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WANTED Bumper Jack (new or used) for use on my Detroit Iron. Mine has been (mis)appropriated by someone and is now among the missing. Will pay reasonable price. Contact Ken Gypson 37 N.Y. State Rd., Rensselaer, N.Y.

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December, 1955

Mohawk-Hudson Region

1958 Officers

Regional Executive: Mac McClumpha
54 Adams Place, Delmar, New York

Assistant Regional Executive: Ken Gypson
37 N.Y. State Rd., Rensselaer, N.Y.

Secretary: William Buchanan
Box 200, Taber Rd., Berne, New York

Treasurer: Al Giguere, Hennessey Rd., Voorheesville, N.Y.
Activities Director: William Hoover

Lainhart Rd., Altamont, New York
Contest Board Representative*, Welles Gray
88 Willet St., Albany, N.Y.

* 1958 Contest Board Rep. to be appointed at January meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 5, Hilltoppers Sports Car Club Hangover Rallye, Starts 12 Noon from Atlantic Station on the corners of Curry Rd., Schenectady (take the Carmen-Guilderland Rd. off Western Ave. and follow it to Curry Rd.

" 8, Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA at Beck's in West Albany (This is a week later than usual) Let's all turn out for this-the first meeting of the new year!...Movies will be shown.

" 12, EMSC TOUR

" 15, Hilltoppers Meeting, Friendly Tavern, Guild-erland Ave., Schenectady. Anyone is invited to attend-special instruction on carburetors & generators will be given by Al Burton of

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)

Imported Imported Motors.

January 16, EMSC Meeting, Holiday Manor

" 19, Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA Reliability Run.
..SEE PAGE FOR DETAILS

" 25 & 26, Annual Snow RACES, Franconia, N.H.

MESSAGE FROM THE R.E.

On December 7th, Ken Gypson, Bill Hoover and I attended the second meeting of INEC to be held at Syracuse, N. Y.

This was the first such meeting that I have attended. Ken Gypson made a clear and concise presentation of the "Articles of Confederation" for INEC-that he and John Trach were most instrumental in formulating.. Quite naturally there were some members that suggested certain additions or changes to the different Articles. All were accepted in good faith.

I was impressed with the seriousness of the men that made up the INEC group. All are men of experience in such matters and possess ability to cope with the various situations as they arise. It is a group from which the representatives of the Mohawk-Hudson Region can derive such knowledge and to which we can contribute our thoughts, ideas, etc.

It will take quite a bit of time, much effort and some money on the part of our club to participate in this council. In due time it will be our duty to shape and publish the councils NNewsletter for two months. I know we can rely on the support of the members for INEC and all for which it stands.

Mac McClumpha

Congratulations to the new officers of the Empire Motor Sports Club. New officers for 1958 include.... President, Jim Clemens; Vice-President, Ray Gaul; Secretary, Irma McClumpha; Treasurer, Martha Haight; Activities Director, Walt Wideman; Sergeant at Arms, Bill Sargent.

There are still a few copies available of "The Knockoff" for December. This issue contained the epistle.."Comes The Revolution". If anyone wants a copy please contact Secretary Bill Buchanan.

KNOCKOFF ADVERTISING RATES:

Members and Individual enthusiasts may place Class-Classified Ads FREE of Charge. (Non-Commercial)

Members may place Classified Ads (Commercial) for .35, up 6 lines..including address.

Members may place Commercial Classified Ads for .35, up to 6 lines..including address. Each additional line at .05 per line.

Non-Members may place Commercial Classified Ads for .50, up to 6 lines..including address. Each additional line 110 per line. at .10 per lines

DISPLAY ADVERTISING RATES UPON REQUEST

Club car badges, patches and decals may be purchased from Al Giguere, Treasurer.

Send your "for sales" and "wanted" items to Bill Buchanan, Secretary, Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA, Box 200, Taber Rd., Berne, N.Y.
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afternoon ride in the country.

For the competitive individual with an insatiable desire to "give her the gun," hillclimbing events, auto-cross and road racing events are held on CLOSED courses under strict supervision. Competitive events of this kind are potentially more dangerous to the competitors because of the speed element, but the hazards to the motoring public are nil.

