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IF you haven't paid your Regional and National dues, you are no longer a member of the Mohawk-Hudson Region, nor the Sports Car Club of America!! This will probably be your last copy of The Knock Off and you won't receive "Sports Car" next month. These are only two good reasons for paying your dues NOW!!! Think it over. We are also looking for new members.

We have just taken a long look at our recent regional events and believe that we all must work to achieve a better planned and controlled event. We are sure that our future events will be of the quality that you would expect from a National club.

We are facing a substantial increase in insurance rates for speed events. A good portion of this additional expense will be passed on to the driver through an increase in entry fees. This is probably inevitable, but to soften the touch, let's increase the number of pit passes. A considerable number of drivers need an additional pass or two. For instance, a driver has a spouse (1 pass gone); he has a mechanic with a spouse (all three passes gone); and where does this leave the two good guys who manage the team? Some drivers wouldn't mind paying the admission price for the two gals, but this doesn't get the girls into the paddock. If you know the right people, this can be arranged, but let's make definite provisions.

Congratulations to our 3 appointed Stewards in Training--Roly Heacox, Bill Kane, and Barney Galinsky.

The plans for the Drivers' School and Race are coming along very well. Volunteer for a job now!

It looks like our special Social Meeting is catching on. Like a Good Time Had By All!

It's going to cost more money to get your Competition License in 1967. Because of increases in liability and driver insurance, there will be a substantial increase in drivers' school fees. Most regions have had a difficult time of (even at the old rates) breaking even on drivers' schools. In 1966 there were some increases in fees. It looks like the one-day schools will be \$20-\$25 and the 2-day schools \$30-\$35, or maybe more. So, if you are planning to go to a school, be sure to pick one with a good reputation of on-the-track instruction. Don't wait for a cheapy because I'm afraid it's a thing of the past. Also, be sure your car is ready so that you don't waste an entry fee. Some more good news is also that you can expect to pay more entrance fees after you get your license, but that's the name of the game--MONEY.

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## the MOOT

'Oh to the club, the scene of savage joys,
The school of course good fellowship, and noise.'
--WILLIAM COWPER

It was a clear, crisp Sunday afternoon about ten years ago when we saw our first sports car race (you could race at Lime Rock on Sunday at that time). After studying the brown and white photos in ROAD & TRACK (remember those?), seeing the full scene in color took us by surprise. We're sure there were many others that day who felt the same way.

Seeing one race really hooked us, and we went and watched as often as we could...for quite a few years, but only to watch. We had various misconceptions about SCCA and its membership requirements, but one day decided to do some inquiring around.

Before we knew it, we were suited in white and trying to get used to holding a green flag at Lime Rock's Station 7.

Later that day we stood on Station 8 wondering why everyone didn't react as we did to the first lap of F-Prod; and spoke at length to John Tuit, the Northern New Jersey Chief Tech Inspector who had rented out his F-V that day and was acting as an observer for the day. (John was the fellow who took a day off from work last year to officiate at our school.)

Among other things said that day, John mentioned that no matter how hard you work, you can't give back to the sport all you can get out of it.

A lot has happened since then, and we have often thought of John's statement which has more truth to it than we believed at the time. At one point it suddenly occurred to us--when you're "working" on or at an event, you're not "working" at all! The job you do from 9-5 is work; the things you do for the club are fun. And, most important, the more you do, the more interesting people you meet and the more fun it is.

Why did we wait ten years to get with it? Don't know, really--but, profit from our loss:

## MOHAWK- HUDSON DRIVERS' SCHOOL

APRIL 14.15.... LIME ROCK

See you there! my



I just never realized before what a ferocious driver I've become-or at least, how it must look to the average Chevy or Buick driver. This sudden awakening came one day, recently, when I was giving a coworker a ride home, his first time riding with me. During a perfectly innocuous gear change he dropped his brief case and clutched at the door handle and dash. This gave me cause to wonder, and all driving enthusiasts might think about this.

We drive exotic foreign cars, or well-prepared American cars. We usually prefer sophisticated suspension systems, manual transmissions, and information devices such as tachometers. We know our cars and how well and how soon they will stop. We are, by and large, better than average drivers. We know how to maximize power output in any gear, and how to use the throttle as a steering aid. So we drive "smartly" as a matter of routine--enjoying the man-machine communication and the exhileration of doing something well. Driving "smartly" means safely and within (or close to) legal road speeds.

Now, let's see how this looks to a man who has never driven anything but an automatic, doesn't use his seat belts, probably even has one foot on the brake all the time:

We approach the Rover, which he's seen in the lot but never really took notice of before. He comments on the mag wheels as "being just like those the hot rod kids use." Well, I try to explain about mag wheels—strength, lightness, added rim width, but he's not listening because he's already voiced his disapproving opinion.

Getting in, the first thing he notices is the fire extinguisher bolted to the transmission tunnel. Why? he asks. So I tell him that in my racing experiences the most fearsome accidents had been fires. Then I realize he stopped listening right after I'd said "racing experiences." I tried to cover up and explain that  $\underline{I}$  don't race, but, as I said, he's not listening.

During the cold start procedure which involves manual choke, checking tach reading, etc., I ask him to slip into the shoulder harness/lap belt arrangement, which is an extremely comfortable feature of the Rover. Naturally, I have to do it for him, he didn't even know how to hook up the metal-to-metal buckle.

So, here sits my passenger, strapped, helpless, shying away from the looming fire extinguisher, hands folded on briefcase (to conceal their trembling, no doubt) and nervously marvelling at the operating complexities (manual short shank gear shift lever) of a heretofore harmless looking sedan.

## TUNED EXHAUST continued ...

The first part of the ride is in traffic, with lots of start and stop, and I even stalled the engine once. Passenger even relaxed a little. Outside of town, after New Scotland Avenue crosses the Thruway, is the enjoyable part of the drive. No more traffic lights, a few sweeping curves, a couple of hills--just enough gear changes to be able to do them "smartly"--maintain max legal, safe speeds in the proper gear.

It was when he dropped his briefcase that I realized he was terrified. It was during a fourth to third down change at a curve at the bottom of one hill approaching another going up. Perfectly routine. Do it every day. Of course, I'm leaning into the shoulder harness almost a part of the car-my passenger is fighting the restraint and looking for something to hold on to. And I could not for the life of me think of how I could drive any more conservatively. I couldn't think of one action to eliminate or to temper--because that's how you driver a Rover.

What I'm getting at is this. My passenger has undoubtedly regaled his contemporaries with tales of the "wild ride" he had in Terri's "souped-up hot-rod." (115 hp souped up?) And this is probably how he honestly viewed it. He didn't have the enlightened exposure to appreciate the fact that he was riding in one of the best safety engineered sedans in the world, and that a better than average, gymkhana-trained driver was piloting it. He just knew it was different and so it was bad.

We just don't realize how the rest of the world looks at us until something like this happens, and the need is revealed for educating our friends, and of being considerate of their ignorance.

Holy-Rover! What would he have done if I'd tried to show off a little and <u>drifted</u> through that turn?

See you all at the April meeting-be sure to come and talk drivers' school things.

MP.



# HELMETS\_ ROLLBARS\_ ..., and bright shiny beads.

The column again. . .

Got some things from Westport. Real good service, and three cheers for Jim Paterson, the Deputy Director of the Contest Board. Here's what I've got:

1967 Novice Permits and Log Books 1967 Medical Forms Renewal forms for Regional and National Licenses Log Books for Licensed Official positions 1967 Production Car Specifications

I asked for 1967 GCR's, but these are apparently not yet available. I'm sure I'll get them when they are.

So.

