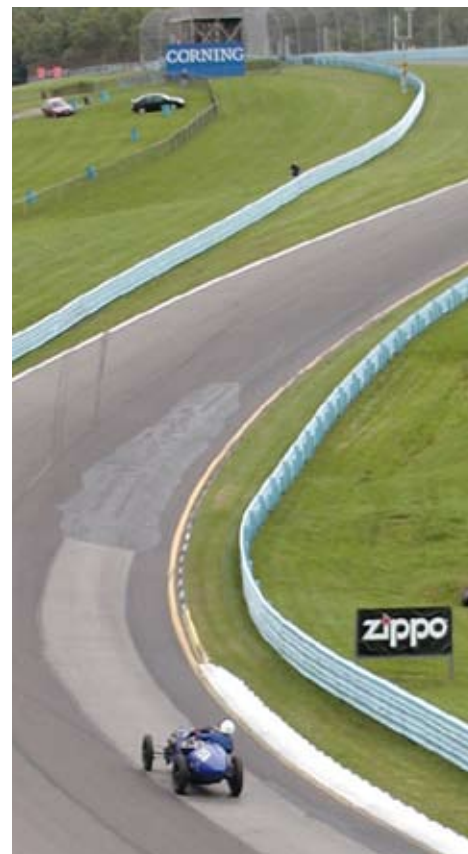
Love of cars is traditionally the domain of the male of our human species. It also happens that obligations to the female of our species often restrict the full expression of this enthusiasm. Occasionally, the seas part and wives or significant others grant a special dispensation from said obligations for their men-folk to fully experience their inner "car-guy." So, it was with a sense of freedom and euphoria that 4 males departed on the morning of Friday, September 8th for upstate New York. Destination: The legendary Watkins Glen International race track and the annual Zippo Vintage Grand Prix. With Porsche as the honored marque and races that featured Can-Am and Trans-Am cars on their 40th anniversary, it appeared to be a perfect weekend for the mentally unbalanced.

Your road warriors included 3 dyed-in-the-wool car enthusiasts who regularly Autocross (your truly, John Borden III, Brian Huen) and a slightly reluctant, but tolerant and good humored 13 year-old

(John Borden IV). Our 5 hour trip to the Finger Lakes area went by quickly and, once we checked into our hotel in Elmira, we headed to the track with much anticipation.

It had been over 20 years since I had been to "The Glen", and I had forgotten how dramatic the track was. The combination of extreme and gently rolling elevation changes with the backdrop of majestic Seneca Lake in the distance make Watkins Glen a near-spiritual environment.

As the middle-agers of the group, John III and I recounted for our spellbound companions our past Watkins Glen experiences. I, the final Grand Prix in 1980, when I tent camped on the circuit as Alan Jones won the world championship. John, his survival of the 1973 "Summer Jam" rock concert, which was held at the Glen and was significantly larger than 1969's much more famous Woodstock (John would later deny that



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### South Jersey is Hosting a Party!

Yes ... Another Party! Whoo hoo. This years Awards Banquet will be held on Jan, 27th p.10

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Monthly Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of each month at **Red, Hot & Blues** on Rt. 70 and Sayre Ave. (adjacent to the Holiday Inn). Meeting starts at 8pm, but come early for some good food and conversations!

Board of Directors (BoD) meetings are held on the first (1st) Wednesday of each month. Locations vary each month, so contact any of the above members of the Board to find out where the next meeting will be held.

# Events & Announcements

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## Thunderbolt Raceway Update:

As a result of an appeal made by Joe Volpe and others to contact Senator Lesniak, the Senate finance committee agreed to hear a bill regarding the State's involvement with the Raceway's development. Our own Asst. Regional Director along with Joe Volpe and approximately 50 others went to Trenton as personal support to the passing of this bill's hearing. Senator Asselta and Assemblyman, Jeff Van Drew presented the bill, explained the details, and answered questions from the committee members. After the hearing, and with no oppositional statements given, the committee voted unanimously in favor of the legislation. The next stop for the bill, is the Sanate floor, where it is expected to pass.

Joe Volpe writes, "Way to go, guys!!!! Thanks to everyone for contacting Senator Lesniak. He was overwhelmed by the across-the-board support on this project! He heard you loud and clear, and asked that you please stop flooding his computer with emails!"

