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COVER: Mr "X", better known as Pete Farrell, with Scotch Brella in hand, awaits starting the Driver-Navigator Event at MoHud's All Day Gymkhana, Latham, 5 June. The Chap in the Bag is Piloto Dick Young, wondering which way the road will lead. The imported suave Starter is Mac McClumpha, on a one day Visa from Delmar.

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## Schedule of Events:

July 10	MG Car Club Rallye - Hare & Hounds
July 16	Jeepster SCC Grand Concour Registration 12:00 Noon - Latham Shopping Center
July 17	EMSC - Gray's Gimmick Rallye Registration 9:00 A.M. - Westgate Shopping Center
July 24	Jeepster SCC - Hare & Hounds Rallye J.M. FIELDS Parking Lot, Schenectady Registration 12:00 Noon
July 31	AMEC Trials - Charlton Course
August 7	EMSC - Gymkhana - Empire Raceway Menands
August 14	Hilltoppers - Map Rallye
August 20	Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA, All Night Rallye Registration 10:00 PM

## Racing Schedule:

July 16-17	Thompson, Conn. - Regional Race
July 23	LISCA - Bridgehampton, L.I.
July 29-31	Giant's Despair Hillclimb Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
August 6-7	Montgomery, N.Y. - National Race
August 27-28	Bridgehampton = Regional Race
August 27-28	Thompson, Conn. - Drivers School
September 3-5	Thompson, Conn. - National Race
September 17-18	Lime Rock, Conn. - Regional Race
September 23-24	Watkins Glen - National Race

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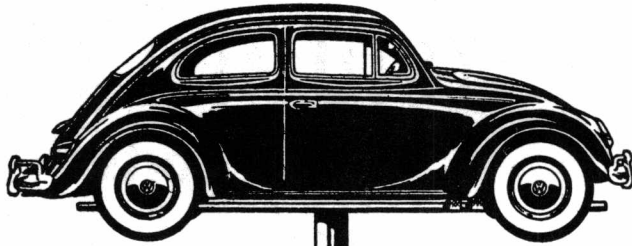
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## SOME SUMMER RAMBLINGS

I went down to the LISCA Races at Lime Rock on the dry week-end (it rained the week-end before and I guess that's putting it mildly from all reports). Many people were down from the Region for the racing. Gladys Gaul, my cousin and I volunteered for flagging and ended up with a whole station to ourselves, which was somewhat of a surprise. We were informed that we were to follow LISCA flagging and communications rules and forget anything anybody at S.C.C.A. schools or anywhere else had told us. (This included asking Omer Norton, the head of the New England Region flagging, whether or not he had any experience). We found a pair of head-phones at our station which we eventually decided were left over from the Spanish American War - this was after ruling out World War I and II - and spent the day having the wires melt all over us with some kind of a tar-like substance which oozed out of them. Our station was strategically placed on a wooden platform at the edge of the track. The escape route from it was to leap off the back side and down about ten feet into a babbling brook. Fortunately we didn't have to take the escape route. We found after that day, that the experience gained at the S.C.C.A. schools stood us in good stead and I certainly felt that the drivers who complain about the flagging and communications at LISCA should continue to do so - loud and long.

We went up to the Manchester Hill Climb at Mt. Equinox in Manchester, Vermont. The Hill Climb was sponsored by the New York Region of S.C.C.A. this year. Bob Martin and Ned McGurn were the only members of Mohawk-Hudson who were there and they came in fourth and third, respectively. The big overall win of the day was Gordon McKenzie's C-Jag. The communications were handled by radio and worked out very well. The only excitement on our corner was a quiet spin by a Cheetah in the middle of the road. He came out of it in good shape and went right on up the road. It was a terrific day for a hill climb and the scenery was gorgeous.

On Father's Day, Gus, my cousin, and I took my Father and Mother out for a drive and dinner. We went in the family's big D.I. Everybody got sea-sick except the parents who couldn't understand what our problem was. We also took turns at driving; we were a hazard on the road.