First. For you people who want to be a race driver, here is the drill -

- 1. See me to get a 1967 Medical Form. When you have it complete, and your doctor signs off that you are OK, give me a check for \$4.50, payable to Mo-Hud Region.
- 2. If you do the above, I'll give you a 1967 Novice Permit and Log, and copies of the Prod Car Specs and GCR (when available.) Then you are on your way. Just follow the simple instructions in the Log book, and that't all there is to it. Note that I'll not issue anything until I see your approved medical form. Don't forget, you also need two passport-size photos; the dime store is the place to go for these.

For you people who already are licensed race drivers -

See me for renewal forms, etc. If you qualify for a National, you can also get an FIA License (be a real wow on the cocktail party circuit) and an FIA Entrant's License--which you need if you are going to enter FIA (Trans-Am) events. That is, unless someone else owns your car, and they have an entrant's license.

For you people who want to be race officials--let's be serious for a moment.....

We all damn well know that no race would ever happen if there weren't officials, and we all appreciate what these volunteer workers do. But, fellows and girls, see the writing on the wall-sooner or later, probably sooner, you are going to have

## HELMETS, ROLLBARS, (and bright shiny beads?) continued...

to be licensed. No sweat, I have the forms. (This seems to be the secret of success in our complex world.) The following positions are licensed:

- 1. Time and/or Scoring
- 2. Flagging and/or Communications
- 3. Starters
- 4. Scrutineers
- 5. Marshalls

So. Here's what you do. If you are really interested in any or all of the above positions, and feel you are minimally qualified, see me and I'll give you a log book. Then, as you work an event, you have the log signed off. After the required four endorsements, we'll get you a license. Zowie' I'll just bet that before long (maybe minutes, even) possession of a license will be enough to get you into any event. As to flagging, better see Mac McClumpha, he's Mister Wizard on that bit.

Please don't ask for forms, especially Prod Car Specs, unless you really need and want them; I don't have bales of these available. Remember, these can be had from Westport too; I just wangled us a few so we would have a jump on the game.

I'm in favor of more social fraternization among the membership, so let's all support the proposed second 'social meeting' each month. Perhaps some of you will be as amazed as I...there are really some nice people in this Region, though many are quite skilled at keeping it to themselves. Just think of the possibilities...and, to paraphrase, I never met a social (backfire) situation yet I didn't like in the end.

An analysis of the files of this Region's Competition Director shows quite a bunch of panic type letters, along about March and April. Therefore, I urge all of you who are going the racing bit this year to get the license business out of the way early. It is always a shame to see someone miss out on a driver's school, or something like that, for want of a piece of paper. So, please, get started early. If you are going racing this year, chances are that you know it now. So, I've got the forms; let's get the paperwork drill done with.

Eventually this column will get around to talking about some of the practical aspects of this racing game. Until then, if you need some advice, there are quite a number of experienced drivers in the Region who, I'm sure, will be glad to help.

Don't forget the postcards I asked for in the last issue of the KO.

Finally, remember that guys who race sedans are sober, steady, reliable, clean-cut, fearless, rational, well adjusted and handsome; all the rest are beasts.

PHIL RAEDER Competition Director



FROM: CLUB OFFICE P.O. BOX 791 WESTPORT, CONN. 06880 203-CA7-1266

WESTPORT, Conn., February 28, 1967.....The Sports Car Club of America, meeting in San Francisco for its 1967 Annual Convention, announced a professional series for Formula SCCA cars to be known as the SCCA Grand Prix Championship Series. The club's competition board has been asked to review the general proposal immediately and implement the series in 1967. Details of the new championship, including race dates and sites, are expected to be available within the next few weeks.

The convention, conducted by the San Francisco Region, Feb. 23-26, attracted nearly 500 delegates, one of the highest registration figures in the club's 23-year-old history.

The SCCA governors approved a planning committee recommendation that the members be polled to amend the SCCA bylaws by dropping the region-of-residence requirement for membership. Under the proposal, members will continue to hold both national and regional membership and would have to meet established membership requirements but would be free to apply for membership in any of SCCA's 101 regions.

SCCA's 1967 officers were announced at the annual banquet concluding the four-day convention. J. Lewis Spencer, 38, West Los Angeles, California, was elected chairman of the club's 15-man board of governors. David A. H. Roethel, Silver Spring, Md., is vice chairman. Roy J. Tarantino, Atlanta, Georgia, was elected secretary and E. L. Hall, Deerfield, Illinois, treasurer. The club's 1967 executive committee includes these four officers plus outgoing chairman Dr. Frank Falkner, Louisville, Kentucky.

Falkner was also the recipient of the club's premier individual award, the Woolf Barnato Trophy, for outstanding contributions to SCCA.

Dan Parkinson of La Canada, California, was presented with the Kimberly Cup, given to the SCCA member who showed the greatest improvement in competition driving in 1966. Parkinson was a dual winner of the American Road Race of Champions in Riverside last November.

Lothar Motschenbacher, Beverly Hills, California, received the Tim Mayer Fund, a \$1,000 cash award to encourage the competition career of a promising driver. Motschenbacher, 28, finished the 1966 U.S. Road Racing Championship in fourth place.

Dr. Donald Ginardi, Kansas City, Missouri, was awarded the Val D. Scroggie memorial award given to the SCCA race physician who has made the greatest contribution to the sport.

SCCA NEWS continued.....

The Castrol Oils, Inc., Rookie-of-the-Year award went to 57-year-old Harvey Templeton, Winchester, Tennessee, Formula Vee driver who went to his first competition school just a year ago and starred in 1966 racing.

Awards to SCCA regions included: the regional achievement award, Steel Cities Region; the most improved region award, Finger Lakes Region; the most improved racing region award, Northeast Oklahoma Region. The Northwestern Ohio Region won the newly named Arthur J. Gervais memorial award for the best national rally. The Washington, D.C. Region's publication "Straightpipe" received the best regional publication award.

The club's board of governors approved new classifications for sports-racing cars beginning in 1968, reducing the present six classes to four, based on engine displacement as follows: Class A, over 2000 cc displacement; B, 1300 cc to 2000 cc; C, 850 cc to 1300 cc; and D, under 850 cc.

Acting on a competition board recommendation, Formula Vee cars will now be scheduled for their own races without other classes.

Effective May 1, drivers in SCCA speed events must wear gloves and flame resistant socks.

The club's 1968 convention will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, January 25-28. In 1969 the site will be Denver, Colorado, from February 20 to 23.

Two members of the SCCA board of governors have been appointed to additional positions. Don M. Nixon, Michigan City, Indiana, has been named to the new SCCA position of director of officials' licensing. Chairman Spencer has been named the club's alternate delegate to ACCUS, the FIA auto sports representative in this country.

It was also announced that to administer the newly developed divisional-national rally program, SCCA is seeking a rally specialist to be employed at its Westport, Connecticut headquarters.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stan and Judy Bubar. The little one, center front, Lotus Elan, is Ingrid Frances Bubar, who, upon her arrival on March 6, weighed in at 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

## LIME ROCK NEWS

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION:

I hope this letter will serve as an invitation to attend the races at Lime Rock during the coming year.

We plan an expanded schedule in 1967 with the major event being the Trans-American Championship on Memorial Day (May 30). I was down at Daytona to see the opening event (well, drive...but we blew up) and was really impressed by the number of entries and the quality of the equipment. The Bud Moore factory Mercury Cougars with Gurney and Parnelli Jones were just beautiful (silver and maroon) and the Mark Donohue-Roger Penske prepared Camero (yellow and dark blue) looked set for a concours. Every machine had full NASCAR Grand National paint jobs (even Mini's!!!!) and the whole show was excellent. I hope to get some 50 to 60 entries at Lime Rock and qualify the fastest 25 on Monday (May 29) and then hold a consolation event on Tuesday (May 30) morning to pick the final 10 in a starting field of 35. The race itself will feature a LeMans start to sort things out before the first corner in the 3-hour (250-plus miles) enduro.