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## NYSRRC Champions in S. Jersey

Meg Meyer writes: It is my pleasure to announce (wearing my NYSRRC Pointskeeper hat, here) that two drivers from SJR won their class in the New York State Road Racing Championship.

In Club Ford (CF), **JD King** took top honors, with 118 points. JD also finished the season with the 20th best points total. Congratulations, JD!

In ITC, **Meg Meyer** took the top spot with 168 points. Meg was 10th best in total points.

In the NYSSRC Enduro series, along with his co-driver(s), **David Teal** placed first in-class, in ITB

Full standings, etc can be found at <http://www.nysrrc.org>.

## Mid-Atlantic Rally:

SJR is proud to announce that the region's Rally Series will return in 2007. The series will consist of nine rallies with all events starting/finishing at JG Cook's in Pitman, NJ. All rallies will run on the second weekend of each month. The first rally is scheduled in February and the last in October.

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## RallyCross Enhancements:

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## Velocity-17 Indoor Karting

This may pale in comparison to the building of Thunderbolt, but how nice is it to know we will have more than one venue in NJ to enjoy motorsports activities. Velocity-17, is a new 100,000 sq. ft. indoor Karting arena being built in Maywood, NJ.

For **more info visit:** <http://v-17.com>

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## South Jersey's Message Board

No we're not forming yet another level of "infrastructure", but instead our website has become even more robust. Our "Master of all things Web", Meg Meyer, has created a new and improved message board.

This new message board not only has an area for Solo discussion, but also Road Racing, Rally, Regional News, Announcements, and Classifieds categories. Besides these chat areas, there is also a new Gallery feature that allows members to upload some of their favorite photos. This might not be a cure for the silly-season, but it's sure nice to have others to share it with. <http://www.sjr-scca.org/forums/ipb/index.php>

## Road Racing and PDX in 2007

### Meetings/Conventions

February 1-3 - National Convention, San Antonio, TX  
March 9-11 - NeDiv Roundtable, Buffalo, NY  
Nov. 3-4 (Daylight Savings) NeDiv Convention, Hartford, CT

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### Club Racing Schools

March 24-25 - DC Region @ Summit Point, WV  
April 20-21 - New England Region School @ NH Int'l  
April 20-22 - MVR @ Nelson Ledges, NY  
June 16-17 (Father's Day) - New England Reg. @ Lime Rock, CT  
Oct. 5-6 (Columbus) - Glen Region @ Watkins Glen, NY  
Oct. 27-28 - DC Region @ Summit Point, WV

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### Performance Driving eXperience

May 28 (Memorial) - New England Region @ NH Int'l  
June 3 - DC Region @ Summit Point, WV  
June 16-17 (Father's) - Tri-region @ Pocono  
... more may be added at a later date.

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### Regional Races

April 22 - New England Region @ NH Int'l  
April 28-29 - DC Region @ Summit Point, WV  
May 12-13 (Mother's) - NNJ @ Pocono (Enduro/Double)  
- Na & StCt @ Nelson Ledges, NY  
May 26-28 (Mem.) - New England Region @ NH Int'l  
June 1-2 - DC Region @ Summit Point, WV -12 hour  
June 9-10 - Finger Lakes Region @ Nelson, NY  
June 16-17 (Father's) - New England @ Lime Rock  
July 4 - New England Region @ Lime Rock, CT  
July 14-15 - New England Region @ NH Int'l  
July 28-29 - Glen Region @ Watkins Glen, NY  
August 11-12 - StCt @ BeaveRun, NY  
- DC Region @ Summit Point  
August 25-26 - New England @ NH Int'l (& Enduro)  
Sept. 1-3 (Labor) - DC Region @ Summit Point  
Sept. 8-9 - New England Region @ NH Int'l  
Sept. 15-16 - Finger Lakes R. @ Watkins Glen, NY  
Sept. 22-23 (Yom Kipper) - DC Region @ Summit  
Sept. 29-30 - New York Region @ LimeRock  
Oct. 6-8 (Columbus) - Glen Region @ Glen, NY  
Oct. 8-14 - SCCA "Runoffs", Heartland Park, Topeka  
Oct. 20-21 - MVR @ Nelson Ledges, NY (Double)  
Oct. 27-28 - Western NY @ Nelson Ledges, NY (Enduro)

# BoD Meeting - or - RallyCross Enhancements

- Written by: Erin Cechal  
- Photo by: Ryan Huber

TOPEKA, Kan. (Nov. 30, 2006) – Rally enthusiasts across the country will have the chance to compete in a point series as well as a National Championship event in 2007, with the formation of The RallyCross National Challenge Series and RallyCross National Championship.