We're looking forward to the Annual INEC Driving School at Watkins Glen this weekend. The dining room at the house is beginning to look like something left over from somebody's pit area. There is a damp driving suit hanging on a door, a pile of masking tape, a slate and some chalk, cans of oil and tools and other odd items. I think we're having Castrol soup for dinner tomorrow.

(paf)

MOHAWK-HUDSON MIRROR

Roland G. Heacox, Assistant Regional Executive

"Roly" was born October 26, 1931, in the suburban section of Ridley Park, Pa., and was educated in various schools in New York and Pennsylvania. Roly is presently enrolled at Siena College where he is obtaining a B.A. in Biology. During the past years Roly assisted his dad in a machine tool organization and after that, operated a luncheonette in Guilderland called "Roly's Lunch" with great success. Roly maintains two homes now in the Berne-Altamont area.

Roly became interested in sports cars about five years ago. He bought a Jaguar XK-120 coupe then which he still has. Regarding sports car activities, he was one of the original charter members of the Hilltoppers Sports Car Club and is now the president of the organization. Since 1958 Roly has been Assistant Regional Executive of Mohawk-Hudson Region. He is also rated the top scorer for sports car activities in the area.

Mr. Heacox's achievements in sports car events certainly have been numerous. He has won trophies in Gymkhanas, 1st Place in the 1959 I.C.C. Rallye, 1st Overall in the 1959 Mt. Equinox Rallye, and 3rd Place in the annual 1959 Woodstock Rallye. In addition to these awards, he also took a special award for overall point standing in Mohawk-Hudson Region. Roly is also interested in racing and has been running the bronze XK-120 at the various tracks in the area.

Roly has an interesting philosophy about sports car events. He says he thinks that one can get a great deal of enjoyment simply by the act of participating in a sports car event and that people should try whichever of the events the different clubs put on at least once so that you know what they are all about. After all, the fun and enjoyment derived from the sport are what count.

So, new members, how about taking some of the Assistant R.E.'s advice and take an active part in Mohawk-Hudson's events. The Next one is the ALL NIGHT RALLYE, Saturday Night, August 20, 1960.

(gaf)

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## REAR VIEW MIRROR GLIMPSES

by Heada Hop-Up

Mohawk-Hudson Gymkhana...beautiful sun-shiny day...Bob F. and crew up with the birds putting barricades in place - already a day's work completed... two charming females working on registration...VW lined up for tech, tech crew and VW owner panicked - couldn't locate the master cylinder in said VW... Gordon Jones on way from church d\_\_ed Jeepster wheelbase and left...who ever saw a car being towed to a gymkhana...Ann and Phil, new members, almost didn't run - managed to get through tech and registration with the last minute hustle and bustle...Vince, big cigar and sparkling MG, present as always...Bruce and Roly giving expert technical assistance...Mac too nice a fellow to blow the whistle on anybody for navigating a blind driver - WOW!!!...Royanne didn't join the ladies for the honors...Busy people - Midge and Gene Birdsey - two cars, three entries...Bill Kane officiating entrant plus other incidental duties...Bernie, present and enjoying himself as always...Pete Heck, real friendly ex-owner of Kurtis-MG, blinding officials with windshield stripped off of new Sprite...Roly kept busy all day posting results with help of a competent assistant, Betty...TC off course hunting pedestrians on sidewalk... Art doing a fine job as emcee keeping spectators informed...rumor has it and results prove it, that Harold Cameron practices in his backyard...Bob F. slipped third place in his pocket and I've got witnesses...navigating hardware for Ray Gaul...Morris skipping through the course...Phyllis - woman driver! ...Rain...Rain...Rain...Good Samaritan Lisa holding umbrellas... many pits moved to sidewalk under canopy along with bolide owners...everybody, but everybody, having a wonderful time - RAIN or SHINE!!!!

