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# N.Y.S.S.C.A.

Official Newsletter of The New York State Stock Car Assn.

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## Next Meeting:

## Election of Officers

December 14 7pm

Klamsteam Tavern and Marina

32 Clamsteam Road, Clifton Park, NY

## A letter from the NYSSCA Vice President

I would like to congratulate all the race teams, race tracks and NYSSCA members on a very exciting and entertaining 2010 season. While most of you can start to relax and enjoy the off season, we here at NYSSCA are just getting our "racing season" underway.

Starting with our Inaugural Bowling Tournament Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Bob James (Bobco) and Ron Szczerba are hard at work getting this event to be another fun day for NYSSCA.

We are diligently working on the 2011 yearbook; selling the advertising, getting the "Year in Review" stories from the tracks along with the many photos which make the yearbook so popular. The deadline to get everything to the printer is Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you, or you know of someone who would like to place an ad in the 2011 Yearbook please contact me at 518-894-0197.

Tuesday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> is the next NYSSCA meeting which is also Election Night . We encourage all members to attend the meeting and vote.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual NYSSCA Awards Banquet is Saturday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dan Wood, who did a tremendous job last year thankfully is handling the banquet again for 2011. The following day, Sunday Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> is the NYSSCA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Saratoga Auto Museum. Thank you to Ron Hedger and the Hall of Fame committee for coming up with this years inductees.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NYSSCA Nationals will take place at Checkers Out Speedway in Johnstown, NY on Saturday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Clem Dabiere, who has done a great job the last 2 years with this fund raiser is already working on making this years event bigger and better.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual NYSSCA Golf Outing will take place in May on either the 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. Details on this event will be in February newsletter.

All these events would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the volunteers, sponsors and event hosts that I truly can't thank enough for all they've done to help promote this organization and the sport of auto racing. In closing, as we near the Holiday Season and we spend time with our family and friends, please take a moment to think about all of our service personnel, veterans and their families, especially to those that have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy all the freedoms of this great country that they fight for us to have everyday. They are the true heroes and role models of this country.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming NYSSCA events. If you can help in anyway with the events listed above please contact me at the phone number above. We always can use more help.

Sincerely,  
Mark Krosky VP



## DIVERSE GROUP ELECTED TO NYSSCA HALL OF FAME

By Ron Hedger

Saratoga, NY -- The Hall of Fame committee of the New York State Stock Car Association has voted a diverse and talented group of racers into the Hall, with induction set for the weekend of January 22 and 23 in Albany and Saratoga Springs, NY.

The new Hall of Fame members include retired drivers Dickie Larkin and Jack Cottrell, long-time car owner and sponsor Paul Emerick and the husband and wife officiating and track management team of Marty and Hertha Beberwyk.

Larkin's name is generally associated with the Lebanon Valley Speedway, where he stands fifth on the all-time modified win list with 35 and claimed the 1990 and '94 track championships. Larkin was also very successful in the Valley's small block division, notching 29 wins to rank fifth on that list, making him the only driver in the top five for both divisions. He also has the distinction of being the only driver to claim big block and small block features on the same night in four different decades, notching doubleheader wins in 1976, '81, '91 and 2001.

The Massachusetts resident was also very successful on the road, claiming numerous small block wins with his famed "Yellow Bird" Falcon bodied #39 early in his career and winning the 1982 State Fair championship on the Syracuse mile, where he was the first driver to break the 30 second barrier. He also has the distinction of claiming five wins in the prestigious Race of Kings at Lebanon Valley.

Cottrell was successful at Lebanon Valley and Fonda with his big block car and on the CVRA big and small block circuits but he will also be the answer to a popular racing trivia question forever. The question, of course, is "Who won the first DIRT asphalt modified series event, run at Canada's Cayuga Speedway, in 1988?"

