

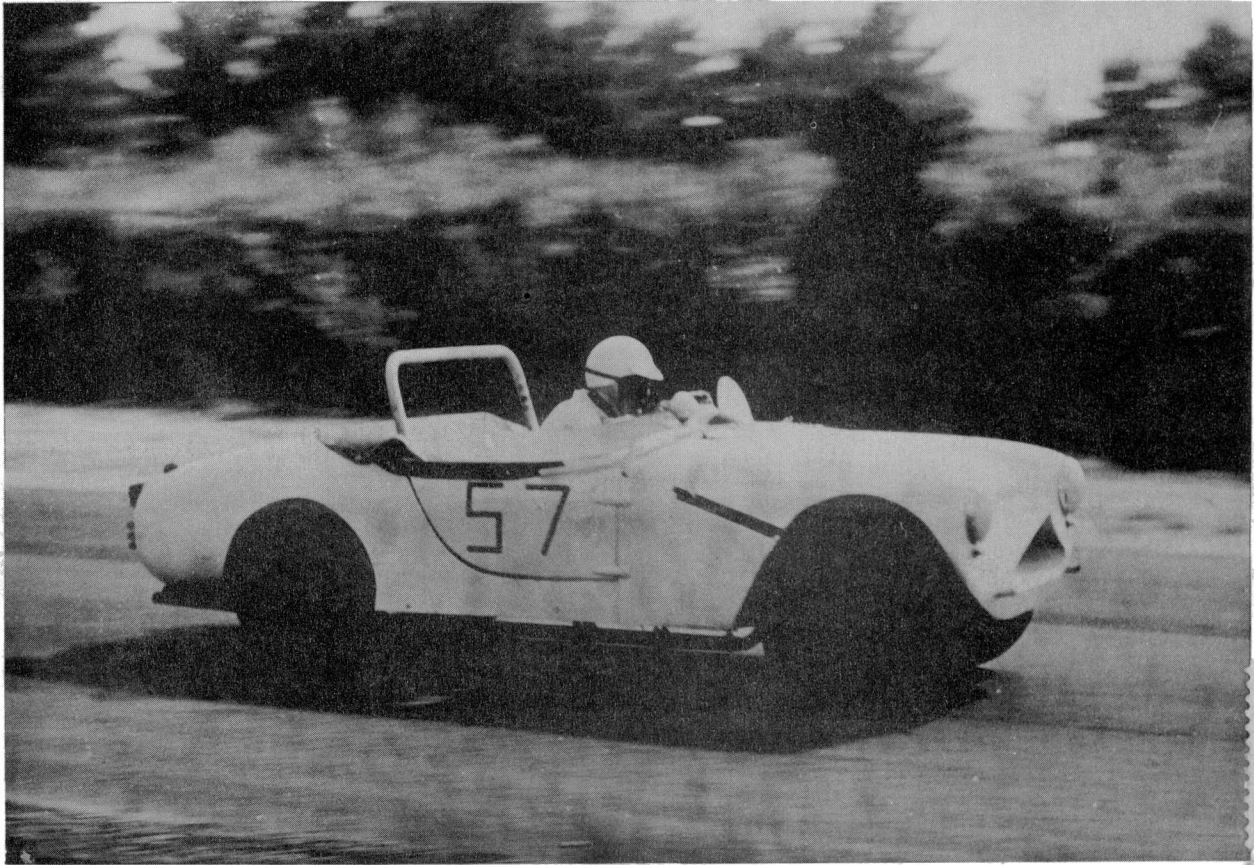
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MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held on the 1st Wed. of each month at the Circle Inn, south of Route 7 intersection on U.S.#9, Latham, N.Y. Information regarding the Region and its activities can be obtained from any of the club officers.

SCCA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the SCCA is open to all persons of good character who are sympathetic to the purposes of SCCA. The procedure for joining is as follows:

1. Obtain an official application form from any of the club officers.
2. Fill in the blanks as directed on the form and present it to the club officers with remittance for one year's National dues - \$10.00 + \$2.50 for Sports Car Magazine and one year's Regional dues - \$3.50 - Total dues are \$16.00.

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COVER PICTURE -  
Henry VanHousen  
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Contest Ed. Rep. ...  
Bob Wallace taken when he raced the,  
Fairthorpe Electron Minor.