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ELABORATION: The above article refers to our June 5, Gymkhana, of course. Here are a few details that may be of interest. The area was set up and barricaded for maximum control and safety. The start was held up due to a misprint in a certain area newspaper - However, we finally did get a start with a good entry list. The first four events were run consecutively, and they were real drivers' events. Then these were torn down and replaced with three driver-navigator fun events. The first was blindfold driving, then balancing a big ball on a small can, then a circular rope trick with detached navigator. These three counted for the Navigators' Trophy, won by Ray Gaul. The first four and the seventh events counted for driver trophies. Our thanks to the workers: Co-bosses Fertig and Miller, the Franzes', the Scullens, the McClumphas', the Gauls', Dick Barton, Bob Wallace, Bill Kane, "Bouncy" Al Jacobson, Vince Perry, Roly Heacox, Betsy Anameier, Betty Cleiss, Bill Meyer, Lisa Henri, Bruce Cargill and Gene Birdsey. Note that many of these people also competed in the Gymkhana. A full list of placings follows....

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## TOURING

1.	VW	Gene Birdsey	Schenectady	M-H
2.	Morris	George Iliff	"	AMEC
3.	Morris	Bob Fertig	"	M-H
4.	SAAB	Bill Davis	"	AMEC

## LADIES

1.	Healey	Phyllis Franze	Slingerlands	M-H
2.	MGA	Judy Needham	Pittsfield, Mass.	EMSC
3.	TR-3	Midge Birdsey	Schenectady	M-H
4.	MGA	Molly Scullen	Loudonville	M-H

## UNDER 94"

1.	Porsche	Ernie Barvoets	Loudonville	M-H 2 Overall
2.	TR-3	Dick Slavik	Poughkeepsie	PSCC 3 Overall
3.	Fairthorpe	Ned McGurn	Bennington, Vt.	M-H
4.	Healey	Dick Barton	Berne	M-H
5.	TR-3	Ronald Post	Hyde Park	PSCC
6.	Porsche	Art Frederick	Chatham	M-H
7.	TR-3	Gene Birdsey	Schenectady	M-H
8.	Alfa	Carl Swanson	Canaan	EMSC
9.	Healey	Phil Lee	Elsmere	
10.	Fairthrope	Bob Wallace	Schenectady	M-H
11.	Healey	Ed Alsop	Troy	M-H
12.	Sprite	Pete Heck	Schenectady	M-H
13.	Alfa	Alan Seaman	Hyde Park	PSCC
14.	TR-3	Wally Chapman	Schaghticoke	
15.	Sprite	Barrent Gardinier	Nassau	
16.	TR-3	Bernie Burns	Troy	M-H
17.	Healey	Gus Franze	Slingerlands	M-H
18.	TR-3	Russell Moore	Poughkeepsie	PSCC
19.	Healey	Pete Smith	Albany	M-H
20.	TR-3	Bill Kane	Albany/Hudson	M-H
21.	Alfa	Al Jacobson	Loudonville	M-H
DNF	Fairthrope	Bob Martin	Delmar	M-H
DNF	Sprite	Pete Farrell	Albany	M-H

## OVER 94"

1.	MGA	Harold Cameron	W. Albany	MGSC 1 Overall
2.	MGA	Tom Baker	Pittsfield, Mass	EMSC
3.	MGA	Jerry Oathout	Troy	M-H
4.	MGA	Ray Gaul	Voorheesville	M-H
5.	MGA	Roger Vaughan	Schenectady	
6.	Jaguar	Gordy Morris	Northville	M-H
7.	MGA	Steve Scullen	Loudonville	M-H
8.	MGA	Art Needham	Pittsfield, Mass.	EMSC
9.	Jaguar	Dick Young	Albany	M-H
10.	MGA	Vince Perry	Albany	M-H
11.	MGA	Art Fleming	Watervliet	EMSC
12.	MGA	Cliff Vincent	E. Berne	EMSC
13.	MG TD	Robin Know	Troy	EMSC
14.	Lancia	Al Rufo	Albany	
15.	Jaguar	Roly Heacox	Altamont/Berne	M-H
16.	MGA	Peter Allen	Troy	M-H
17.	MG TC	David Werblow	S. Shaftsbury, Vt.	SCCNYU