And what is a sports car? Generally, enthusiasts agree that it is a car designed and built for competition and general road use. It has a body design, weight distribution, suspension system, and an engine potential which as a whole make up a car of excellent roadability and handling characteristics. It is designed to stick to the road like glue and corner like a snake. The primary goal of the builder is to manufacture a car of high performance - and high performance means safety as well as speed. Eye wash, ala tail fins and chrome doo-dads, don't rate in this league. (Confidentially, comfort takes a little beating, too). Sports cars are safe cars. In our personal opinion, the car in the picture does not meet these requirements, and is not a true sports car.

To sum up the case, we believe that sports car clubs and events do everything possible to make their events safe and sane. The cars are properly engineered for safe driving, and the stressing of careful driving is a never-ending crusade of club officials. Yes, we'll admit that there are a few leadfooted participants, but as a group the average of careful drivers is extremely high.

It is, in our opinion, still a matter of individual drivers, and we object to the inference that labels any particular group as careless."

Vern Davis

It is with regret we announce that Harold Jacques, Regional Executive of the Glen Region, SCCA passed away Friday, December 27th. Harold's Region is well known as the site of the one and only Watkins Glen Grand Prix. His efforts and enthusiasm on behalf of our sport will be sorely missed. To Mrs. Jacques, who used to reside in our Albany area, we extend our deepest sympathies.

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RELIABILITY RUN

Sunday, January 19th

1958

Starting Place: Skinner Chevrolet in
Middleburg, N.Y. on Route 30
as you enter Middleburg coming from Schoharie

Drivers Meeting 11:00 a.m.

First car away at 11:30 a.m. ..Please
be prompt as it gets dark early this
time of year.

BRING SHARP PENCILS AND PLENTY OF PAPER, A STOP WATCH IS A VERY HELPFUL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT.

Bill Hoover Quotes.."The event will be run on paved roads."

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

December 4th

This year the Annual Dinner was held at Beck's in West Albany. It could be termed nothing less than terrific!. Everyone agreed that the quality and quantity of food was out of this world. In fact, it was rather difficult to get down to business after eating.

After a few brief reports, came the presentation of the trophies for the year. Needless to say, there was a great air of expectancy about this, since no one had been informed as to the final point standings.

As it turned out Bill Hoover took the No. 1 spot trophy, Al Giguere, John Trach and Ross Christie sharing second place equally. Third place was taken by Bill Davis. Then came another highlight of the evening.... presentation of the Lewis Trophy, for first place in the final point standings. This trophy, large and beautiful, was donated by Bill Lewis (who at the time was in Nassau for Speed Week). It came, of course, as a pleasant and unexpected surprise. This should, as it was meant to do, increase the participation in the Region's events. If anyone is lucky enough to take the trophy three years in a row-it's theirs for keeps. THANKS BILL !

Among those attending the dinner were: Henry & Lila Desormeau, Bob & Angela Martin, Charlie & Doris Bass, Dave Glassman, Luella Burwell & Chuck Stickney, Roly & Joanne Heacox, Jim Clemens, Mac & Irma McClumpha, Harry Brierton, Royanne Degener, Vern Davis, Charlie Kinns, Al & Shirley Giguere, Bob Giguere, John Ford, Bill Buchanan, Elizabeth Dooley, Nancy Hoffmann, Bill Hoover, Ross A. Christie, Ralph Barton, Sandra Watts, Don Becker, Gordon Morris, Welles & Mrs. Gray, Henry Van Deusen, Warren Larrabee, Keith & Ruth Witter, John Trach and Ken & Anne Gypson. We trust no one has been overlooked in this writing (a writer's dilemma from the beginning of time).

Movies were shown..and we hope everyone had an enjoyable evening. Thanks Vern Davis for the pict's.

The following article appeared in Vern Davis' column "Spark Plug" in the Altamont Enterprise on Dec. 6, 1957:

"A photograph and caption which appeared in last week's news incites us to devote this week's column to certain aspects of the story, which offends the sensitivities of true sports car enthusiasts.

The picture in question showed the unfortunate victim of an accident lying under his burning car, and the caption represented the vehicle as a "sports car." The purpose of publishing the story was, we assume, to impress readers of the folly of reckless driving. We feel, however, that the caption did a grave injustice to the sports car clubs and their activities, and for this reason we present the case for the defense.

