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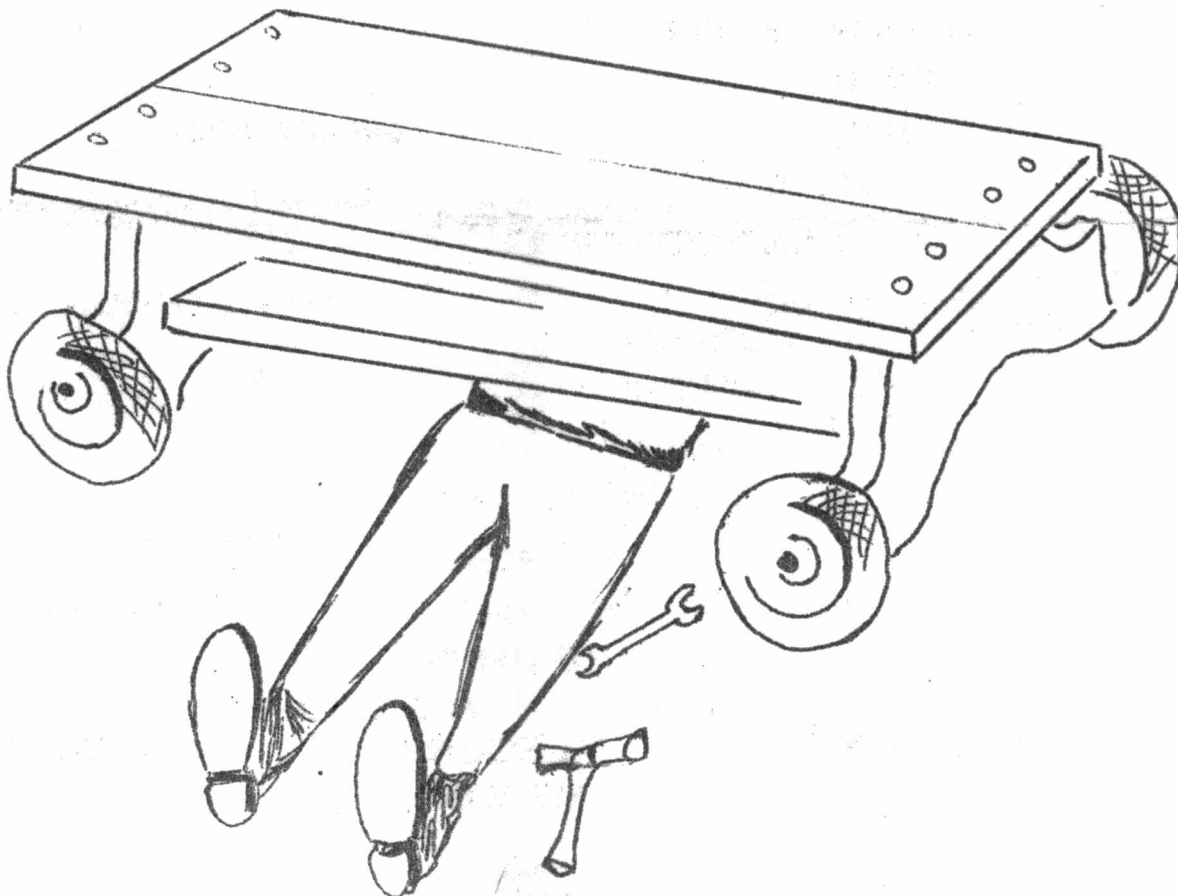
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This Newsletter is the official SCCA publication for the Mohawk-Hudson Region. It is dedicated to news, announcements and results of sports car activities in and around this Region, published by and for sports car enthusiasts. The publication of this Newsletter is supported by Regional dues and advertising fees. The cooperation of all members is earnestly solicited in keeping mailing lists current and correct.

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MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Circle Inn, south of US #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 purpose of SCCA. The procedure for joining is as follows:

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REgional Rambling

Connie and I want to express our wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all of the membership.

To those who supported me for RE, I extend my thanks. I will try to carry out the duties of this office to the benefit of the entire membership.

Your officers have some very ambitious new programs in the coming year and will need your support to make them reality.

Let's all try to make our meeting and events FUN. We may have our share of cliques, but during the holiday "Festivities" we learned they can be friendly cliques.