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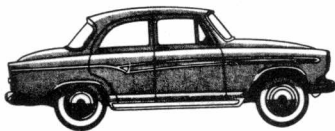
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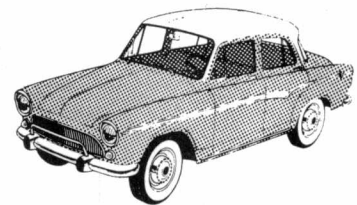
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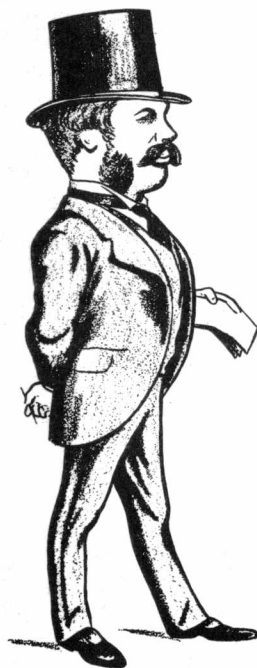
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Rallye technique has advanced enormously during the past few years while we have made no attempt to catch up with the rest of the rallying world. The following are suggestions that we might adopt to bring our rallies up to date and make them more attractive to enthusiasts outside our immediate area.

- Registration:** Include form in Knock-Off for advance Registration
- Technical Insp.:** Only enough to comply with N.Y. State requirements, plus tow rope, flares, first aid kit, fire extinguisher. Remove all hub caps (disc wheels) and affix car number which is not less than 12-inches high.
- Start:** Have Starting Marshall line cars up with radio peeping CHU or WWV at start line, cars leave on time signals from radio by civil time one minute apart...self starting.
- Penalties:** None, except for one minute early or late at C/P, disq. for drinking or being intoxicated. No penalties for stop signs, speeding, etc., but 30 minute penalty for missing a C/P.
- Check Points:** Manned by flagman stationed 200 feet ahead of timer and scorer. When flag drop timer takes time from watch corrected by CHU at station. Scorer fills out in duplicate small sheet indicating elapses time and distance from previous C/P and indicate civil time. Original given to car which has stopped just beyond this point. Additional person in form of C/P Captain can answer questions, give forms out.
- Mileage Instrs:** On route sheets at intervals put in exact mileage to specific markers, eliminate 10 mile check. Intervals should not exceed more than 50 miles and should not be at a C/P as Rallyists may zero in on it easily.
- Extra and Free Time:** Allow 30-45 minutes lunch break time as free time from point to point, allow gas and rest stops every few hours on long rallies with indications as to type of gas and facilities available. On bad roads, instead of lowering average speed, allow extra time of one - five minutes to traverse section with markers indicating beginning and end of extra time section.

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## THE VANDERBILT CUP RACE

by T. M. "Ted" Baron

America's oldest automobile event, the Vanderbilt Cup Race, turned out to be a great success with Harry Carter finishing first in the Black Stanguellini Formula Junior Car, although a protest was raised by Pedro Rodriguez on the grounds that Carter still had to complete one lap. The protest was rejected because Pedro's car was detained in the pits due to mechanical difficulties late in the race.

The race itself was really a spectacular. In some instances, it was confusing to figure out who was in the lead because the 33 cars were strung out all over the track. Incidentally, only 14 cars finished. The excitement of the crowd, the thrills and the suspense, reminded one of the European Grand Prix. This much I have to say: The control over the 37,000 people present was really tremendous. The general set-up of the track was one of the best I've ever seen.

Before the race, a vintage and antique car race was held. Believe me, there sure were some oldies there. Throughout both days, these same cars were presented in a show for the public to view.

To sum it up, from the success of this year's race, it will probably be held again next year. If one can make it, this race is something we'll not soon forget.