October 22 FALL GYM KHANA - to be held at Stuyvesant Plaza. Registration and technical begin at 12 noon. First car at 1 p.m. PLAN ON BEING THERE - RAIN OR SHINE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

November 12 HARE AND HOUND RALLYE - to be held at Stuyvesant Plaza. Registration at 12 noon. First car at 1 p.m. COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See Gladys Gaul, Treasurer for SCCA lighters, emblems, ashtrays, and many other items.....

T-S-D TO THE MINUTE

Impossible! How will you ever break the ties? Well, that was the reaction when we announced that the timing would be to the nearest minute for an "Ole Time" T-S-D. It is over - ties? there were none and we wonder if we ever really needed timing to the second or were we ever really equipped to time to the second. Every place was clearly defined by a good point margin. How? Well, now for a little back slapping! Someone took the fun out of rallying a long time ago and we've squawked about this from time to time, but the only time we get a chance to do something about it is when we volunteer for rallye-masters (many are called, but only a few are chosen) so we volunteer from time to time - usually for some unsuspecting club. Then we have a real go at it and then go back into hiding.

There are those that say they were misled - those that thought they were tricked or confused and those who decided the rallyemasters had made a mistake and meant????? Well, we're guilty of trying to shak'em up and match wits, but not of misleading. If you were bound and determined to be misled, you wound up very shortly in an open field and it was pretty obvious that this wasn't the way to an ice cream parlor.

We lost only one car completely and that was on one of the easier legs. So, what we had in mind usually came to light on the second or third try. We were real pleased with the results. A couple of ole pro's won by nosing out two novices (who met for the 1st time at the starting line) and a relatively new and successful team took third. We like to think this represents success by experience, ingenuity and brains - everyone was able to compete on an almost equal basis.

Well, we'll see you on November 12th!

TWO VOLUNTEERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 15th M.G.C.C.  
Poker Rallye - Starting at Midas Muffler, State Street  
Registration at 12:30 p.m.
- October 21st Lime Rock - Regional Race
- October 22nd S.C.C.A.  
GYMKHANA - Event master, Bob Wallace. Stuyvesant Plaza  
Registration at 12:00 noon  
1st car off at 1:00 p.m.
- October 29th A.M.E.C.  
Trials - We understand this will be gimmick trials - sure to be a good event  
Registration at 12:00 noon
- November 12th S.C.C.A.  
HARE AND HOUND RALLYE  
Rallyemasters - Midge & Gene Birdsey. Stuyvesant Plaza  
Registration at 12:00 noon  
1st car off at 1:00 p.m.
- December S.C.C.A.  
Annual Dinner Meeting  
Date and place to be announced.  
Gladys Gaul and Irma McClumpha are busily working out all details for a "bang-up" dinner meeting.

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What's new with M - H - R members? Had you informed us we wouldn't have had to resort to filling in these many pages with so much material from other sources!! When you do something, let us know!!!!(If it is printable!!!!)

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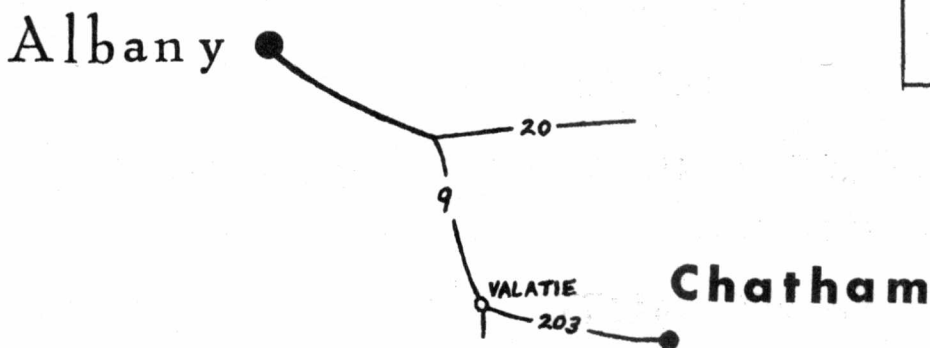
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REGULAR MEETING

Circle Inn @ 9:10 p.m.  
September 6, 1961

The Treasurer's report of a balance of \$454.94 was read and accepted.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Assistant R.E. reported that the membership totalled 103.

The Activities Director reported on upcoming events.

The Airport Gymkhana Master, Phil Lee, reported the results of the Gymkhana.