During the coming year, we will urge you repeatedly to bring guests and new members. It is also important to show these people hospitality. I can remember well how much it meant to Connie and I when we first became interested in this club to meet friendly people.

Don't hesitate to give us your ideas and constructive criticism, as well as the usual criticism. We may make mistakes, but we will try to only make them once.

Many of us have read, or are aware that each year new officers start out with ambitious "pie in the sky" ideas, and plans to entirely revitalize their regions. Most of these people succumb halfway through their terms to membership apathy and old guard resistance. We are not about to fall into this pattern if we can help it. Our ideas are reasonable and workable, and will be enacted to make this the year for Mohawk-Hudson. Many of the top brass of SCCA have implied we are a "do-nothing" region. Well this is our year to leave the nest of apathy and try our wings. You can fly with us, just SUPPORT your club.

MICKEY LE VAN

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FEBRUARY 5, 1964

REGULAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CIRCLE INN
Latham, New York
8:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING * MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 1964
CIRCLE INN, LATHAM, NEW YORK

Meeting called to order by Regional Executive Ray Gaul.

R. E. expressed thanks to every member of Mohawk Hudson Region for support and consideration. R.E. then introduce new officers for 1964:

- Regional Executive Mickey Levan
- Assistant Regional Executive Mac McClumpha.
- Treasurer Bernie Burns
- Secretary Sondra Jacobson
- Activities Director Dick Leonard
- Directors - Irma McClumpha
- Hank Van Deusen

New R.E., Mickey LeVan accepted gavel and commended 1963 R.E. for his action in office during the previous year.

Treasurer's Report by Bernie Burns -
Balance as of 1/8/64 - \$318.46.
Membership cards left from previous year will be forwarded.

Activities Director Dick Leonard presented the tentative schedule for 1964. (This is printed elsewhere in this issue.)

Membership discussed increased fee for events. Roly Heacox to investigate the fee schedules for other area clubs. Motion made by Ray Gaul that after Roly Heacox reports to the Executive Committee, that Committee be empowered to set the fees for Mohawk-Hudson Region events. Seconded by Joel Solomon. Motion carried.

Contest Board Chairman Phil Groggins made interim report.

- Committees for 1964 announced.
- Membership - Steve Donachie
 - Greeting - Joel Solomon
 - INEC - Gene Birdsey, Ed Hopkins
 - Gymkhana Council - Gene Birdsey
 - Contest Board Chairman - P. Groggins
 - Publicity - Art Frederick
 - Dick McCaughin
 - Program - VACANT
 - Knock-Off - Mary Schongar
 - K-O Business Manager - Chuck Schongar

Old Business

Joel Solomon presented the recommendations of the Membership Committee noting that this Committee was not empowered to make rules and the report transmitted only the recommendations of the committee. The membership is requested to read and submit any suggestions they may wish to add or change.
(This Report is reprinted elsewhere.)

Motion made by Ray Gaul that Connie LeVan and Wanda Peterson be commended for the annual dinner festivities. Motion unanimously carried.

New Business

Ice Gymkhana for February
Gymkhanamaster - Ed Hopkins.
Date - February 23, 1964
Place - Crooked Lake, N.Y.

Use of name tags discussed.

Every one is urged to find one sponsor for advertising in Knock-Off. Rates listed elsewhere. Quarter page add discussed.

Purchase of an automatic timer discussed. Designed by Joel Solomon - approx. \$70 Suggested that Joel submit a list of components and a sample, to the Exec. Committee Before the next meeting.

Guests introduced.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Leonard
Acting Secretary