Also on tap is our 10th anniversary SCCA National on Tuesday July 4 with over 250 entries expected in a 10-race program. Everyone will practice on Monday, and if plans go OK, we will have a monster (big, not spooks) movie party at the barn (J. Peckham idea) afterwards showing all the racing movies we can get our hands on (FREE...FREE..., FREE!!!)

Area Championship races will be held starting on April 22 (NYR), August 26 (NNJ), September 23 (NNJ), and close on October 14 (NYR). New York will also have a Regional on July 29, and so will you (Mohawk-Hudson) on May 13. I know your event will be as well run as last year and I am really pleased that you are back with us again.

Last, but not least, in our plans for the year is the introduction of a SEASON PASS (value over \$200.00) offering all our races, pit passes, private events, and Tuesday practice (over 21 only), and anything else I can think of for a pittance of only \$25.00.......... socooococo.....if you plan to attend sports car races in '67, plan to attend Lime Rock.

Yours for the sport,

Jim Haynes Promoter

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## RESULTS

ICE TRIALS
March 5, 1967

Despite inclement weather on Sunday, March 5, we had a fair turnout with a wide variety of cars on Glass Lake for the Mohawk-Hudson Region Ice Trials. Classes were as follows:

Sedans--incorporating Saabs, VW's, MG 1100's, and other such vehicles; Studded Tires--incorporating all cars with studded tires whether being driven by males or females;

Sports Cars--combining all the conventional sports cars, whether they are front engine or rear engine (Sting Ray, Lotus Elan, TR-4, Porsche, and such animals);

And, as always, a Ladies Class.

The class for studded tires was set up to answer questions in many peoples minds about the feasibility of studded tires in ice racing, in determining whether higher speeds could actually be attained. This was proven without a doubt when an MG 1100 took fastest time of the day--twice; once by Joe Corbett with a time of 106.1, and again by Marge Corbett with a 108.2 seconds. This MG 1100 was of the grocery wagon series. James Hughes of Rexford turned in a time of 115.5 in a Saab with studded tires. Jim has no club affiliation and we all agree that Jim would be an outstanding prospect for Mohawk-Hudson. How about it, Jim?

Next, turning to the Sports Car class, Uncle Bob Claffie, driving an antiquated Austin Healey, finished third with a time of 120.3. Coming up next in second place—his first time on the ice—Alan Bissel driving a bright red MGB turned a time of 118.5. First place was awarded to a Supercharged Carmann Ghia, driven by Dan Mennecci. Proving that the big cars with lots of torque still do very well on ice was Ed Holeva in a Sting Ray Coupe, turning in the next best time of 121.6.

Turning now to Sedans--Car #6 driven by Ralph (Nader) Perrone...yes, it was a Corvair...copped third place honors with a time of 117.7. Mohawk-Hudson's own Hans Flebbe in #4 Saab finished second with a time of 116.3. First place went to Jack (Holiday Magic) Collins driving an MG 1100 and turning a 113.8. What, no Porsche??

And now for petticoat races--Marilyn Heacox, driving an MG MAGGOT, finished third with a time of 148.7. Second place was awarded to Jean Hopkins who turned in a time of 135.3 in an MG Midget. First place honors went to Marcia Merrill driving Car #23, the red VW Bathtub, and turning a time of 121.3.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and third places in the Sports and Sedan classes, however, due to the three entries in each of the Studded Tires and Ladies classes, trophies will only be awarded to first and second place cars.

On Saturday everything looked fine. The only trouble we had in laying out the course was trying to keep the truck from falling through the

ICE TRIALS RESULTS continued...

ice. When the course was laid out, we had just a very little bit of water in one corner, but overnight this little bit of water turned into a rather large deep bit of water. Upon arriving on Sunday and finding out that no one had his car equipped with pontoons and outriggers, we made a slight alteration in the course. Would you believe playing snowplow with two Saabs and a Thunderbird?

The only other significant problem presented on that morning was the fact that no one had devised a system to keep the automatic timer from closing down after the first run over the bell cord. But, due to Lotus Bill's fantastic sense of electronics, this situation was alleviated.

Bill is well known to be the fastest gun in the East now. But, would you believe "soldering gun"?

Originally, this event was supposed to be handled by Healey Scharl, but he decided he would rather spend his time chasing the cute student nurses around the hospital he happened to be in.

I would like to thank all of the people who generously contributed their time and talents to assist me in setting up this event. A special note of thanks to Jack and Rita Fenn, Bill Morris, and Ed Evans for their help in making this event a great time for all.

Mike Gorman Gymkhana Master

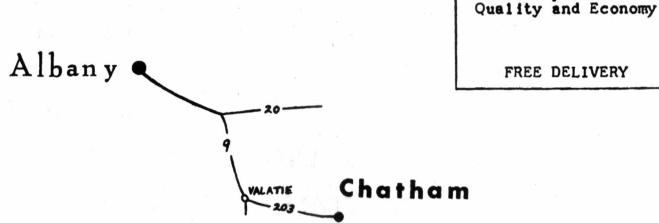
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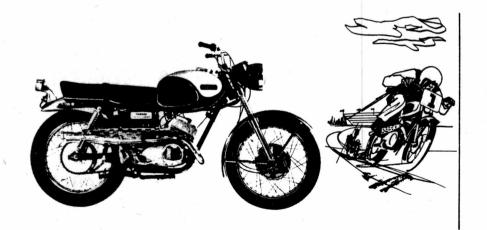
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## THE TURBO-ENCABULATOR IN INDUSTRY --Author Unknown--



For a number of years now work has been proceeding in order to bring perfection to the crudely conceived idea of a machine that would not only supply inverse reactive current for use in unilateral phase detractors, but would also be capable of automatically synchronizing cardinal grammeters, Such a machine is the "Turbo-Encabulator." Basically, the only new principle involved is that instead of power being generated by relative motion of conductors and fluxes, it is produced by the modial interaction of magneto-reluctance and capactive directance.

The original machine has a base-plate of prefabulated amulite, surmounted by a malleable logarithmic casing in such a way that the two spurving bearings were in a direct line with the panametric fan. The latter consisted simply of six hydrocoptic marselvanes, so fitted to the ambifacient lunar waneshaft that side fumbling was effectively prevented. The main winding was of the normal lotus-o-delta type placed in panendermic semi-boloid slots in the stator, every seventh conductor being connected by a non-reversible tremie pipe to the differential girdlespring on the "up" end of the grammeters.

Forty-one manestically spaced grouting brushes were arranged to feed into the rotor slip-stream a mixture of high S-value phenylhydrobenzamine and five percent reminative tetryliodohexamine. Both of these liquids have specific pericosities given by P=2.5C n<sup>6</sup>·7 where n is the diathetical evolute of retrograde temperature phase disposition and C is Cholmendeley's annular grillage coefficient. Initially, n was measured with the aid of a metapolar refractive pilfrometer (for a description of this ingenious instrument, see L. E. Rumpelverstein in "Zeitschrift fur Elektrotechnistatischs-Donnerblitze" vol. vii), but up to the present date nothing has been found to equal the transcendental hopper dadoscipe. (See "Proceedings of the Peruvian Academy of Skatological Sciences" June, 1934.)

Electrical engineers will appreciate the difficulty of nubing together a regurgitative purwell and a supramitive wennelsprocket. Indeed, this proved to be a stumbling block to further development until, in 1942, it was found that the use of anhydrous rangling pins enabled a kryptonastic bolling shim to the tankerad.

The early attempts to construct a sufficiently robust spiral decommutator failed largely because of a lack of appreciation of the large quasi-piestic stresses in the gremlin studs; the latter were specially designed to hold the foffit bars to the spamshaft. When, however, it was discovered that wending would be prevented by a simple addition to the living sockets, almost perfect running was secured.

The operating point is maintained as near as possible to the h.f. rem peak by constantly fromaging the bitumegenous spandrels. This is a distinct advance on the standard nivelsheave in that no dramcock oil is required after the phase detractors have remissed.