The R.E. announced the appointment of Midge Birdsey as the new Knock-Off editor.

Ballots for the revised Constitution and By Laws were received. The results were 21 in favor and 7 against.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Lee, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Hideaway @ 9:12 p.m.  
September 13, 1961

Members present: Roly & Betty Heacox, Bill & Jeanette Ackner, Mac, Irma & David McClumpha, Bob Wallace, Art Frederick, Ray & Gladys Gaul, Gene & Midge Birdsey and Phil & Ann Lee.

The R.E. announced that a speaker representing an oil company would be presented at the next regular meeting. The Activities Director will arrange for a film and the speaker.

The R.E. reported that Bob Wallace would act as Gymkhanamaster for the next club event to be held on October 22, 1961. The Activity

Director is investigating sponsorship in the Westgate, Grandway and Stuyvesant Plazas. The Board voted to appropriate \$80.00 for trophies for the event.

The Board discussed the long-standing "no drinking" policy at club events and decided that it would be strictly enforced at future events.

The Board nominated a Christmas Party Committee headed by Irma McClumpha, assisted by Gladys Gaul.

The Board agreed that the regular meeting night in December will be changed to a Saturday night and will also be the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors appointed a Nominating Committee as follows: Ray Gaul, Mac McClumpha and Bob Wallace; the alternates being Bernie Burns and Steve Scullen.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Circle Inn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