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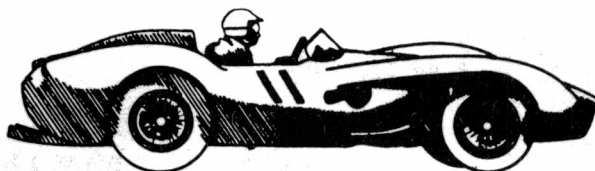
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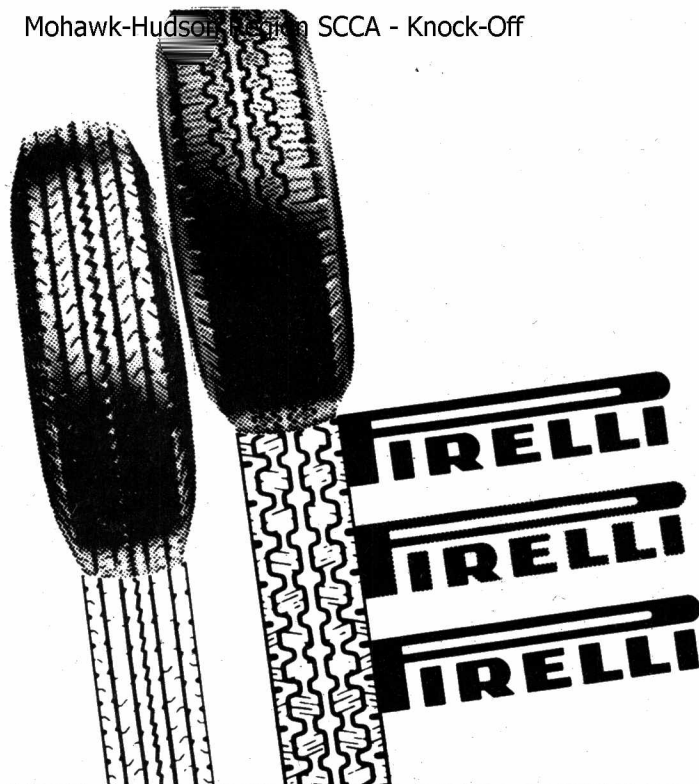
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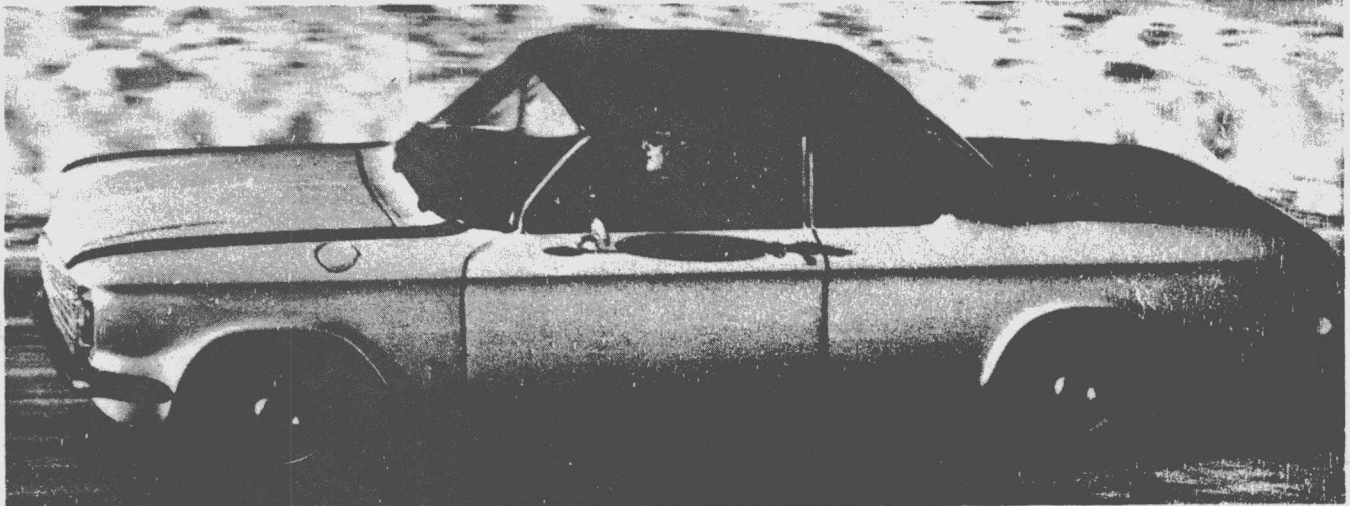
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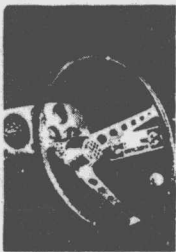
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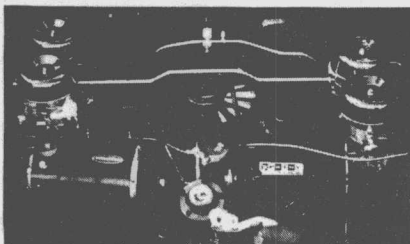
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February 9 - Corvette Club of Syracuse
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1964

MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION

Submitted as of January 20, 1964.