### TURBO-ENCABULATOR continued ...

Undoubtedly, the turbo-encabulator has now reached a very high level of technical development. It has been successfully used for operating nofer trunnions. In addition, whenever a barescent skor motion is required, it may be employed in conjunction with a drawn reciprocating dingle arm to reduce sinusoidal depleneration.

Respectfully submitted (for laughs),

FRED LUNN



When it comes to driving, there are only about 40,000 things that bother me. Now that I drive a taxi for a little extra money (so I can help Jack C.), I find myself being very critical when it comes to the other driver.

How about the guy who never uses his directionals? I've seen, in the last few weeks, about 7 or 8 accidents in which these guys were the main cause.

And I'm sure you all have seen the guy who signals left (if he remembers to signal) and pulls over to the right first. I met one of these drivers bumper to bumper. I tooted my horn at him as I went around him to the left, but this didn't make any difference to him—he still ran into the side of me. No signals!

If you were to make a record of all people who didn't signal, it would probably stagger the imagination. And, it is those people who are usually the first ones to criticize other drivers for their mistakes.

I'm sure you have often wondered why the State and Municipal governments go to all the expense to put up stop signs and traffic lights. It seems that people don't care or can't read, the way they pay little or no attention to them.

And have you ever seen a car coming down the street with the windows all frosted up or better yet, with the car encased in 6 inches of snow, except for the clear spot made by one windshield wiper (usually only the driver's side works)? You can't see in and you know the driver can't see out. Why take the time to clear your windows? After all, a few mimutes isn't worth your life.

Wait a minute--it may not only be their lives--it may be mine, too. But then again, these people think they are the only ones on the road anyway. Well, I have news for them--they aren't.

The devices such as signal lights on the car or flashers, stop signals or traffic lights are not put there to amuse people, but to make driving safer for you as well as for me. If you don't care about yourself, at least think about the poor guy with a family—the one who does care and who does take the time to play the game right—and don't take his life. Make sure you obey the laws of the road and of common sense. They are for your protection as well as for mine.

Thanks to Bill Kane for some good ideas.

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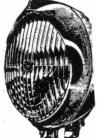
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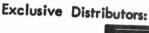
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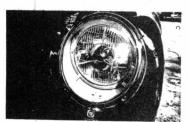
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## Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA - Knock-Off

## 1967 GENERAL COMPETITION RULES INEC AREA 11 COUNCIL GYMKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP

- I. PURPOSE: The purpose of the INEC Area 11 Council (hereafter called "INEC")
  Gymkhana Championship shall be as follows:
  - A. To promote gymkhanas as a sport to test driver skill.
  - B. To establish standards of car classification, timing and scoring.
  - C. To provide individual members with the opportunity to compete in a recognized event and earn annual recognition of results achieved therein.
- II. MEMBERSHIP: Mémbers of INEC Regions of SCCA shall be eligible to compete for INEC Gymkhana Championships.

### III. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Gymkhana: is defined as a test of driving skill in which contestants compete singly on a timed basis. The term as used herein specifically excludes all events in which the emphasis is placed on something other than driving skill, e.g., balloon bursting, sparkplug changing, rope-and-pylon maneuvers, etc. Other events of this type, although not specifically mentioned, shall not be permitted.
- B. Sports Car: This term shall include all production sports cars as defined in the SCCA Production Car Specifications.
- C. Sports Racing and Formula Cars: shall be defined and regulated as in the current SOCA General Competition Rules. Any car having a major body change or an engine swap for which there is no manufacturer's equivalent shall be classified in this category.
- D. Sedans: shall include all sedans, or any form thereof, previously or currently homologated under Appendix "J" of the FIA regulations. Modifications allowed under this appendix, which change an automobile's horsepower rating, shall not change a car's classification providing it stays within the engine displacement limits. Provisions providing for the mandatory installation of roll bars shall not be enforced. In addition to the modifications allowed in Appendix "J", it is permitted to: remove bumpers, providing all dangerously projecting hardware is also removed; replace mufflers with straight pipes, providing this does not violate any local ordinance; remove rear seats.
- E. Course Marker: This term shall include both stationary and portable objects whose function is delineation of the gymkhana course. Markers may include light poles, rubber cones (pylons), traffic safety posts, and other easily visible, indestructable objects. The use of cartons, baskets, oil cans, and the like is prohibited. The use of stationary objects is discouraged, and should be limited to instances of absolute necessity.
- F. Engine Swapping: will be allowed under the following condition: in the event an automobile manufacturer ceases production of a particular engine, a later version of the nearest possible equivalent by the same manufacturer may be substituted. Car reclassification will depend on engine displacement and/or horsepower rating.

### IV. CAR CLASSIFICATION:

- A. The following classes will be utilized for the championship events
  - 1. Abarth OTS 1000 Coupe
    Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Speciale and Zagato
    Alfa Romeo Giulietta Super Sprint and Spider
    Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint and Spider
    Alpine A 108-1000, A 110-1100
    Austin Healey Sprite, all models
    Fairthorpe Electron Minor

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  Fiat Aberth 750 MM, 750 GT, 1000 pushrod, 700 dohe, 750 dohe
  Glas 1300 GT
  Honda S 600, S 800
  Lotus Elite, 7, 7 American
  Matra
  MG Midget, all models
  MG: TC, TD, TF
  NSU Wankel-Spider
  Porsche 1300
  Rene Bonnet
  Triumph Spitfire 4 & GT 6
  Turner 950S
- 2. Alfa Romeo Duetto Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GT & GTC Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider Veloce Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint Speciale Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint and Spider Datsun SPL-310-U, SPL-311 Elva Courier 1622, 1800 Fiat 1500 DOHC Glas GT 1700 MGA, all models Morgan 4/4 Porsche Carrera 1500 & 1600 Porsche 912 Porsche 356, 356A, 356B, 356O, 1500, 1600, Super, S-90, SO Sabra Sport Sunbeam Alpine, all models Turner 1500
- 3. AO Ace & Aceca Bristol
  Alfa Romeo 2600 Sprint and Spider
  Arnolt Bristol
  Austin Healey 100-4, 100-6, 3000
  Daimler SP250
  Ferrari, all models except
  Jaguar XK 120, 140, 150
  Mercedes Benz 190SL, 230SL, 300SL
  MGB
  Morgan Plus 4
  TR 2, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, IRS
  Volvo P-1800
  Yenko Stinger
- 4. Aston Martin, all models
  Corvette, all models
  Jaguar XKE
  Mustang 350 GT, 500 GT
  Sunbeam Tiger
  Cobra 289

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5. Abarth Simca 1300, 2000 Alfa Romeo TZ Cobra 427 Datsun SRL 311U D-B HBR5-851-954 Ferrari 275 GTB Fiat Abarth 1000 Dohc Fairthorpe Electron Ginetta G4 1000, 1500 GSM Delta Griffith 200 Lotus Elan, Super 7 Marcos GT 1000 Morgan Super Sport
Osca 1600 GT Porsche 2000 GS, GTS/904, 911, 911S Speedwell Turner Climax TVR Climax TVR 1622, 1800 WSM GT

- 6. Sedans 0-1300cc.
- 7. Sedans 1301-2000cc.
- 8. Sedans over 2000cc.
- 9. Ladies, any car, to be scored as per Section V, B.
- 10. Formula and Sports Racing cars.
- B. Go-carts shall not be permitted in any class.
- C. High performance versions of sedans listed under the current Production Car Specifications as production sports cars, shall compete in the appropriate sports car class.

### V. SCORING:

- A. Mandatory Penalties:
  - 1. One point shall be assessed for each time increment required for the competitor to complete the course.
  - 2. Thirty seconds or the equivalent shall be assessed for each failure to follow the prescribed course unless correction is made by the entrent before he is irrevocably committed to an incorrect course. He is considered irrevocably committed when any part of his car passes the next gate or pylon.
  - 3. Five seconds shall be assessed for each movable course marker knocked down or moved from its normal position in any direction. The same penalty shall be assessed for each stationary course marker touched by the car.
  - 4. There shall be no other penalties assessed with the exception of disqualification for unsafe driving, unsportsmanlike conduct, consumption of alcohol, etc.