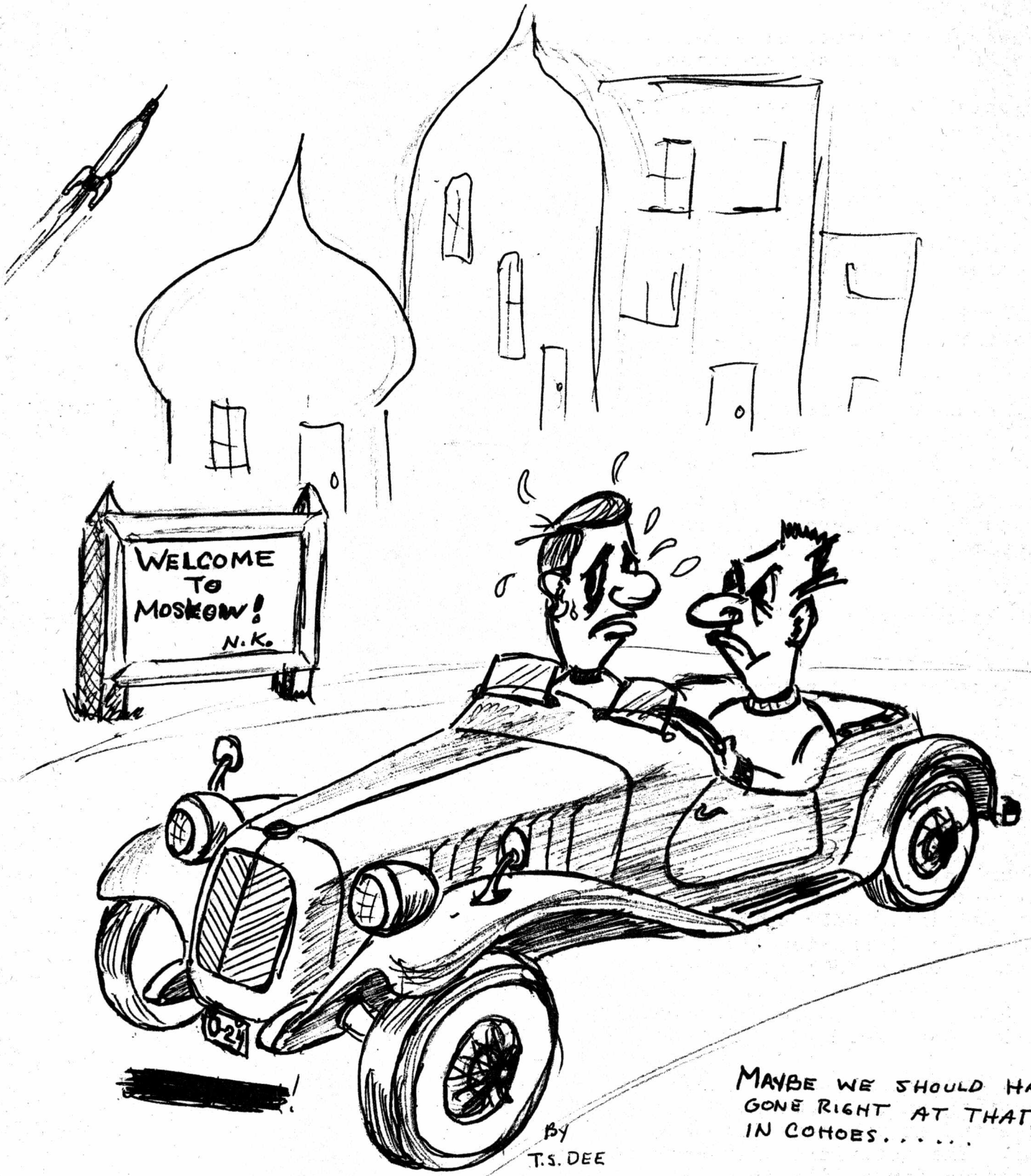
Ann M. Lee, Secretary

Rain or shine!! with one trophy going to "best single time of day" plus others!! Don't miss the Fall Gymkhana to be held at Stuyvesant Plaza on Sunday, October 22nd. Registration and inspection will begin at 12 noon with first car off at 1 p.m. Classes for cars will be on the basis of wheelbase:

- ( Over 90" )
- SPORTS CARS ( Up to and including )
- ( 90" )
- TOURING ( Same as )
- CARS ( above )

There will be one Ladies Class without regard to wheelbase, sports car or touring cars.

There will be one event which will not be complicated but which will involve both forward and reverse driving. Each entrant will make three runs and the sum of the times and points (penalty) will be his score. Trophies will be awarded to 1st 3 in each class.



MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE GONE RIGHT AT THAT "T" IN COHOES.....

By T.S. DEE



## POINT STANDING AS OF SEPTEMBER 9TH

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Bill Ackner      | 400 |
| Ray Gaul         | 380 |
| Gene Birdsey     | 350 |
| Mickey LeVan     | 350 |
| Roly Heacox      | 330 |
| Bernie Burns     | 330 |
| Phil Lee         | 270 |
| Connie LeVan     | 260 |
| Jeanette Ackner  | 250 |
| Ann Lee          | 240 |
| Midge Birdsey    | 230 |
| Gladys Gaul      | 230 |
| Molly Scullen    | 220 |
| George McClain   | 200 |
| Art Frederick    | 190 |
| Jay Delaney      | 180 |
| Barney Galinsky  | 180 |
| Steve Scullen    | 170 |
| Bob Fertig       | 160 |
| Al Jacobson      | 160 |
| Bill Kane        | 150 |
| Bob Wallace      | 150 |
| Betty Heacox     | 140 |
| Carl Metzger     | 140 |
| McClumpha, Irma  | 130 |
| Mac McClumpha    | 120 |
| Dick, York       | 110 |
| Hank Van Deusen  | 90  |
| Frank Williamson | 90  |
| Ted Baran        | 80  |
| Bill Miller      | 80  |
| Jerry Oathout    | 80  |
| Peter Allen      | 70  |
| Pete Farrell     | 70  |
| Dick Moody       | 70  |
| Dick Barton      | 60  |
| Ed Smoot         | 60  |
| Gary Fuller      | 50  |
| Vince Perry      | 50  |
| Phil Raeder      | 50  |
| David Cowan      | 40  |
| Phil Fisher      | 40  |
| Phyl Franze      | 40  |
| Bob Peterson     | 40  |
| Bill Turner      | 40  |
| Roger Derby      | 30  |
| Dave Gaul        | 30  |
| William Leufkens | 30  |
| Carol McMillan   | 30  |
| Bob Minahan      | 30  |
| Phil Wheeler     | 30  |
| Jim Clemens      | 20  |
| Mary Jane Coburn | 20  |
| Royanne Degener  | 20  |
| Joyce Derby      | 20  |
| Lisa Henri       | 20  |
| Tom Hill         | 20  |
| Frank Howland    | 20  |
| Ned McGurn       | 20  |
| John Scanlan     | 20  |

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|---------------------|----|
| Jack Zalinger       | 20 |
| Ed Alsop            | 20 |
| Clayton Berlinghoff | 10 |
| Barry Bisbee        | 10 |
| Larry Black         | 10 |
| Al Bottieri         | 10 |
| Gilbert Coon        | 10 |
| Clarke Fegraus      | 10 |
| Ed Haven            | 10 |
| John Heywood        | 10 |
| Warren Larrabee     | 10 |
| Dick Leonard        | 10 |
| Courtney Makela     | 10 |
| David McClumpha     | 10 |
| Karl Muggenberg     | 10 |
| Lonnie Oathout      | 10 |
| Fred Powers         | 10 |
| Irwin Shupe         | 10 |
| Dick Vedder         | 10 |

Any questions concerning the point standing, please contact Gene Birdsey, Assistant R.E.

