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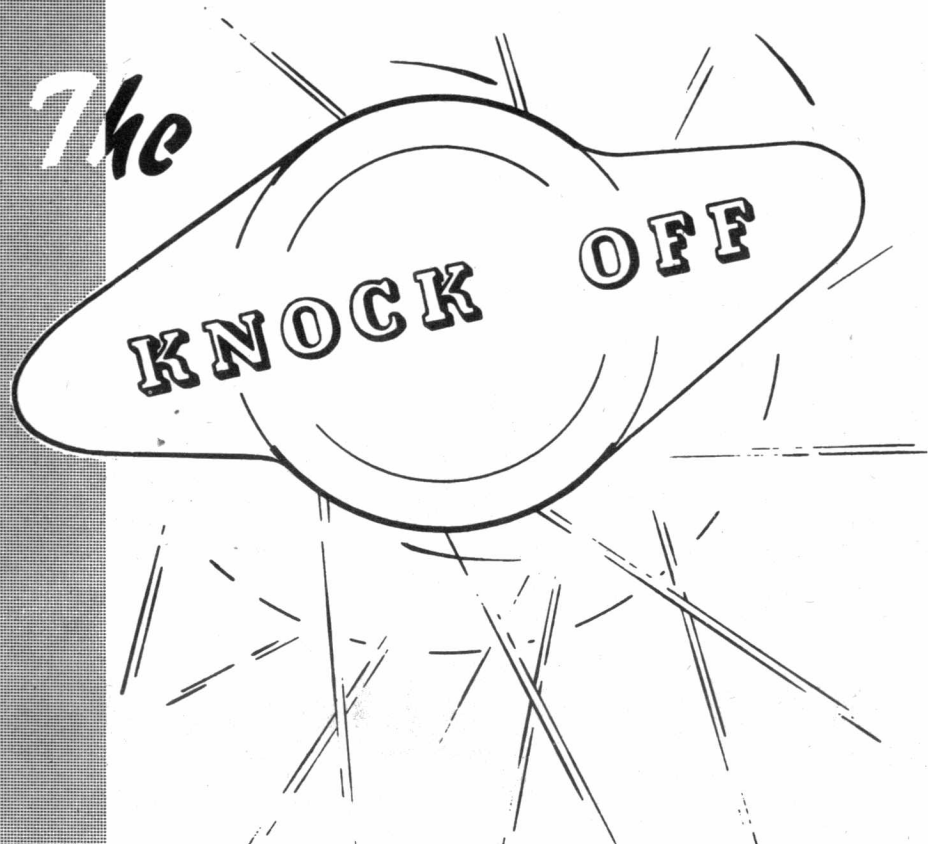
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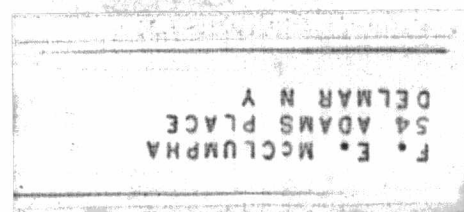
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Around the Region

Phil Raeder has been appointed the new Contest Board Rep. for our Region.

Bob Winters, our Membership Committee Chairman, has a number of great ideas which he is about to put into practice. If any of you have the names of prospective members, be sure to contact Bob.

An area Cooperation and Coordination meeting is to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at the Holiday Manor in Menands, N. Y. At this conclave the heads of the area's motor sports clubs hope to solve some of the problems that are now complicating the scene.

A few weeks ago some of the members of the M-H Region together with members of other motor sports clubs exhibited their cars to the spectators present at the stock car races at West Lebanon, N. Y. Bill Hoover, MGA; Ray Gaul, MGYT; David McClumpha, MGTD; Mac McClumpha, NGTC; Ed Schneider, J.G. 120; Sam Ackner, A-5; Carl Metzger, TR3; Bob Martin, Saab and Fairtherpe, the Garman-Goody establishment, Gogonobile, Citroen DS19, Dyna Panhard, Skoda; and several other individuals and dealers all displayed their cars to the people. P.S. The stock car races were fine. A few close shaves but no one was hurt which is the way it should be.