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- B. Ladies score shall be computed as follows: The best time, including penalties, for each contestant in Class 9 shall have subtracted from it the average of the second, third and fourth men's best times, including penalties, in the appropriate class, according to the car being driven. The remainder shall be the score for the lady contestant. In the event that a contestant in Class 9 holds a lower time than the average of the second, third and fourth men in the same car class, she shall receive a minus score. The lowest position or highest negative score will be the winning score for Class 9. If only three men compete in the corresponding can class, the average time of the second and third placing men shall be used in computing the lady's score.
- C. All times and penalties must be posted immediately in view of all contestants.
- D. The event chairman must provide the INEC Gymkhana Committee Chairman with fully tabulated and documented results within one week of the event. It is mandatory that these results also be mailed to all competitors as soon as possible.

### VI. TIMING:

- A. Each competing car will be timed continuously from the start to the finish of the course.
- B. Timing will be in minutes and/or seconds, to an accuracy of no less than 0.1 second.
- C. Dual electric timing devices, one of which shall be designated as a primary timer, shall be mandatory. These devices shall be actuated by the competing car.

## VII. CONDUCT OF EVENTS:

- A. Physical Requirements:
  - 1. The course shall not be constructed so as to require undue memorization and it shall be at least one mile in total length.
  - 2. Exact layout will be at the discretion of the event chairman and should be designed to provide the most equitable challenge to all drivers eligible to compete.
  - 3. The proper location of all movable course markers shall be outlined so that they will be returned to the same position in the event of their having been moved. In the event of a marker having been moved, or suspected of having been moved, an official of the event shall be required to ascertain the condition end location of the marker in question prior to the assessing of a contestant's penalty and before the next passage of any competing car.
  - 4. The entire erea of the course shall be within view of the official observers at all times.
  - 5. All legel requirements of the state and locality in which the event is to take place shall be observed. It is strongly recommended that the local law enforcement officials be informed of all particulars concerning the event, and that they be given copies of, or at least allowed to examine, the permission to use the area, the insurance policy or statement, and any other pertinent papers.
- B. Safety Precautions:
  - 1. Adequate safety precautions shall be maintained to include at least the following, and such other precautions as may be required by the physical nature of the course:
    - a) Approach lanes for cars going to and leaving the course.
    - b) Clearly defined spectator areas. Continued

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- c) Provisions requiring all but authorized personnel to remain clear of the gymkhana course.
- d) Layout such that two or more cars will not be competing in close proximity to each other.
- e) Course margins arranged so that no car will be competing within at least 50 feet of any spectators at any point, and 100 feet on the outside of all turns.
- f) Presence of at least one fire extinguisher capable of extinguishing an engine fire in any automobile.
- g) Drivers of all open wheel cars shall wear helmets and face shields or goggles. It is strongly urged that all drivers wear helmets.
- 2. In the event of an accident of any sort, all competition will cease immediately, and any necessary action will be taken. Chairmen are reminded that the SCCA insurance coverage requires a report of any accident occuring at an event covered by the policy.
- C. Each car shall be inspected prior to running and shall conform to the standards set forth in Chapter V, Item 4.1 of the 1967 General Competition Rules, with the exception of the following paragraphs: d, m, o, s, t, v, and w. Seat belts of at least two inch width with metal to metal hardware, must be installed and used. In addition, Appendix A, paragraph 1.2, will be complied with, the following exceptions being allowed: A-7, C-1, D-1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Bumpers may be removed providing all dangerously projecting hardware is also removed. Wheel covers, fender skirts and hub caps must be removed. Grills shall not be removed.
- D. Driver Participation
  - 1. There will be a miximum of two drivers per car per class, to a maximum of four drivers per car.
  - 2. A driver may enter an event only once.
  - 3. Each driver must present a valid, current operator's license at registration.
  - 4. Up to three contenders with gymkhana experience may be designated by each region for each INEC class.
- E. Re-runs shall be authorized under the following conditions only:
  - 1. Failure of all timing equipment.
  - 2. Presence of any unauthorized obstruction on the course.
  - A driver granted a rerun must re-enter the waiting line, and may not compete until at least ten cars have run. If there are fewer than ten cars remaining to run, a driver granted a rerun may not compete until all the remaining cars have completed their runs.
- F. Supplementary regulations and a course map shall be published for the event, and shall be available to each contestant at registration. These shall include all information and rules for the particular event, and not specified herein. They may be in addition to, but not contrary to, these rules.

### VIII. OFFICIALS AND JURISDICTION:

- A. The governing body presenting the event shall ensure that at least the following officials are provided:
  - 1. Chairman: Shall govern and control all all phases of his event, and ensure compliance with these rules and Supplementery Regulations for his event. He shall have full jurisdiction over his event, shall render all decisions and settle all disputes, in consonance with these rules and the Supplementary Regulations. He will receive and decide Continued

upon all protests rendered by contestants. He may consult any authority, including the INEC Gymkhana Committee Chairman, if available, and he is encouraged to do so.

- 2. Timers and scorers.
- 3. Course marshalls.
- 4. Scrutineers
- 5. Crowd control.
- 6. A standby emergency vehicle on hand during the entire period of competition capable of transporting an injured person to a predesignated first aid station with at least one and preferably two designated drivers for this vehicle. An unloaded station wagon would be considered adequate for this purpose.
- 7. Other officials as deemed necessary to safely conduct the event.
- B. Protests: Any contestant shall have the right to protest any violation of these rules or the Supplementary Regulations. All protests must be presented, in writing, to the event chairman no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the last record run of the day's competition. The resolution of the protest must be made known to the contestant at least 30 minutes prior to the presentation of awards.
- C. Appeals: A protest having been disallowed, an appeal my be filed within 15 minutes under the following procedure:
  - 1. Notify the event chairman of the intent to appeal and he, in turn, shall notify the contestants present prior to the presentation of awards.
  - 2. Present the appeal, in writing, to the INEC Gymkhana Committee Chairman. If he is not present, it must be mailed to him not later than the following calendar day.
  - 3. It must list the specific reasons for the appeal, cite examples (with time and location), and detail all particulars. Vague complaints will not be considered.
  - 4. Upon receipt of the appeal, the INEC Gymkhana Committee Chairman will conduct a thorough investigation. He will then convene the INEC Gymkhana Committee for the purpose of rendering a decision on the appeal. A majority vote of the committee members present will constitute a final decision which could include removing the subject event from the series and declaring all results null and void.
  - 5. The event chairman and the contestant filing the appeal will be notified, in writing, of the committee's decision by the INEC Gymkhana Committee Chairman.

## IX. ANNUAL AWARDS:

- A. Awards will be made to the winners of the first three places in each class and to the competitor achieving fastest time of the day.
- B. The cost of the awards will be borne by the INEC treasury, and their procurement shall be the responsibility of the Gymkhana Committee Chairman or his designated representative. The Chairman will make his accounting for the awards directly to the Treasurer of INEC.

### END

Please note that these rules are <u>proposed</u> and to be voted upon at the next INEC Committee Meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Bill Morris, our INEC Representative, so he may present them to the Committee.