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AVERAGE SPORTS CAR DRIVER TODAY IS 34, MARRIED, ATTENDED COLLEGE AND MAKES \$11,500 ANNUALLY

What kind of man drives one of those flashy, foreign sports cars? Some care-free young bachelor out to impress the neighborhood girls, you would probably think.

Not so, says a survey released yesterday by the British Automobile Manufacturers Association.

First of all, he is married. More than 65% of the sports car owners questioned are, the survey reports. And if he is the average owner, he is 34, he makes \$11,500 a year, he attended college and he owns his first sports car. The survey conducted for a national magazine and tabulated by an independent research organization interviewed several thousand sports car owners across the nation. 43% bought their high-powered little autos because they are fun to drive. About 21% liked the appearance and styling, while 20% said economy to operated was their major consideration. But 63% are two-car families, the sports car being a stylish, economical second car. Most of

these sun-tanned, wind-blown drivers are happy. 61% say they would buy another sports car as a replacement for the one they have. Another 24% say they would buy one as an additional car. But, there were those who are sorry. Almost 11% said they would not buy another sports car either as a replacement or as an additional car. Their main complaints were "limited use, impractical, not built to last and complicated."

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The above article was supplied to the K-0 by Ann Lee and taken from the Knickerbocker News - August 2, 1961.

The following proposed revision to the Constitution is printed only in part due to lack of space in the K-0. We are sorry we were not able to do it in its entirety.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1 The name of the Club shall be the M-H Region Debating Society.

SECTION 2 The general purposes of the Club shall be to discourage the ownership and operation of Sports Cars; to provide, and harrass and discourage the events and exhibitions for sports cars and their owners; to act as a source of dissention, to encourage safe, careful and skillful driving on the public sidewalks, to enter into contractual agreements, purchase, sell, mortgage, lease real and personal property as incidental to the foregoing purposes and subsequent foreclosures.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1 The elected officers of the club shall each serve one year or until parolled.

SECTION 2 In case a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices, a majority of the Bd. of Directors shall select a person to fill said vacancy until the next annual meeting in Moskow.

SECTION 3 A Contest Bd. Representative shall be ordained by the RE. He shall hold a valid national drinking license as requisite for appointment.

SECTION 4 The elected officers of the Club shall ignore the Bored of Directors.

SECTION 5 The Bored of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of no less than 3 members in good health, shall present a plate of spaghetti at the regular Oct. meeting. Any 10 members in good standing may nominate a member as candidate for office. Such nomination, countersigned by the member so nominated signifying his unwillingness to accept the candidacy and delivered to Kennedy no later than 4 a.m. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot containing fried onions and shall not mail said ballot to each member.....

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1 A majority of the Board of Directors shall appoint committees and shall outline the duties and responsibilities of such committees on toilet paper (new).

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1 The RE shall reside at all meetings of members and officers and shall perform the duties usually appertaining to this office. He may call special names and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Latrine. In the absence of the RE the duties usually appertaining to that office shall be performed by the bartender.

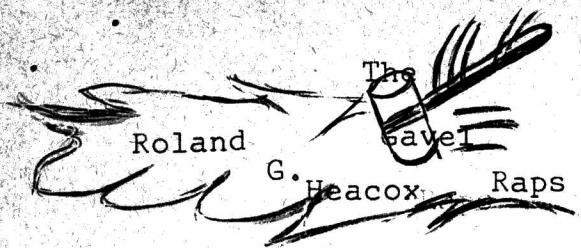
SECTION 2 The A.R.E. shall retard the RE in the performance of any of the executive duties as the RE may delegate/ In the absence of booze, the RE shall send out for some.

SECTION 3 The Secretary might attend all meetings of members and shall record all jokes in a book stolen for the purpose. He shall have custody of the corporate seal and the club's records and bottle openers.