“We’re looking to increase the profile of RallyCross in 2007,” said SCCA Vice President of Competition Programs Development Howard Duncan. “The new program attempts to harness local enthusiasm for the sport and place it on a national stage.”

The RallyCross National Challenge Series will divide the country into three interdivisional point championships. Northeast, Southeast and Great Lakes divisions will compose the Eastern States Championship; Central, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and Southwest divisions will make up the Central States Championship; Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific divisions will form the Western States Championship. Similar to the 2006 Tire Rack ProSolo series, drivers will earn points in the best two of the first three National Challenge events they enter, plus points earned in the National Championship Event.

In the tradition of SCCA Runoffs and The Tire Rack Solo Nationals, the RallyCross National Championship will be a “winner takes all” format, with a champion being crowned in each class. Drivers will also earn National Challenge Series

points in their respective divisions. Similar to Stage Rally format, preferential grid position will be given to Championship point leaders. The 2007 RallyCross National Championship will take place at Nebraska’s Motorsports Park Hastings (MPH) in late October, but SCCA officials envision the event rotating venues annually.

“I’m looking forward to 2007 as a year that brings regional and divisional programs together,” SCCA Rally Manager Pego Mack said. “The creation of the RallyCross National Challenge




aggressive program, and I believe we’ve delivered that.”

RallyCross is a form of motorsport held on an unpaved, mostly flat course marked by cones. Turns and maneuvers are connected by short straights that emphasize the driver’s car control skill, as well as car handling and agility, rather than speed or power. Drivers get several runs on the course and the times are combined to determine a final score.

For more information on RallyCross, visit [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com) and click “Rally” on the left-side menu.

The RallyCross  
Nat’l Championship  
will return to  
Hastings with a  
fresh look in 2007

Series and National Championship is a direct result of input from RallyCross competitors who wanted a more



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# Northeast Division Convention - Recap.

- Written by: Meyer & Hess

- Photos by: Mike Feno

The Northeast Division Convention (Mini-Con) was a success. Despite the unanticipated number (30+) unannounced on-site registrations, the Clarion staff took extremely great care in providing the extra table-space and food, with little panic, and good humor.



The seminars were varied, interesting, and well-attended. One seminar in particular worth mentioning was the Aerobatics seminar conducted by, SJR

member & aerobatic pilot, **Mark Mattioli**. The seminar was professional and polished, providing both entertainment and valid information to the auto racing attendees. As well as some of the more technical aspects Mark presented his audience with helmet-camera video segment of a "typical" aerobatic flight. There are many similarities between the sport of competitive aerobatic flight, and racing, more specifically, autocross, especially when comparing "pilot's" preparation techniques.

The on-line registration process was a little confusing for some of the folks not familiar with the [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com) site. However, NESCCA online registration guru, Stephen Fondakowski whipped up a simple, yet effective, on-line registration form that seemed to satisfy those more familiar with the [www.nescca.org](http://www.nescca.org) website. Data from both websites along with the mail-in info. were combined. Finally Meg Meyer, John Borden and Jim Wakemen all helped to create a comprehensive database for on-site registration.

The event was a success primarily because of the large amount of contributors and volunteers. Here is a non-comprehensive list of some of the help we received and in no particular order.

Art-Z Graphics - designed and printed the program

NoCones.com - magnetic numbers

M&R Products - brought tie-downs, belts and nets to display

Meguiars - (literally) a pallet-load of car care products

Danzeisen & Quigley - Ski/Sports shop

The Glen Region, SCCA - financial contribution

Speed Secrets of "The Glen" - (Ed Zebrowski) DVD

Grassroots Motorsports - shirts, stickers, subscriptions

Dave Gran for providing his book, "Go Ahead - Take the Wheel" to distribute for a reduced cost and for the extra raffled books to the club racing workers

Thunderbolt Raceway - NJ Motorsports Park info.