## AGENT 007 FROM G-Z

Have you ever noticed the great name game that the American automobile manufacturers have played over the years? For the last few years there has been a variant to this game--the manufacturer assigns initials to the car and lets the public guess what they mean. After many months of intensive research, I have come up with the following authoritative meanings:

PONTIAC GTO - Great Touring Obstacle

RAMBLER DPL - Dull Performance Level

FORD XL - Xtremely Large

FORD LTD - Limited Touring Distance or Low Torque Drive

CHEVY SS - Sloppy Suspension

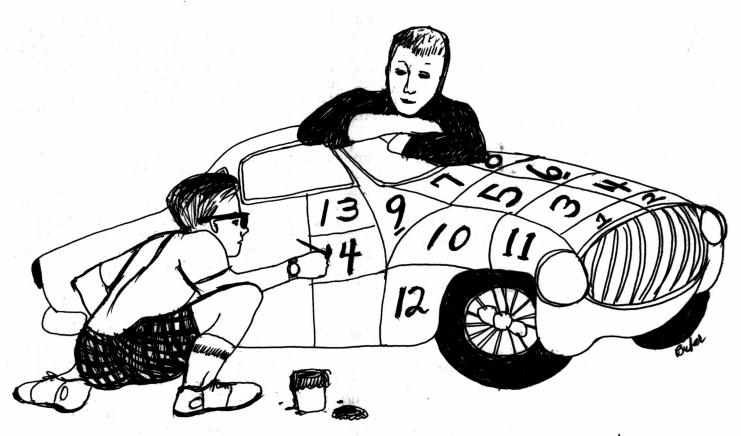
RAMBLER REBEL SST - Sloppy Suspension Too

COUGAR XR - Xceptional Rubbish

FIREBIRD HO - Hopelessly Overrated

CHEVY CAMARO - GM insists it is French for "Friend, Pal;" but no less an authority than TIME magazine states that in Spanish it means "loose bowels."

---Stan Bubar---



Perhaps you ought to think a little more positively!

Room 218 - Bed #2 March 2, 1967

Dear Horace:

Just a short note, etc., etc., etc.

Have you ever noticed the clowns on the sidelines, sitting there, with jackets on, full of patches, including one from the D.A.R., wearing genuine autographed Jimmy Hoffa racing gloves, with the holes in the palms, racing helmets sanctioned by the S.B.D.A.A.A. (Soap Box Derby Association and Affiliates of America), and last but not least-a racing suit made out of 4-ply rayon, red in color, with a Schwinn enblem over the lefthand pocket? Heh, you did see me at Lime Rock last year, didn't ya? I was the guy with the white carnation over the Schwinn emblem—sure, the jerk that passed out at the barn after the races over the empty keg and onto Stirling who clutched his wood-rimmed wheel to the very end.

Well, back to the plot--the point that I'm trying to make (and it still may be vague after my explanation) is that too many of us complain that we can't race, so who the hell wants to go "if you can't race."

Well, ma friends (here we go again, off on another tangent) -for you who may be the uninitiated -- there are many things that have
to be done before and during the races. The people racing are just a
small part (sorry, Uncle Gene) of the whole production.

The race itself, of course, is the culmination of many panic months of beehive activity amongst many people of varying specialties—flag wavers, frustrated announcers, restless cameramen, aging playboys, race followers (sounds like camp followers, do it not?), railway conductors, beer brewers, etc. And just in case the above doesn't really make any sense at all (which figures), what I mean is this—Flagging, Communications, etc., can be rather rewarding, even if you can't race.

Flag people are a different breed of cat! They sit by the hour on some lonely station in the hot sun and watch the cars roar by giving each driver the correct signal—whether to slow down, stop, not to pass, or punt. Of course, the fun really comes from this hardy bunch when they sneak out various flags—like the Chinese Liberation Flag, or the South-West-East-Coast-Protectorate-Independent-State of Union-3rd of November-Ground Hog Day Flag—and then watch the drivers roar by wondering whether they're still at Lime Rock or at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in East Podunk, USA. See--you don't have to race to have fun...hmmm?

Ah, we mustn't forget the Communications people--another hardy and funsome bunch (funsome?) of people. They are responsible to call in all track irregularities and mishaps (notice I didn't say accident?) and inform the tower that all is well. They also sit out in the blasted sun all day, wearing pith helmets, bermuda shorts, etc.; you know, the whole bit. But the little devils do have their fun to while away the hours--shouting ever so often--"Wow, you should have seen what I just saw. Man alive, it's a wonder he got out of it alive, the way he spun, and burst into flames, and ran down the galley and

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everything." Come to find out later, the guy was just making a pit stop, lit a cigarette and walked over to the head. But it shore shook up the gang in the tower, didn't it Mabel? See, you don't have to race to have fun-hmmm?

Or else you can go out, buy a Hawkeye, get a press pass and walk across the track during the race with as much authority as Mickey Mouse walking the plank. Hey gang, it is a lot of fun taking "pitchers" of cars careening end of end as they try and avoid you--remember, it's these and only these pictures that make the big New York Papers, not those of the good guys with the checkered flags.

Anyway, what I really mean is this...you people who don't and can't race are just as necessary as those that do don that uniform and go around the track. See, Horace, you're needed, bubby!

Now, as you know, we at Mohawk-Hudson are putting on a Drivers' School and a Regional Race, and could use all the help possible. We are all members interested in one thing--sports cars. So what does it matter what you really do, as long as you do it and show interest.

Now remember, when volunteers are requested for work, be proud, be the first in your neighborhood to sign up and take the pledge, and who knows, you may wind up getting a couple of free beers out of it at the barn.

Take good care of yourself, Horace, and in the words of your dear departed old-goat Grand Pappy, Mole, "Four Roses is better than Mennen!"

Lovingly, your father,

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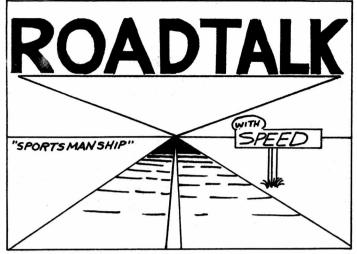
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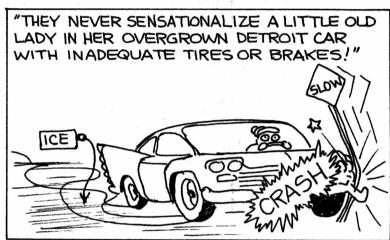
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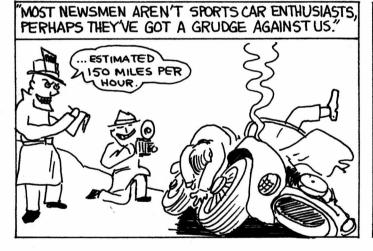
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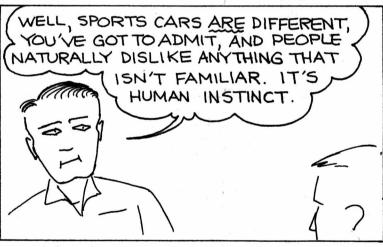


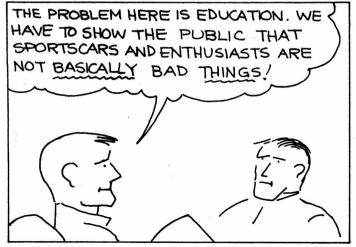




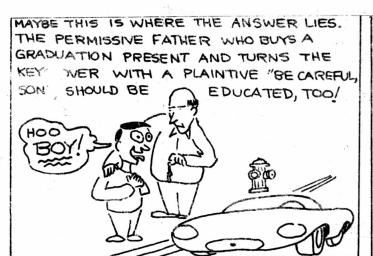












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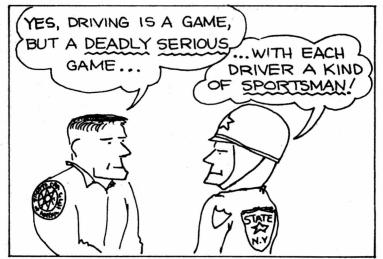


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## Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA - Knock-Off

## TORQUE, HORSEPOWER, AND CLOSE-RATIO GEARS

(A prejudiced opinion supported by obscure reasoning) by The Mad Scientist, L.D., etc.