SECTION 6 It shall be the duty of the Activities Director to arrange all events for the year, submit a schedule at the regular Feb. meeting and then resign.

SECTION 7 There shall be a Permanent Protest Bd. consisting of elves and fairies.

SECTION 8 The Contest Bd. Rep. will act nice and be responsible for enforcing all competition regulations of the Shorts in the Region.



All Regional members note:  
Election time is here - VOTE -  
for whom you choose, but VOTE.  
Don't let this opportunity for  
your voice in the running of the  
Region slip by. Don't leave it  
up to the other members, do  
your part, PLEASE.

All competition drivers: Please  
see that Gene Birdsey, our point  
keeper, has your competition rac-  
ing date for this season as soon  
as possible. Remember, he needs  
your help to help you get the  
awards that are rightfully yours.

We have a shopping center gymkhana  
coming up, on pavement, which  
promises to be fast and challenging.  
We expect a very large turn-out,  
so if you desire to work at this  
event, you should contact our Act-  
ivities Chairman, Bill Ackner, or  
the Gymkhanamaster, Bob Wallace,  
at the earliest opportunity.

See you at the races,  
  
Roly

THE CHIEF'S BAILIWICK

The movement was northward, into  
our ancient Adirondacks, to an  
area the long-gone Iroquois would  
not recognize. The vast manmade  
lake of Sacandaga, a nearby setting  
for an afternoon of Gymkhana enjoy-  
ment. No teepees or bearskins  
greeted our modern sports cars as  
we arrived, but the Gymkhanamaster,  
Phil Lee, had his warpaint on and  
challenged all comers to battle for  
his trophies.

Many brave drivers faltered in the  
heat and dust of the battlefield,  
and it was several long hours before  
the conquerors emerged through the  
clouds to claim victory. Some noted

squaws from our region handled all the  
paper work of the sunny Saturday, and  
sturdy braves stood amidst the battling  
and worked the competitors through their  
paces. On a couple of occasions, the  
proceedings were interrupted by local  
aviators passing through for some of their  
own fun up in the blue. All around us  
that afternoon there was fun, gaiety,  
singing and race preparation. The war  
dancing and chanting aroused the interest  
of many of our friendly group, and we  
did all but take part in the show. We  
did though, have our picture snapped  
with the swinging band in the back-  
ground. The carnival atmosphere helped  
to relax the tribe and we went down to  
the big water for a much needed swim  
and feast. Not to detract from our  
sporting day, we returned to the scene  
of battle, and watched the go-carts go  
for dough. This was too much for our  
Gymkhanamaster, and he promptly pur-  
chased himself one of the tiny bombs.  
Maybe we will have a go-cart class in our  
next Gymkhana.

An enjoyable day of challenge and  
inspiration, our thanks to the local  
chief and his warriors, as our coffers  
gained wampum and our happy executives  
traded sighs that a successful day  
passed into our Region's history.

Thanks, Phil, and all who helped.

THE WINNER

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You may get a stub or scar which will make an ideal conversation piece.

You can write a best seller on, "How I Was Brought Back From the Brink" or "How a Cripple Can Up His Income."

You may get your name in the paper. Maybe even get a headline like "Drunk Runs Into School Bus."

You can collect on that accident insurance you've been pouring money down the drain on so long.

You may deduct your time lost from work on your income tax return.

You can sit around the house while recuperating and catch up on all the daytime TV shows.

You can solicit sympathy you'd never get otherwise, maybe even from the kids and spouse.

Your physical system will be injected with all sorts of drugs and stimulants.

The wife might get to go to work, the older kids drop out of school, and so enrich their experiences.

The doctor may have to put you on a regimen to cure some of your bad habits.

You might have to learn a new trade to replace the old one you can't continue and didn't like anyway.

So live modern. Have an accident. Experience can be a good teacher - if you live through it.