January	Open
February	IceGymkhana - February 23 Gymkhanamaster Ed Hopkins Crooked Lake, New York
March	Rally - Tentative dates March 22 or 16 Rallymaster Joel Solomon
April	Open
May	Driver's Clinic - Tentatively May 9
June	Top O' the World Event
July	Open
August	High Speed Gymkhana Gymkhanamaster Steve Donachie
September	WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN HILLCLIMB SEPTEMBER 19 and 20
October	Rally
November	Open
December	Annual Dinner.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

As a committee set up to make a critical study of the club and its needs with regard to increasing active membership, we submit the following recommendations.

- I. Expulsion of inactive members on the club roster is not a solution to creating a more active group. While these people do not aid the club, neither are they detrimental to it. In addition, if they are willing to support the club by merely paying their dues, and still remain inactive, we will accept them on this basis. To get future participation we must make the club attractive to all.
- II. Set up events of high caliber so that we uphold the national name of SCCA and are not looked on as just another local club.
 - A. Possibility of closed club events in the future of a type unobtainable outside this club.
 - B. Set up a differential admission price to club events favoring club members.
 - C. Make the Regional Hillclimb a successful event, thus insuring its continuance in coming years.
- III. Meeting should be closed to all but club members and their guests. All wives of club members are encouraged to become associate members of the Region.
- IV. Membership
 - A. There should be a close scrutiny of people applying for membership and those applying for re-admittance.
 1. Set up an official greeting committee to introduce prospective members to the officers and general membership of the club. Stress the fact that there are regional and national activities not requiring driving skill.
 - B. Sponsors of candidates should be required to speak for their candidate at an executive committee meeting.
 - C. Modify by-laws to state that candidate must attend AT LEAST ONE MEETING AND ONE EVENT in order to qualify for membership.
- V. Events
 - A. Workers for club events should be club members.
 1. Set up rotating worker system so that all members will have participated as a worker in at least one event during the course of the year.
 - (a.) Teach people how to time, score, etc., in topical clinics after the regular meetings.
 - B. Make up a set of club ground rules for various types of events and distribute to each member to prevent disputes and promote uniformity in the future.
 - C. Have event chairman meet to discuss generally their events and help each other make the events as good as possible.

REPORT (CONTINUED)

D. Revamp point system,

- 1. Let person be chairman or co-chairman of more than one event and give points for this.

VI. Work more closely with INEC and the New England Region in jointly sponsored events.

VII. Support of membership on all club sponsored events.

Committee Members

- Bernie Burns, Chairman
- Al Jacobson
- Sharon Leonard
- Steve Donachie
- Joel Solomon

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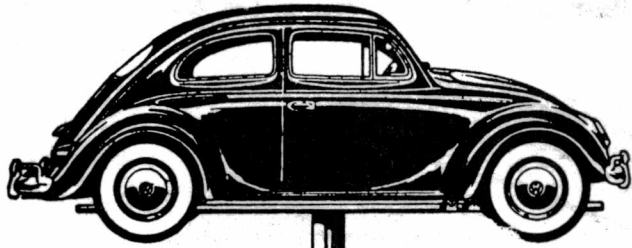
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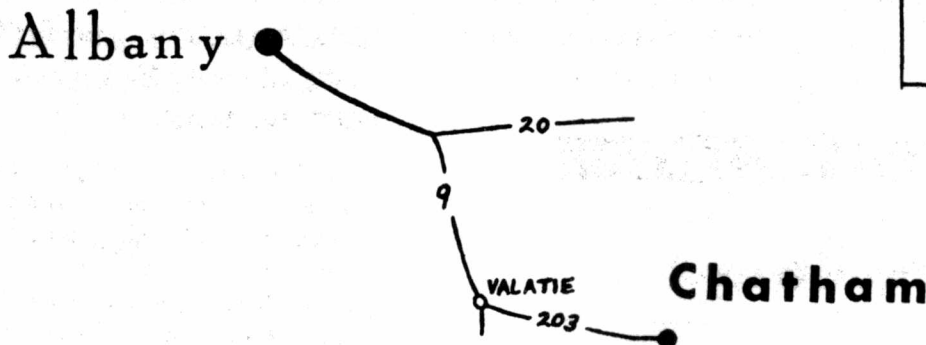
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