Torque vs. horsepower is a point which has precipitated many discussions among bench racers. Which really is more important, and in particular, where should the shift points be located in order to get the maximum performance out of a car? Is an engine with lots of torque better than an engine with lots of horsepower?

There is a basic equation which relates torque (foot-pounds) and horsepower:

 $HP = \frac{2\pi \times (torque) \times (RPM)}{33.000}$ 

Note the appearance of the shaft speed (RPM) in there—it has more implications than many people realize. (1) For an engine running at constant speed, HP is proportional to torque, and the two quantities can be considered equivalent. However, engines operating at constant speed are seldom found in cars. (2) If an engine can supply a constant torque over its complete speed range, HP is proportional to RPM. The faster the engine runs, the more power you get from it. (3) Assume the power from an engine is taken through a transmission; the speed is reduced by a certain factor, but the torque is increased by the same factor so that the horsepower is exactly the same (neglecting frictional losses in the transmission).

The MGB will again be picked on and used as an example. Figure 1 represents torque-RPM curves for the engine. The lower one is taken directly from BMC data; the upper is calculated on the assumption of a frictionless transmission with a 1.37 gear ratio. They represent 4th and 3rd gears, respectively, in the MGB. Both sides in the torque-horsepower conflict will usually agree that torque represents a pushing force, and the greater the force, the faster the car accelerates.

So consider yourself in an MGB, 3rd gear, 2000 RPM. You suddenly stomp on it: 2500, 3000, 3500, 4000 RPM. Now you're past the peak in the torque curve; had better shift. Into 4th, tach reads 2900, below the peak in the torque curve. Now you wonder, maybe should have stayed in 3rd a little longer (5000) so that the shift to 4th lands right on the torque peak. Well, that's a noticeable clearing in the cloudy thinking, but actually you should have stayed in 3rd "til over 6000.

Suppose there was an identical car running along side even with you during this acceleration run who stays in 3rd until the engine blows. You shift from 3rd to 4th at 4000, your torque drops from 145 to 105, his remains at 145 and you fall behind. Stay in 3rd to 5000, then shift, torque drops from 135 to 107, but he still has 135 and begins to pull ahead. At 6000 RPM the shift will cause the torque to drop slightly from 105 to 103, while at 6500 the torque jumps up from 87 to 98 and you now have more in 4th than he has in 3rd.

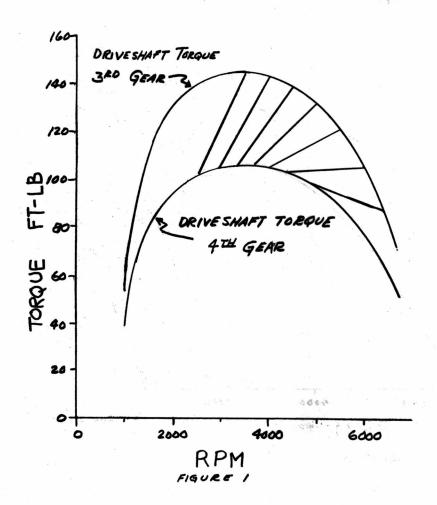
Conclusion: the optimum point to shift from 3rd to 4th is about 6200 RPM. The tie lines between the two torque curves represent the transition from one curve to the other when shifting. The optimum shift point is where the tie lines become horizontal.

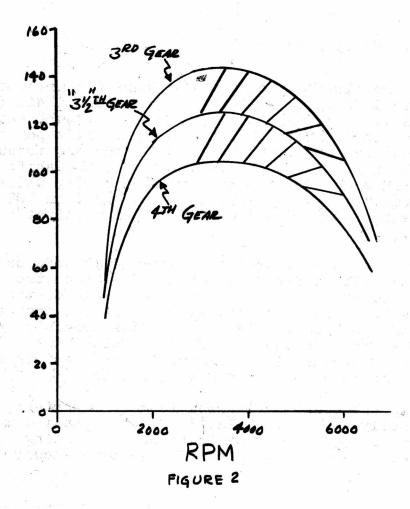
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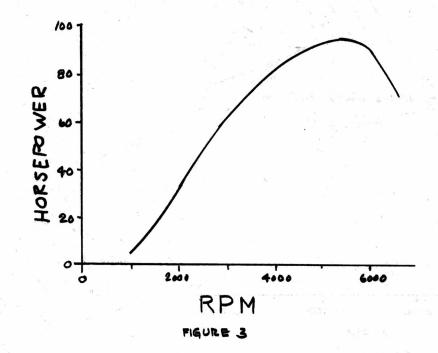
Now, what good are close-ratio gears? Figure 2 represents an MGB with a hypothetical  $3\frac{1}{2}$  gear, halfway between 3rd and 4th (a 3rd overdrive if you wish). There are 3 curves for 3rd,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ th, and 4th with two sets of tie lines. Note that the optimum shift point (horizontal tie lines) is lower, about 5700 RPM, and the torque at the shift point is higher. In an acceleration run, the shift from 3rd to 4th at 6000 RPM drops the torque from 105 to 103, while the close-ratio shift from 3rd to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ th raises the torque from 105 to 110. It should be obvious that CR gears make for better utilization of the available power.

Since the torque curve is known, the horsepower curve can be calculated (Figure 3). It is far from coincidental that the optimum shift points determined previously also lie very close to the HP peak. In fact, the gear ratios should be arranged so that the engine speed is always close to the peak in the HP curve. Close-ratio gears mean that you don't drop so far off the peak when shifting, but will have to shift more often to cover a wide MPH range. They can, in effect, boost your average horsepower over a range of speeds.

Back to the original question: which is more important, torque or horsepower? Actually, they are related and it is only a matter of personal preference. However, when it comes to shifting, go by the peak in the HP curve and not the peak in the torque curve.







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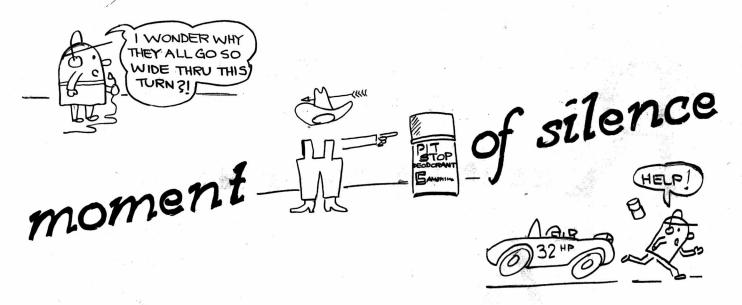
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These days it is not enough to be just an amateur driver. You've gotta earn your bread that way, otherwise you just ain't cooking on all four.

But up til now only a super grease monkey or some such could come out ahead in pursuit of the fine art of pursuit. Now good ol Uncle Shelby has shown Joe Crashcog, hero deadlaster, how to grab his share of the stuff that competitive cars are made of without actually working.

Cosmetics. Yes. Cosmetics. No, that's not a miniature obc Eng. Ford conversion. Unca Shel's Pit Stop instant showerbath has come off the line smoking like an idiot.

Racing is a manish sport—apologies to certain Fem types. But Joe Blow isn't gonna risk what is, in effect, the second mortgage on the family manse just to show he's got 'em. So he'll buy things like Moment of Truth aftershave, and so on, but who wants to be a bullfighter? Racing is what's happening.

Just think. Cologne, aftershave, and dinkum in your favorite flavors: Castrol R, Cotati No. 5, and Evening at Watkins. The possibilities are unlimited: Eau d'Road America; STP hair gunk (and wouldn't that stuff hold that cowlick down!), and Bourgeaut bubble bath.

Rubber dust/oil face power (with goggle template) would be just the thing to wear to the next board meeting, eh?

Instead of going to the drugstore, just drop by your friendly BAP store. If you're NASCAR minded, try a NAPA jobber.

We could have Grp 7 deodorant (goes like stink), and Grp 5 face powder (what it looks like and what it really am are two different things). What about Grp 8 hair stuff for guys with big ears, and Grp 9 for those big hairy ears, formula Libr-ear, so to speak.