## 1st Five Finishers:

1. Harry Carter	Litchfield, Conn.	Stanguellini
2. Charlie Wallace	Bethesda, Md.	Scorpion (DKW)
3. Jerry Truitt	Sewell, N.J.	Stanguellini
4. Newt Davis	Lime Rock, Conn.	Stanguellini
5. Pedro Rodriguez	Mexico City, Mexico	Scorpion

PLEASE!!! DON'T WISH ME "GOOD LUCK"

by Ray Gaul

There are many people (many of whom are competition drivers) who are very superstitious. In that group known to certain segments of SCCA as "The Un-mentionables" (professional racing drivers), there are people who wouldn't think of racing in a green car or allow anything green in or around their pits; peanuts are not eaten or even brought to a race meet, and there are many other things which, to the uninitiated, seem wierd and without reason. Now I am not a professional racing driver (mainly because I'd starve to death on my ability), BUT I AM SUPERSTITIOUS. I have owned a green car, I don't eat peanuts simply because I am allergic to them, but I am still superstitious. Why? Mainly because some kind-hearted sould before almost every race, with the best intent in the world, gives me a hearty pat on the back and says "Good Luck". Shall we run through just a part of the whole gruesome mess and see what happens after that well-meant wish is bestowed upon my now cringing head?

Last year at Lime Rock, while I was driving Bob Martin's Fairthorpe, someone said as I pulled out of the pits, "Good Luck, Ray". I had a wonderful grid position - right in the front row. The car was running perfectly, and when the flag went down the Mk II took off like a Lister Jag. By the time I reached the first turn I was a good ten car lengths ahead of the field. Halfway through this turn I began to think about that "Good Luck, Ray", and forgot to lift my right foot. By the time the dust settled five Alfas had passed me and, to make matters worse, in trying to regain the lost ground, I ran out of road twice before the first lap was over. Needless to say, this was all due to the kind-hearted soul wishing me "GOOD LUCK". (I'm sure you'll agree that none of it could have possibly been due to driver error). Then let's take the time at the Glen Classic last year. Same car, same fine running condition, everything just great until some sweet young thing said, "Good Luck, Ray", as I was heading for the false grid. This time I decided that I could overcome that silly superstition and, lo and behold, when the flag went down so did my right foot and away we went. By the time we were halfway up the hill, I had passed Bob Bucher who was driving the same make and type of car. That did it, "See, there's nothing to this silly business, we have it made, just don't try any more hero driving". All went well and I think I got up to about third overall when the gearbox decided to run in 3rd and top only. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure, driving the Glen requires 2nd gear to accelerate out of the last turn and over the finish line. I tried one lap pulling the shift lever into 2nd with both hands in the short straight before the last turn, but all that got me was an exceedingly dirty look from the observer on that station as he disappeared into the tall grass way back from his usual post. I don't know why he ran because I did straighten it out and got around the turn, although it was one of the messier bits of driving of the day (it was at this race that Uncle Bob decided that I wasn't doing a thing for the racing reputation of the Mk II and garaged it for the season). Shall we go on? There is more, you know!

Jerry Oathout let himself be talked into buying an MGA with Yours Truly as Piloto. We worked long and hard preparing the car for the Nationals at Montgomery. It ran like a large bird and sounded sweet. Comes the great day, out for practice, four laps on the green flag, and BANG, the newly-rebuilt engine starts making expensive noises. Did someone wish me "Good Luck" before the session began? Come to think of it, they did! Our pit crew determined that those expensive noises were caused by a defunct con rod bearing and all the rest looked a bit weary. We decided that if we worked all night we could make it run on the morrow - so let's heave at it. At 3:30 AM, it was back together and healthy again, and so to sleep - on the garage floor until 6:00 when we had to tow it back to the course. The race started in a dismal rain, but I found that I like to race in the rain; it keeps my fevered brow cooler. I think I completed 8 laps before those expensive noises started again and I was done for the day. I know the same person wished me "Good Luck" Again. Why, oh why!?!????