But well before that triumph, Cottrell had an outstanding record in the Late Model class, claiming three Albany-Saratoga Speedway championships along with 11 wins and a track title at the Fonda Speedway, where he was also

the 1999 358 modified champion. He then became a modified winner at all three Capital District speedways, with many of his wins coming in "big" races, including a Big Block/Small Block Challenge at Albany-Saratoga, the Super Shootout at the Devils Bowl Speedway and the Cayuga DIRT classic.

Cottrell's "box score" shows three Fonda modified wins, five at Albany-Saratoga and eight at Lebanon Valley, where he lost the 1991 title to Kenny Tremont Jr by the slimmest of margins. Like Larkin, he was always a crowd favorite.

Emericks career began as the owner of Johnny Neet's Street Stock at Albany-Saratoga in 1970 but he soon achieved prominence as the owner and sponsor of the NASCAR asphalt modified wheeled by popular Canadian Denny Giroux. They won at Albany-Saratoga, the Devil's Bowl, where they claimed the 1971 title, and Stafford Springs, including the Connecticut Speedways annual 200-lap classic while competing at all the NASCAR venues from New York to Virginia before Giroux suffered career-ending injuries.

Emerick then became involved with Jack Cottrell for many years before moving his sponsorship to the team of Kenny Tremont Jr. Together they won some 52 big block races, including the Eckerd 200 at Syracuse, a pair of 200's at Rolling Wheels, the McDonald's National 200 at Fonda, a Volusia County Speedweeks event in Florida, the 1999 Super DIRT Series big block championship and three titles at Lebanon Valley, where they swept the Lebanon Valley 200 and the Mr. Dirt Track USA events in 1998 and '99. Emerick also sponsored a number of other drivers through this period, among them Jack Johnson, Johnny Flach and Don Ronca.

The Beberwyks have been involved with auto racing for over 50 years, starting with Marty's driving at Lebanon Valley and the Pine Bowl Speedway at age 17. He then turned to the officiating side, lining up cars at Lebanon Valley before moving to the position of backstretch flagger and then replacing Teddy Ryan as starter when he retired after the 1971 season. Marty worked for the CVRA at Albany-Saratoga, was the starter at Super DIRT Week when it first began and flagged at Rolling Wheels as well until becoming chief steward at Lebanon Valley.

Beberwyk was chief steward at both Lebanon Valley and Syracuse before moving to the Fonda Speedway as General Manager when Ric Lucia assumed the promotional duties at the venerable fairgrounds speedway some 14 years ago.

Hertha also became a big part of auto racing in the region after starting at Lebanon Valley writing race reports for promoter Howie Commander. She soon became a full-time employee, handling the office, sponsorship programs, victory lane ceremonies, media relations and all the unseen activities that make weekly speedways successful. When she retired from Lebanon Valley, Hertha's designated title was General Manager but she was known and respected as much for her caring for her drivers and racing people in general as for her official duties.

Winner of the Gater Racing News Women in Racing award in 2002, Hertha continues to be involved by "manning" the pit booth weekly at Fonda and greeting her countless friends with a smile as they sign in.

The new Hall of Fame members will be officially inducted at the NYSSCA awards banquet at the Polish Community Center in Albany on Saturday, January 22 with the traditional "meet the fans" event set for 11 am the following morning at the Saratoga Automobile Museum.

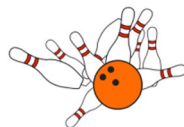
The museum's Racing in New York gallery is the home of NYSSCA's permanent Hall of Fame exhibit and the event will feature remarks by the four presenters and new Hall of Fame members along with a question and answer session involving the audience.

The Polish Community center is located on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany while the Saratoga Automobile Museum is on the Avenue of the Pines in the Saratoga Spa State Park, just off Exit 13N of the Adirondack Northway.

# NYSSCA Bowling Tournament!

Sunday December 5th at Boulevard Bowl  
1315 Erie Boulevard Schenectady NY 12305

Doubles, 9 pin "no tap", Rock ~N~ Bowl!  
\$10.00 per person - Includes shoes !!  
Sign in starts at 1pm!