Laps to Conquer MS

Velocity 17 - karting ... giving our activities director an inside look at the upcoming facility



SCCA President, **Jim Julow** - for enduring one hell-of-a flight, enduring the seemingly endless issues with an un-prepared hotel room ... and of course being

our featured key-note speaker at the banquet.

Amiee Thoenes - Coordinator for Jim Julow  
Jill Canuso - M&R Products contact, and producer of the Salon Posters

Brian Heun - our MC for the banquet and general helper

Jack Oliver - organizer and chauffeur for Mr. Julow

Matt Wojtkowiak, Sr. - registration and general helper

Michael Allenbaugh - registration, general helper, A/V help

Sue King - started the ball rolling, huge contributor

J.D. King - also original POC with Clarion, gathered most of the raffle prizes, and NJ Motorsports Park representative

John Borden - treasurer, registration

Meg Meyer - primary registration person, helpful organizer, and button designer and maker.

Bob Childress - registration, and general helper

Lorraine Nogle - registration, and general helper

Jim Wakemen - database help, registration, A/V help

Jim Tornetta - general helper, awesome Ferrari!

David Hess - master organizer (and great Prince impersonation!)

Jim Tretick - Dave's step-father, for offering his undirected assistance, moral support, and experience with convention planning

Nancy Tretick - Offering to stay the weekend to help with the kiddies

Gayle Hess - understanding, pregnant wife

Last and certainly not least - every one of the seminar speakers!

There are others who Dave spoke to that offered verbal encouragement, "... no matter what people say (complain about), don't take it to heart ..." was one of a few encouragements offered. This was Mr. Hess's first large activity-related project with the SCCA, and one that has given him an opportunity to learn, grow and appreciate the many volunteers within the entire SCCA. The phrase, "volunteers aren't paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless", rings even more true.

I am sure even as Meg and I have combined our efforts to remember all those who helped that we have forgotten some. Please don't think your help was not appreciated!

Finally the South Jersey Region may be one of the smaller regions in the Northeast, however the percentage of volunteers who came out to support the convention, and the appearance of the materials provided, made our region look much larger than we actually are. Perhaps it is because our region is smaller that we also appear to be more than just a club. In fact we are a close-knit, racing family.

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# Autocross - 2006 Season Competition

- Broken-down by: David Hess



New and seasoned autocrossers alike enjoyed and competed in South Jersey Region's 2006 autocross season.

This year competitors saw two different lots. Atco Raceway's paddock area, which had been our only lot available for approximately three seasons now, and a new lot at Camden County College's (CCC) Blackwood Campus. The two areas proved a new challenge to those who typically autocross only in-region. The new lot at CCC is a bit larger and offers a much more creative pallet for our local course design guru, Andre Downey, to create a cone-lined master piece.

This season brought about typical in-class competition. The most notable was in three classes, E-Stock, Street Touring X, and Street Modified.

In E-Stock, **Gideon Lenkey** (#16 pictured below) and **Brian Heun** (#42 pictured: below) were neck and neck



throughout the entire season each piloting Mazda Miatas. Brian took an early lead gaining two first-place finishes in the first three events. Whereas Gideon did not hit full stride until until event #4, placing first, four times in the following six events. In total, Brian was a mere three points behind with a total of 72 pts. Once the two events were dropped, Gideon still held the lead with a total of 64 points to Brian's 60.



The second, in-class, race was decided by another close margin of victory. Three points separated **Jeff Craven** (pictured: left) from **Andre Downey** (pictured: below-right) in the Street Touring X class. Both weilding Subaru metal (and plastic), Jeff won each time he showed up to play, however it was Andre who came out on top, simply because he competed in more events. Sometimes it's not mere skill, but pure persistence, that counts. **John**



**Robertson** also made a good showing in his first full season with SJR, placing first in one event and second in another event this season. Also look for this year's D-Stock champ, **Michael Allenbaugh**, to join the STX fun in '07.