Robert D. Gidel  
National Safety Council

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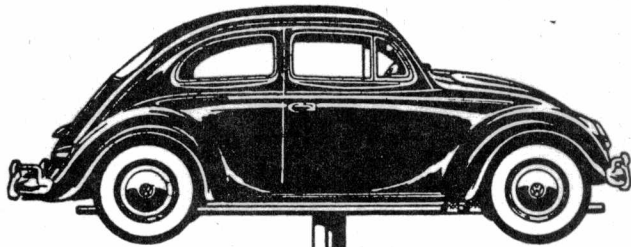
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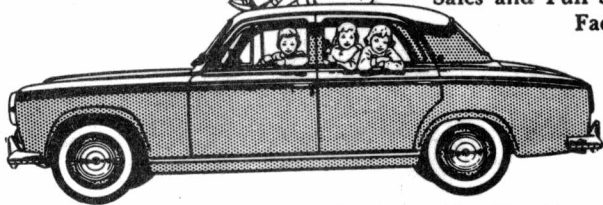




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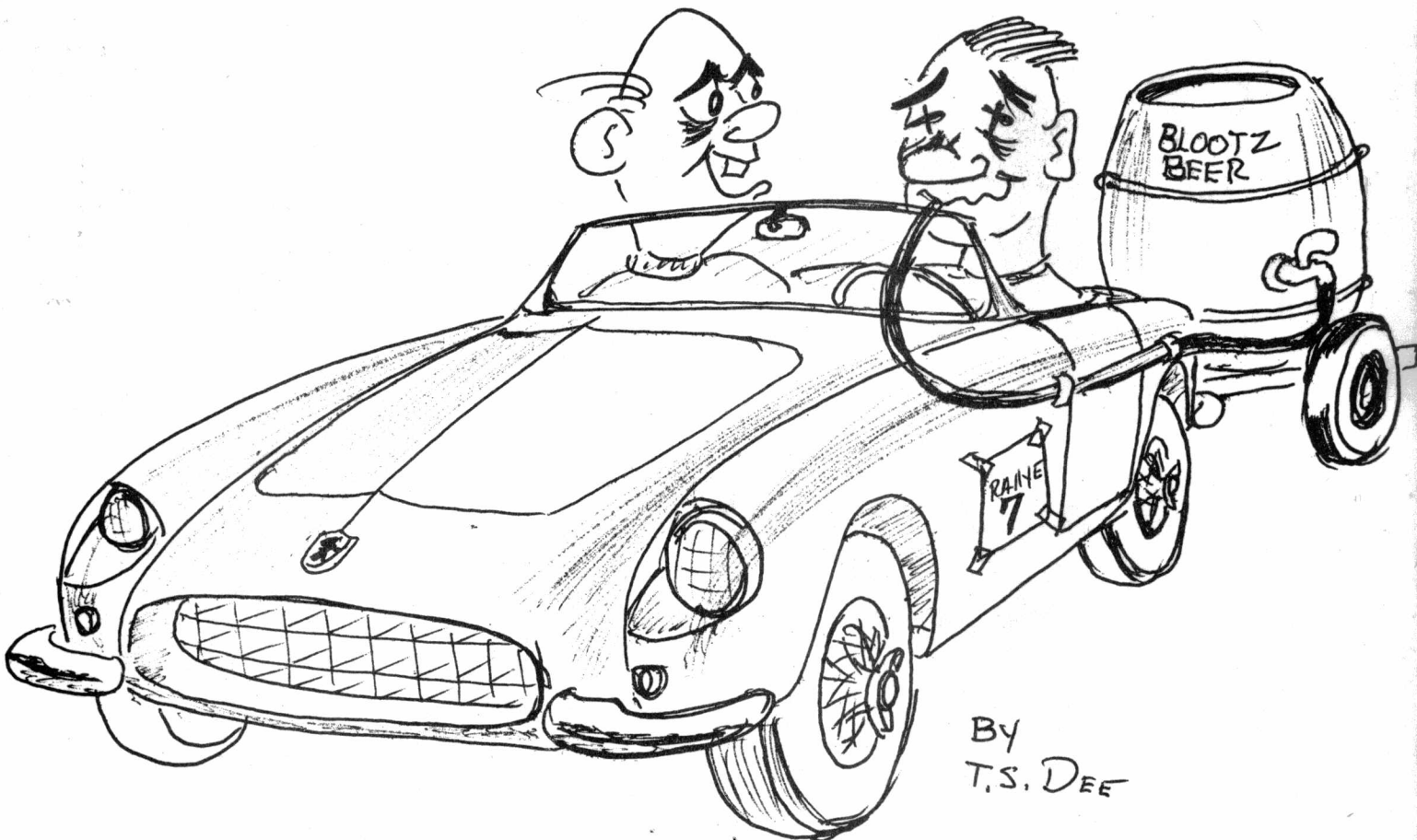
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