Come have fun and help support the New York State Stock Car Association!

## ~ BOWLING TOURNAMENT NOTES~

Singles welcome! We will pair you up with a partner at Registration.

Bowlers are eligible for all Rock~N~Bowl prizes!

Winners will receive trophies and tickets to the upcoming NYSSCA banquet!

If you have any questions, contact Bob James at (518) 399-0937.

*Hope to see you there!*

**NYSSCA**  
**DINNER RESERVATION FORM**  
**42nd ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**  
**JANUARY 22nd, 2011**

**Polish Community Center – Washington Ave. Ext. Albany**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (AREA CODE): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a seating preference, please indicate below the party with whom you wish to be seated.  
 (Driver/Car#/Division) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE DINNER CHOICES BELOW (TICKETS ARE \$40.00 PER PERSON)**

DINNER CHOICE	NUMBER OF TICKETS
Prime Rib	
Stuffed Chicken	
Broiled Haddock	
Vegetable Lasagna	

**Cocktail Hour – 4:00pm to 5:00pm**  
**Hall of Fame Induction – 5:30pm**  
**Dinner Served Immediately After Hall of Fame Program**  
**Awards will be presented following dinner**

For our out of town guests, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel at 1228 Western Avenue, Albany. If you'd like to reserve a room please contact them directly at 518-489-2981. Please ask for the **NYS STOCK CAR ASSOCIATION (NYSSCA) BLOCK**. Rates are \$82 (plus tax) and include a full breakfast. ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY **January 7, 2011** TO RECEIVE THIS RATE. (Please note: **There is no Flexibility with Room reservation deadline**)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DINNER CHOICES AND CHECK

***NO LATER THAN JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>***

***Seating is Limited***

ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO **NYSSCA** AND RETURNED TO:

**Dan Wood**  
**14 Andrewsville Court**  
**Watervliet, NY 12189**

TICKETS WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY BACK TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF THIS FORM  
 THERE WILL BE A **\$35.00** FEE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

Should you have any questions, please contact Dan Wood after 5pm at (518) 858-6041.

## 2010 SAFETY AWARD NIGHT WINNERS

Congratulations to all the NYSSCA members who received awards with the NYSSCA Safety Night program. \$75 was awarded to the highest finishing NYSSCA member in each of the feature events in all divisions and \$25 to the second highest finishing member. The winning drivers also received a NYSSCA hat and yearbook.

### Albany Saratoga Speedway

Colin Clow, Dan Older (Bomber Warriors)  
Don Ronca, Matt Depew (Modifieds)  
Scott Duell, Sheldon Martin (ProStocks)  
Jonathan Miller, Mike Ostrander (Renegades)  
Scott Deull, Jim Swinton (Sportsman)  
Wild Card - Mike Bruno

### Devils Bowl Speedway

Kenny Tremont, Jr., Marc Johnson (Modifieds)  
Hunter Bates, Joey Trudeau (Sportsman)  
Jon Miller, Chris Murray (Renegades)  
Chad Brown, Justin Lilly (Bomber Warriors)  
Garrett Givin, Erika Lilly (Duke Stocks)  
Wild Card - Nathan Woodworth

### Fonda Speedway

Jim Davis, Dave Lape (Modifieds)  
David Towns, Mark Mortensen (Sportsman)  
John McAuliffe, Adam McAuliffe (Ltd. Sportsman)  
Roy Fifield, Pete Broderson (Pro Stocks)  
Kevin Buff, Matt Shadic (UMP Modifieds)  
Rob VanAernam, Cassidy Wilson (Street Stocks)  
Wild Card: Danny Ody

### Super DIRT Week

Bonnie Mortensen-Szczerba,  
Secretary/Track Rep for Fonda  
Speedway, and Christine Krosky,  
Track Rep for Glen Ridge Motorsports  
Park awarded the first  
NYSSCA member crossing the  
finish line \$100 as follows:

Modifieds: Stewart Friesen  
358 Modified: Ronnie Johnson  
Sportsman: John McAuliffe  
ProStocks: Rocky Warner

### Glen Ridge Motorsports Park

JaMike Sowle, Erik Nelson (Modifieds)  
Derrick McGrew, Bodie Bellinger (Sportsman)  
Justin Forsthoffer, Duke McSpirit (Rookie Sportsman)  
Walt Brownell, Chip Smith (Pro Stocks)  
Dave Pope, Justin Knight (Street Stocks)  
Ken Hollenbeck, Pat McSpirit - 4 cylinder Cruiser A  
Kerrie Hollenbeck, Mace Phillips - 6 cylinder  
Laurie Fallis, Mike Close - 4 Cylinder Cruiser B  
Wild Card: Kurtis Hohensheldt

### Lebanon Valley Speedway

Andy Bachetti, Brett Hearn (358 Modifieds Sunday)  
Mike King, Marc Flach (358 Modifieds)  
Bobby Hackel IV, Tim Hartman Jr. (Budget Sportsman)  
Cale Kneer, Chuck Towslee (ProStocks)  
Jeff Meltz, (Pure Stocks #1)  
Phil Wood, Ray Haul Sr (Pure Stocks #3)  
Wild Card: Andy Bachetti

### Utica Rome Speedway

Pete Taylor, Willy Decker (Modifieds)  
Steve Way, Matt Janczuk (Sportsman)  
Shawn Frost, Rocky Warner (ProStocks)  
Frank Hyatt, Chris Cunningham (Pure Stocks)  
Wild Card: Ronnie Johnson

## CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale - 2004 Bicknell blacktop car - roller \$5500 obo  
2002 Teo complete less motor \$4500 obo  
Contact Marc Johnson (518) 376-3723

**Bobco Video** - Bobco Video is your source for all the action from Albany Saratoga, Devil's Bowl, Fonda, and Glen Ridge Speedways.

Videos are GREAT holiday gifts for any race fan on your list!  
Call (518) 399-0937



**KLAMSTEAM TAVERN**  
**AND MARINA**  
*Come as Strangers, Leave as Friends.*

Our meetings are now being held at the Klamsteam Tavern and Marina!

Kelly and Shawn Brimhall welcome NYSSCA to their establishment and ask that you visit their website at [www.klamsteamtavern.com](http://www.klamsteamtavern.com) for directions. Make sure you check out their "Deals" page for coupons that you can use during your visit for a bite to eat before the meeting. See you there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 5	1 pm	Boulevard Bowl	Bowling Tournament	Page 3
Dec. 14	7 pm	KlamSteam Tavern	Election of Officers	
Jan. 11	7 pm	KlamSteam Tavern	Regular Meeting	
Jan. 22	4 pm	Polish Comm. Center	Awards Banquet	Page 4
Jan. 23	11am	Saratoga Auto Museum	Hall of Fame	Page 3
Feb. 8	7 pm	KlamSteam Tavern	Regular Meeting	
Feb. 26	11am	Checkers Out Speedway	NYSSCA Nationals	
Mar. 8	7 pm	KlamSteam Tavern	Regular Meeting	
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It's time to renew memberships! You must be a member in order to be eligible for the Benefit Fund. As a reminder, our membership is comprised of drivers, car owners, crew members, fans, track officials, and media personnel.

If you know of someone who is not a member, please share this with them.



## Application for Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Car Owner (if other than driver) \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_ Car No. \_\_\_\_\_

Tracks where you race \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Driver \_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_ Crew \_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_ Press \_\_\_ Official \_\_\_ Fan \_\_\_

**Membership Application accepted only with payment of \$25.00**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**16 & under (consent of parent or guardian)**

**Mail to: New York State Stock Car Association  
P.O. Box 1136  
Clifton Park, NY 12065**