This saga can go on forever; this year I am driving my own car and those same kind-hearted soul keep wishing me "Good Luck". Out of four times this year, the car has finished intact just once. The first time out, after the usual "Good Luck", a con rod gave up the ghost and that was it. This was in practice yet. The hex was really working that time. The next time it seemed

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I was able to sneak out without anyone seeing me, and I finished a race. I must admit that I wasn't called when the trophies were handed out, but at least I did finish. The next time the car was run (and I wasn't even driving), some dear sould wished Phil Fisher "Good Luck" and he found out that they aren't wearing MGA's as headgear this season. He said it rolled over very easily and didn't shake him up a bit. It did rather alter the appearance of the A, though. But that got ironed out and my baby looked better than when I became her slave. So off we go to Thompson and everything looks great. The car handles better than ever and seems to have the urge to get out in front. Of course, I think the N.E. Region feels that I am so inexperienced that they have to put me way back on the grid so I won't get in anyone's way. I do think that last position is overdoing it a bit, though. I was so far down the hill when the flag dropped that I couldn't even see it. Nevertheless, I planted my large boot on the loud pedal and went. In fact, I went from 19th to 8th before the engine got indigestion from swallowing a valve. Some people would tell you that the engine got sick because every time I looked at the tach the needle was all the way around on the wrong side of that little pin by the 0 (I figure that to be about 8000 RPM). I can assure you that wasn't the case - I'm positive that it was because that cute little thing said "Good Luck", as we started out of the paddock. My son said, as we started to pull the engine for the umpteenth time, "Pop, why don't we put a zipper on this thing".

I like racing sports cars because you meet so many nice people, and the scenery in the paddock is out of this world. And besides, it is the only place you can go full bore without the carabinieri halting you. BUT PLEASE, I IMPLORE YOU, DON'T WISH ME GOOD LUCK ANY MORE! I've had too much already.

-rg-

EDITORS NOTE: Ray confided that this article is meant in earnest. Although it is written in a humorous vein, the basic thought is put forth in all sincerity. So please, won't you tell Ray to "Break a Leg" or "Gobble a Gear" before he terminates himself?

## DE QUEL COTÉ EST L'ECOLE? (Continued)

This maneuver rather shook the opposition, as the cars following fully expecting a spinout, began locking brakes and looking for a way out. The flag man got the yellow flag to half mast and then put up the green as I got through. He had his chance on Sunday when I got a little over-ambitious and sailed past the turn straight out into the escape area. The last session of the day, we ran two laps on yellow and twelve laps on green. I ran out of gas before the end of this session and had to retire.

We had to clear the track at 4:00 as a bicycle race was scheduled. Incidentally, they raced 30 laps and averaged over 40 MPH.

A critique was held at the high school in the evening, and we were told to be at the track at 8:30 Sunday for session number 2.

(To be concluded)



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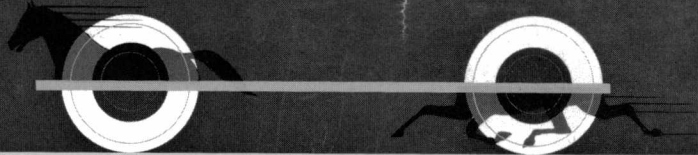
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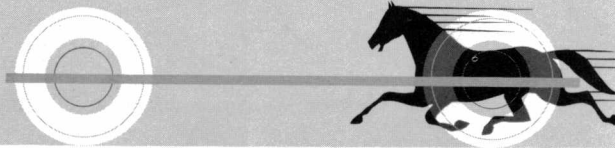
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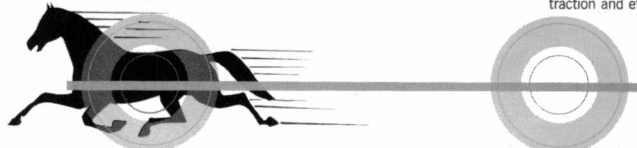
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