Did you know that the Mohawk-Hudson Region is in Area XI? Also, that this area consists of the following regions: Central New York, Finger Lakes, Glen, Mohawk-Hudson, Ontario-Ottawa Valley, Quebec, Southern New York, Southern Ontario and Western New York. Area I now consists of New England, New York and Northern New Jersey.

When in Boston, Mass. on a Sunday be sure to read the Boston Herald and/or the Boston Globe. They both have a fine page on Sports and Foreign cars.

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Calendar of Events

- Oct. 3 Hilltoppers, Gymkhana, East Berns, New York.
- Oct. 1 Monthly Meeting, Mohawk-Hudson Region, S.C.C.A. Beck's Tavern, Albany Shaker Road, West Albany, at 8:00 P.M.
- Oct. 4&5 N.E. Region, Races, Thompson, Conn.
- Oct. 10, 11, 12 Rip Van Winkle Rallys, National, S.C.C.A. Mohawk-Hudson Region, S.C.C.A. Gymkhana at Latham Corners Shopping Center. Latham, N.Y.
- Oct 16 E.M.S.C. Regular Meeting, Holiday Manor, Loudonville, N.Y.
- Oct. 18& 19 N.Y. Region S.C.C.A. Races. Line Rock, Conn.
- Oct. 19 E.M.S.C. Rallys. C. Wilding White, Rallys master.
- Oct. 26 A.M.E.C. Trials at Deer Chariton, N.Y. Autocross.

Don't forget the Gymkhana.

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA

Recommended Reading
"Why Don't They Make Your Car Safe"

by Ken Purdy

In this article from the September issue of Pegeant magazine Mr. Purdy tells of the various highway dangers, the number of people killed or injured in automobile accidents, and recommends education as a means to lessen deaths on the highways. He suggests a 14 point program to make cars safer and here very briefly are those points:

1. Safety belts, shoulder straps
2. Adequate padding throughout car
3. Replace the steering wheel, with lever, etc.
4. Locate driver's seat in middle, front
5. Resil wrap around windshield, for good vision
6. Some of the passenger seats facing the rear, and positive lock doors.
7. Rear window wipers and defrosters.
8. Built-in roll bars
9. Spring mounted bumpers
10. Rear shelf, sunken, for storage
11. Better lights on cars
12. Good heating and ventilation system
13. Anti-go to sleep deal
14. Exhaust filtration

Mr. Purdy says that the Cornell car is a good example of the type of car he has in mind

From Business Week
of August 30, 1958

Look in your bookstore for the humorous and penetrating "The Insolent Characters" by John Keats (Lippincott \$3.95). This razor sharp view of Detroit—and of the American buying public—explains why the big and heavily chromed American auto may be losing its position as a status symbol.

From Business Week
August 30, 1958

Auto Safety: Car safety belts are no joke says a Cornell University research group. Only about 1-million of 57-million cars on the highways today are fitted with the belts—because people don't care about taking them seriously and auto dealers don't "push" them.

The fact is, says Cornell, the safety belts—offered as optional equipment by all auto companies at an average cost of 30 dollars for a twin front seat installation—could save at least 19,000 lives a year in this country, and reduce injuries by at least 50%.

From Fortune
Sept. 1958

"The Nonsense About Safe Driving", By J.D. Williams head of the mathematics department of the Rand Corporation brings some new conclusions to the fore about serious accidents, fatalities, automobile speeds, etc.

He states for example that the automobile kills about 100 people a day, but this conveyance still has a large credit balance in the matter of lives. For consideration, this fact, if all automotive vehicles were ordered off the road for 24 hours doctors could not visit patients, people would not have access to hospitals fireman could not control fires, and police would be handicapped in the prevention of crime. Deaths for this day, then would rise to over 1,000 over the norm.

Our traffic laws limit speed rather than promote traffic flow. Mr. Williams suggests that organizations like the National Safety Council might well abandon their statistical death warnings in favor of more constructive programs; better methods of unsnarling traffic knots; Seat belts, shoulder harnesses and crash helmets; better signaling equipment, slowdown lights etc. The new traffic motto should be "Keep It Moving".

Oct. 12 Mohawk-Hudson Region Cynkhana.

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