The last class to see close competition throughout the year was the Street Modified class. Unlike the last two classes reviewed, two different types of automobiles were brought to the fight. Though **Jay VanSciver's** Honda Civic (pictured top-right #6sm), might seem like a knife in a gun-fight, Jay made a great showing competing against **Stephen Dorrick's**, gun (#77sm), a Mitsubishi Evolution. Stephen was able to best Jay at each of the six events he attended [Events 1,3,4,5,7,9], placing first five of the six times. During event



#7, however, a "knife" did take home top honors when **Brian Karwan** won Street-Mod that day with his 94 Civic. This day Brian proved his supreme driving skill by also posting Fastest Time of the Day & 1st in PAX.

PAX Results: Newer to the sport, Michael Allenbaugh, placed first for the season in the PAX standings with a total of 46 (after 2-event drop). Jeff Craven and Andre Downey, both STX drivers, placed second and third for the season. **Scott Boito** (STS) took fourth and Gedeon Lenkey (ES) rounded out the top five PAX place holders for the season.

Most likely drivers in the 2007 Solo season will see much more of the Blackwood Campus. This new Solo area comes at a very opportune time in the Region's history as it seems Atco's parking lot will soon be diminishing in size. New grand-stands will be built at Atco Raceway, taking up more precious autocross space. Construction details are sketchy and proposed size reduction seems to make this lot quite a bit less functional. Not just from an on-course perspective, but also from a logistics, car-flow management, standpoint. The 2007 season will most likely be run exclusively at Camden County College. **With this new venue EMT's are desparately need!**

# Autocross - 2006 Season Results

- Compiled by: Valerie Heun

Pos. #	Driver	Car Model	Total	W/Drops	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9
‘A Stock’													
1	51	Jim Tornetta	94 Corvette	54	54	10	10	8	6	8	6	6	
2	13	David Heinig	06 Evo MR	44	44				8	10	8	8	10
‘B Stock’													
1	16	Chris Goldhill	89 9442	49	49	10	5	8	10	6	10		
‘C Stock’													
1	1	Jack Oliver	00 MR2 S	76	68		8	8	10	10	10	10	10
2	28	Frank Graziano	00 Miata	54	54	10	10	10	8		8	8	
3	128	Kimberly Graziano	00 Miata	38	38	8	6	6	6		6	6	
‘D Stock’													
1	68	Michael Allenbaugh	03 WRX	88	70	10	8	10	10	10	10	10	10
2	49	John Eken	04 SRT 4	50	50	8	6			8	8	8	6
‘E Stock’													
1	16	Gideon Lenkey	94 Miata	75	64	5	8	8	10	10	8	6	10
2	42	Brian Heun	95 Miata	72	60	8	10	10	8	8	6	8	6
3	142	Valerie Heun	95 Miata	50	40	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	5
‘G Stock’													
1	202	Rogers Simon	06 Civic Si	66	66	10	8	10			10	8	10
‘B Street Prepared’													
1	10	Chad Odell	03 350Z T	50	50	10	10	10	10				10
Pos. #	Driver	Car Model	Total	W/Drops	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9
‘C Street Prepared’													
1	31	John Borden	99 Miata	58	54	10	5	5	10	4	8	10	6
2	12	Ryan Broderick	92 Miata	40	40	5		4		5		8	10
3	161	Matt Wojkowiak Jr	1980 RX7	34	34	4	6	6		8	10		
‘D Street Prepared’													
1	11	Jiovanni Paras	03 Mazda 6	50	50	10	10	10	10	10			
‘E Prepared’													
1	6	Matt Tornetta	1990 Yugo	32	32	6	10	6					10
‘Street Touring (Tire)’													
1	606	Scott Boito	85 Impreza	60	60		10	10	10	10	10		10
2	11	Ian Cameron	03 Protege 5	53	45	6	5	4	6	4	6	8	6
‘Street Touring 2 (Tire)’													
1	13	Barry Hall	90 Miata	46	46					6	10	10	10
‘Street Touring X’													
1	43	Andre Downey	02 WRX	53	53	10	3		8	8	8		8
2	81	Jeff Craven	04 WRX	50	50		10		10	10			10
3	88	John Robertson	04 WRX wgn	39	39		4	8	5		6	10	6
‘Street Touring Ultra’													
1	922	Douglas Riordan	05 RX8	84	70	10	10	10	10	8	6	10	10
2	99	Adam Wittenberger	06 Mitsu Evo	39	39		5	8	8	10		8	
‘Street Modified’													
1	77	Stephen Dorrick	03 Mitsu Evo	56	56	10		10	10	10		6	10
2	6	Jay VanSciver	95 Civic	59	54	8	8	6	8	6		5	10
3	666	Dan Gabriele	95 Civic	37	37		5	5	5	4	8	10	