Every activity of these clubs is conducted with a definite and positive emphasis on safe driving. At the recent 3-day Appalachian rally sponsored by the Sports Car Club of America, an entire page of the instruction sheet to drivers carried the admonishing words - "SPORTSMANSHIP DEMANDS SAFE DRIVING." The theme of safe driving will be found in club papers and all sports car publications. We have never attended an event in which the rallymaster has not devoted some time to discussing safe and courteous driving.

In planning the routes of sports car rallies, every effort is made to avoid as much as possible busy main roads where the presence of a group of cars at an intersection would cause dangerous hazards. We recall that last year's Punkintown Fair Rallye was not run through Albany, Troy and Rensselaer, as requested by the Fair committee, because of objections from the rallymaster who cited the dangerous traffic hazards involved.

Another compelling reason for safe, cautious driving in rallye and gymkhana events is the presence of the less competitive female - the "Mrs." These events are family events and the inclination to show off and step on the gas is subject to the deterring effect of wives who seem to ride with one eye glued on the speedometer.

Events in which the elapsed travel time is a factor are planned at average speeds well below legal speed limit. In fact, we have participated in no event requiring an average speed of more than 36 miles per hour. Consequently the tempo of a rallye is one of a nice, leisurely Sunday

Never-the-less, I am convinced that we can do better this coming year. Our officers are planning a busy schedule for the coming year; there will be both more events and also a greater variety. You can be sure that the members who organize and put on these events will put in a lot of time and hard work to try to make each event a success. But remember that any event is as good as the members make it - by turning out for it. We now have a point system and annual trophies. So here is your chance to garner a trophy and, trophies notwithstanding, have a lot of fun. So, Billy Hoover, look out !

- John Trach

OFFICIAL FINAL POINT STANDINGS - 1957

<u>Place</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	W. Hoover	16
2	A. Giguere	14
2	R. Christie	14
2	J. Trach	14
3	W. Davis	13
4	G. Morris	12
5	G. Cooper	10
5	E. Barvoets	10
5	K. Gypson	10
6	K. Witter	9
7	J. Clemens	8
7	R. Winter	8
8	W. Ackner	7
9	H. Brierton	6
9	D. Noyes	6
10	R. Degener	2
10	R. Martin	2
11	A. Grasso	1
11	F. McClumpha	1
11	E. Hull	1
11	W. Buchanan	1