# Car Guy Nirvana @ Watkins Glen (continued from p.1)

- Written by: Joe Pilato



an internet photo of an individual selling “acid” at the event was him). 34 year-old Brian nodded politely during these reminiscences, while the less diplomatic John IV simply stated that his dad and I were “old”

As we began to walk the infield areas to check out the various vantage points (there are no bad ones!), we were bowled over by the selection of memorable sports cars from the past. The amount of vintage iron casually sprawled over the parking areas was astonishing: MGA's, MGB's, TR-3s, 4's 4A's, 6's, Spitfire's, GT-6's, XK120's, 140's, 150's, XKE's, Austin Healeys 100's, 300's, Porsche 356's, early 911's, Mini's, Ford Cortina's, Aston Martin DB-4's as well as a number of vintage Corvettes, Mustangs and Camaros. Please note, dear reader, that I am leaving out many examples due to a faulty memory. Suffice it to say that if you decide to attend the Zippo Grand Prix in the future, there will be a vehicle to pluck the strings of your nostalgia.

As our sublime Friday began to drift into the late afternoon and with the mountain echoes of the brutal Can-Am V-8's in our heads, we made the trek down to the Village of Watkins Glen for the huge street festival and race reenactment. We followed the race cars, which were receiving a police escort down the

mountain and into the town where they would be on display along with countless vintage and collectible street machines. For about 2 hours we immersed ourselves in and absorbed the spirit of Watkins Glen, which is absolutely dedicated to its history of Auto Racing. The pride and reverence shown to racing cars and history would likely leave the uninitiated wondering if they had landed on another planet. A year-round planning committee and 150 volunteers transform the town into a vintage sports car and road racing Mecca. An extensive “Walk of Fame” features 57 granite monuments to auto racing greats. The honored guest this year was Derek Bell famous for his exploits at Lemans with the Porsche 956, among others.

Just as at the track, the “official” activities were only half the show. Every parking lot and side street was worth exploring as enthusiast vehicles, new and old, jammed parking spaces that on any other day would contain Chevrolet Impalas or Toyota Camrys. Ferraris, Vipers, Cobras, Caymans, GT-3's, Jensen Healeys, MG-TCs, Ford GTs, Z06s etc., etc, etc: You name it...they were sitting around everywhere. We were beyond overwhelmed.

Around 6:00pm the call came to clear the streets. The vintage racers were preparing to take to the 6.6 mile grand prix circuit, which runs through the town and up the mountain. The course is the same layout that was used from 1948 until 1952.

When the flag dropped, the entire vintage contingent, from pre-war cars up through the 1970's Trans-Am cars began to surge through the town and toward the first right hand turn up the mountain. Unfortunately a female passenger fell from one of the pre-war cars just after the first turn and the event was stalled for 45 minutes. Thankfully, she was not hurt seriously.

As we waited for the event to continue, I became fixated on the nearby “Mr. Chicken” restaurant sign. Whether I was hungry or just thinking about my disposition going into turn one at Summit Point, I'm not sure. Although we didn't wind up eating there, John was kind enough to take the picture of the sign that appears in this article. It should be considered a major landmark on any trip through the town of Watkins Glen.

Throughout the weekend, the racing was better than expected. Vintage cars





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(especially the Formula 1 and Can-Am cars) are high value items. Rather than the “take no chances” speeds I expected, most races were nose to tail. Brakes were being locked up and the rich guys were getting loose despite all manner of suspension tuning by their hired “engineers.” We checked out almost every possible viewing location and finally settled in the “Boot.” There was great braking action on the straight before the uphill exit from the boot and we saw many drivers smoke their fronts into that turn. A short walk to the opposite end of the boot allowed us a perfect view of the steepest downhill turn on the track (a left). Even as a spectator, you could sense the lateral force. To my inexperienced eye, it looked like the point on the track where I would be thinking about the “Mr. Chicken” sign.