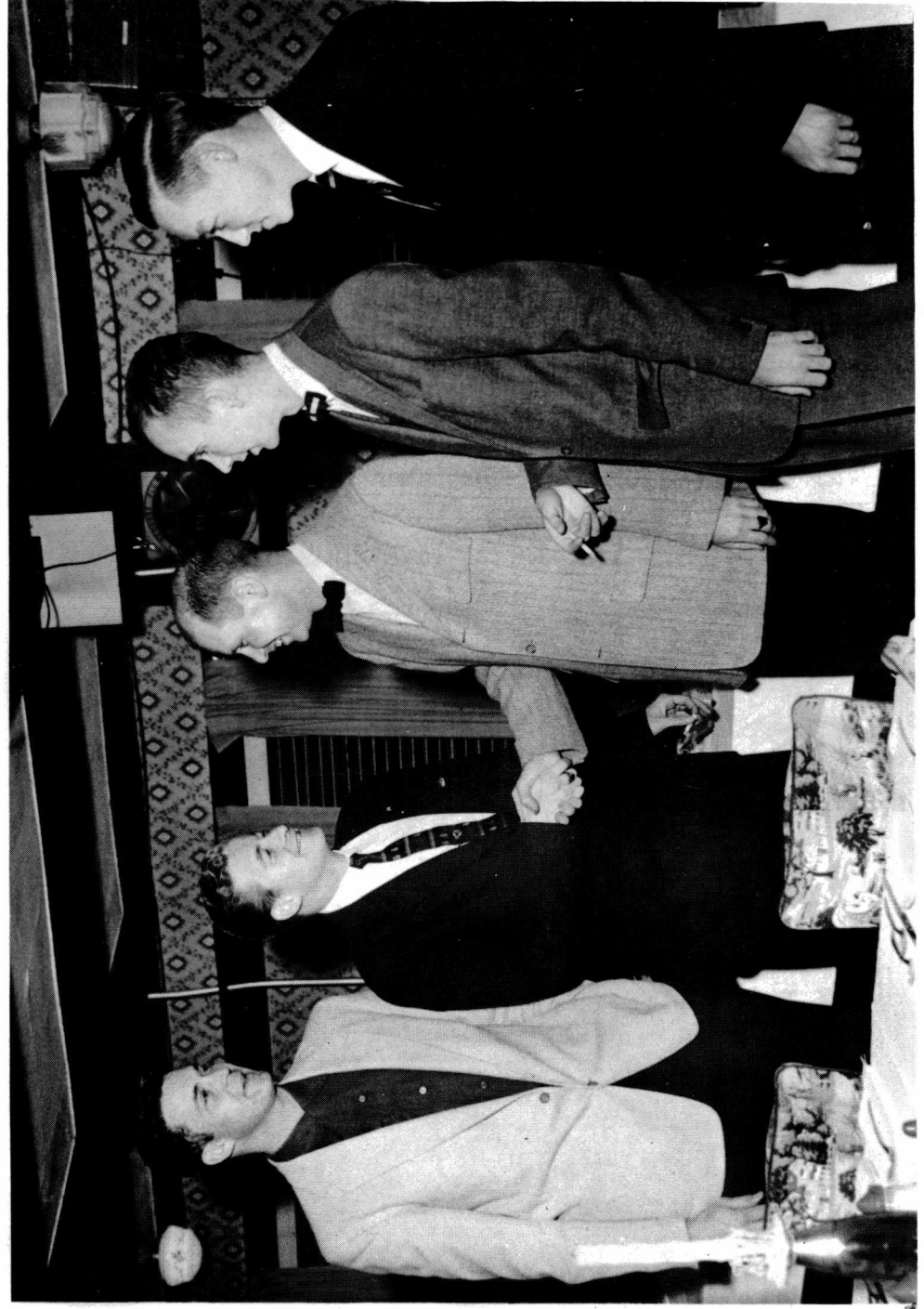


Photo by Vern Davis

NEW OFFICERS WELCOMED- During the Annual Dinner next years new officers were congratulated by R.E. (Assistant R.E. for 1958) Ken Gypson. Left to Right: Bill Buchanan, Secretary; Ken Gypson; Mac McClumpha; Regional Executive; Bill Hoover, Activities Director; Al Giguere, Treasurer.

FINAL REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR FOR 1957

Some of the members may be wondering how they placed in point standings this year and just where they did or did not receive points. Accordingly, here is a rundown of how things turned out:

The Region held four events which counted for points:

1. Tally-Ho Rallye
2. Airport Gymkhana
3. AMEC Invitational AutoCross
4. SCCA-AMEC AutoCross

Member	1	2	3	4	Total
Ackner, W.D.		6	1		7
Barvoets, E.F.Jr.				10	10
Brierton, H.R.				6	6
Buchanan, W.		1			1
Cooper, G.	10				10
Christie, R.		8		6	14
Clemens, J.	7	1			8
Davis, W.		10		3	13
Degener, R.		1		1	2
Giguere, A.J.		4	10		14
Grasso, A.	1				1
Gypson, K.F.	4	3		3	10
Hoover, W.	3	3		10	16
Hull, E.H.			1		1
Martin, R.				2	2
McClumpha, F.	1				1
Morris, G.W.		4	8		12
Noyes, D.A.	1	1		4	6
Trach, J.	1	7		6	14
Winter, R.A.			6	2	8
Witter, K.	3	6			9

By way of statistics, I would like to note that less than half of the members of the Region entered a Regional event this year. Also, less than one-third of the membership entered two or more of our events. Now this is not in the nature of a complaint. Perhaps these figures are better, proportionally, than for a lot of Regions or for motor sport clubs in general.

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Photo by VERA DAVIS

OH HAPPY TROPHY WINNERS- Left to Right: Ross Christie, 2nd place; Al Giguere, 2nd place; Bill Hoover, 1st place; John Trach, 2nd place. Bill Davis, 3rd place winners was not present. Bill Hoover looks mighty happy as he holds the clubs trophy and the coveted Lewis Trophy.