Other than musing about the racing, there was much speculation about the location of the infamous “Bog”, where in October of 1974, a group of lawless

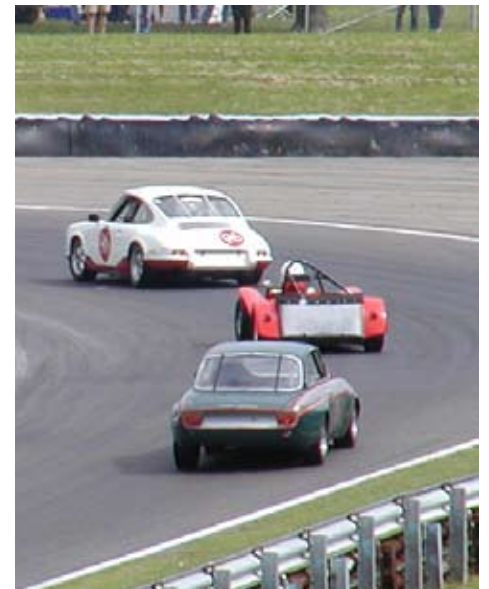
ruffians (much like John III in those days) overturned a Greyhound bus and burned it to a cinder. We later discovered the location and learned it is now green and pristine, like the rest of the track....certainly not as sinister as mud and fire.

As if thoughts of real and mythical Bog violence weren't disturbing enough, the four of us had a real scare when we turned and saw what appeared to be the book burning police from Fahrenheit 451 racing towards us. After several anxious moments that had us clutching our Zippo Grand Prix programs in defiance, we realized that the heavily protected and uniformed officials were part of the tracks emergency services crew. It was a very unsettling moment that we will not soon forget.

After Saturday's action, John sought out and luckily found the Glen Motor Inn, one of the top racer hang-outs in town. Located on the banks of Seneca Lake, we were treated to a stunning view from our table in the bar. Sitting there with our beers (none for John IV) we were reminded, once again, that Watkins Glen is a wonderful alternate reality. Most bars in the world as we know it are filled with pictures of baseball, football and basketball heroes. The bar at the Glen Motor Inn (and the check in area as well) is filled with autographed pictures of past road racing and Formula 1 champions. Most bars are showing

major league baseball. The Glen bar shows Speed TV. It was another little slice of heaven on top the pie we had already eaten.

The trip home Sunday evening had us all in a content mood as we continued to marvel at how the track, the event and the town exceeded our expectations. There was one competitive moment, when we stopped at a Burger King for an in-transit dinner and Brian dared me



to “meet the challenge” of ordering and eating a “Quad-Stacker” (4 patties of beef, 4 slices of cheese, 8 bacon strips, sauce, 1,000 calories). Despite the extreme pressure applied by Brian, I offered that a man of 47 can not eat like a man of 34 and expect to live very long. I went with the “Triple-Stacker.”

Being a car and racing enthusiast is a specialty interest and not everyone understands it. The people and the town of Watkins Glen do understand. If you are of like mind, the Zippo Grand Prix is a very satisfying indulgence.



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**Dodge Durango**, Pearl Green. 5.9L V8, loaded, tan leather, 8-speaker sound system/CD, 4wd, tow capacity 8,000lbs., clean, new flr mats, 3rd row seat, 8 passengers. 117k, known issues, A/C system won't hold charge, right/rear window works intermittently. Listed online for \$6295, but for SCCA folks asking \$5,995. Contact Mike @ mrallenbaugh@comcast.net or (856) 906-3116. (12/06)

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**1973 Porsche 914**, with good running 1.7. No FI, has center mount webber progressive. Runs and drives well, currently stripped down to bare metal, preparing for paint... no hidden rust... Many parts also available. Car only, \$1,200. Car and all parts, \$1,700. Will consider trade for 6x10-12' enclosed trailer. Pics and more info: [www.misfittoysracing.com/914/index.htm](http://www.misfittoysracing.com/914/index.htm) Contact Jim @ jim@misfittoysracing.com (12/06)

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