Yes, sports fans, the next time you bring that bomb to the track, it had better be in aerosol.

## RANK IDIOCY #1 - IT'S ABOUT THOSE STUDDED TIRES

Although this is a bit late for winter driving, here are a few points about driving with studded tires which may prove helpful on those Spring roads with intermittent patches of ice and snow. If your car has studs on the rear wheels, and it understeers, it will understeer like it is being towed from behind, but studs may help to correct oversteer. There are several solutions to sudden, violent understeer on ice:

- 1. A stiff shot of booze
- 2. Flicking on the stereo tape which has "Dead Man's Curve" recorded on it.
- 3. Punching the gas pedal, which will a) correct the understeer (or) b) induce understeer, (or) c) slide you sideways off the road, instead of nose-first.
- 4. Do not, under any circumstances, hit the brakes or your sexuality will be revolked and mayhap not returned.
- 5. When driving an outomobile and going too fast to spin the rear wheels, try flicking it into low, which will break the rear wheels loose, but probably will destroy the internals, though it will save the body.
- 6. Aim for a very deep snow-drift.

### RUMOURS

## Also according to various sources:

- 1. From GM's Corvair Division, oversteer is a figment of the imagination.
- 2. From Volkswagen, directional stability is a similar figment, unless driving on level, dry concrete in a vacuum.
- 3. The imagination and mind of anyone buying an NSU Prinz, Type 4, is a fingment, unless it's the range version, which is also a figment.
- 4. Porsche-powered VW's are out but VW-powered Porsches are in.
- 5. A rolls is out, unless it's convertible with a ski-rack, and its driven only in the summer.
- 6. Morotcycles in the Monte Carlo are out, unless they have slickes.
- 7. Claiming that your MG-B will out drag a 275 LM in reverse is in, unless you do it.
- 8. Arguing with the Tech Inspector is in, in which case, you are out.
- 9. "Double A" fuel dragsters are out, except in Hill Climbs.
- 10. A blower on a Fiat 600 is in, but only for a little while.
- 11. Emergency brake turns in a Toronado are out, except on the Northway.
- 12. This column is out, unless you are reading it, in which case, you are also out, in fact, so far out, that you are in.

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BY: San Bubar

## THE 1967 INEC GYMKHANA SERIES

As most of you have gathered in one way or another, there have been drastic changes proposed for the 1967 INEC Gymkhana series. The major reasons for the changes will be evident. The 1966 series consisted of seven gymkhanas across the state put on by four regions, Mohawk-Hudson (2), Central New York (2), Southern New York (2), and Finger Lakes (1). The rules provided that a contestant must enter 4 of the seven events to be considered a contender in any of the 10 classes established. A grand total of 30 entrants made this minimum requirement out of all four regions - 30 entrants for 30 class trophies (1, 2, 3) which are supposed to represent an Upstate Championship of sorts. This situation broke down as follows:

Class 1 - 1 contender - Class Champion by default

Class 2 - 7 contenders

Class 3 - 2 contenders - Trophies by default

Class 4 - 6 contenders

Class 5 - 3 contenders - Trophies by default

Class 6 - 1 contender - Class Champion by default

Olass 7 - 3 contenders - Trophies by default Olass 8 - 2 contenders - Trophies by default

Class 9 - 5 contenders Class 10 - no contenders

Of the 30 class trophies available, only 21 could be awarded. In two classes (1 & 6), the class champions could have received their championships by pushing their cars around the course. In tow classes (3 & 8), second place awardees beat no one, and in two classes (5 & 7) third place awardees beat no one. Only three classes (2, 4, 9) had anyone running who did not get a trophy. It is evident from these statistics that while the series may have been a booming success as a series of regional gymkhanas, it was a dismal flop as a championship series. All of this is not to say that those who were contenders were no good - on the contrary, most are very good. But with all the Sprites and Midgets on the road we should have had more than one person running in Class 1, etc.

It was with this situation in mind that the INEC Gymkhana Committee decided to overhaul the whole system. The fact that each individual gymkhana was well attended but the series wasn't, strongly suggests that the distances involved were too much. It's 3-1 hours between Albany and Binghamton, 2-1 hours between Albany and Syracuse, 4 hours between Rochester and Albany. These are one-way times. For 1967 Buffalo is back in the series and that's 6 hours each way.

The 1966 classes were made up strictly on the basis of displacement, which naturally resulted in some drastic mis-classifications, (such as MG-A's vs. Lotus Elans). Most of the ladies were very dissatisfied with the scoring formula used for their class.

The 1967 INEC Gymkhana series will consist of each region putting on its own gymkhana and determing its own champions in each class. There will be a runoff

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### GYMKHANA - Continued

gymkhana, in early fall, in which only the top three dirvers in each class, from region, will be invited to participate. This runoff will be held at a central location, probably Syracuse, and will be run by the INEC Council rather than any one region. This eliminates a good deal of traveling. It does have its disadvantages, but the Committee feels its worth a try. The chief disadvantage is that if you're having a "bad day", that's all brother!

Classes are always rather arbitrary, but this year we're going to performance classes for sports cars. The proposed classes are given elsewhere in this issue. If your car isn't there, or you feel you've been improperly classed, talk to Bill Morris and maybe something can be done. For ladies class scoring, we've lifted a formula from a Washington, D.C. sports car club. An index of performance will be calculated for each lady entrant with the following formula:

$$I_{\bullet}P_{\bullet} = \frac{B + C + D}{5T}$$

where B, C, D are second, third and fourth place times for the comparable men's class for the particular car, and T is the ladies time. The lady with the highest I.P. gets first, second highest gets second, and third highest gets third place. The use of an average  $\frac{B+C+D}{3}$ , not including first place, rather than a single time gives a better representation of the class the lady is being scored against.

In the sedan classes, only those cars which have been homologated by SCCA are eligible. No Pontiac GTO's, Buick Roadmasters, etc., are allowed in the runoff.

The runoff course will be a minimum of one mile long, or approximately 2 minutes running time per car. This may be accomplished by 2 or 3 laps.

These rules and classes are not binding on the regions insofar as their own events are concerned. For example, we can make up any classes we want for our own events, including Fleetwood Cadillacs, and Bill Morris will rescore the event for INEO purposes, after it's all over. Keep in mind that these rules and classes are proposed, and have not been finally approved by the INEO Council. Everything will be published in detail for interested parties when the final form has been approved.

For this region, Bill Morris' calender sets up a series of five gymkhanas which will determine this region's champions. These five do not include the annual Driver's Clinic and "Toys for Tots". The first of the five will be April 30. It is my hope that under the new system more members will be able to participate. I know personally a number of members in this region that are of championship caliber, and it will be a shame if they don't give it a try.

## march & abril CALENDAR & EVENTS

| March 19    | Sunday                     | "Anticipation Rally" BMSC<br>A TSD Rally, approximately<br>100 miles. Registration:<br>12 noon, Pete's Motors,<br>East Street, Pittsfield.     |
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| April 2     | Sunday                     | "Hare and Hounds" Rally MOHAWK-HUDSON, SCCA Registration 12 noon Two Guys Dept. Store, Menands   |
| April 9     | Sunday                     | "Gordon Luther Jones Rally" EMSC - Registration 12 noon Latham Traffic Circle  |
| April 9     | Sunday                     | Autocross - MOHAWK VALLEY SCC<br>Utica-Rome Speedway - 8:30 a.m.   |
| April 14-15 | Friday<br><b>S</b> aturday | INEC Drivers' School, Lime Rock MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION SCCA Tech inspection, course walk and blackboard sessionFriday. Driving sessionsSaturday. |
| April 23    | <b>S</b> unday             | Drivers' Clinic & Gymkhana School<br>MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION SCCA<br>Registration 12 noon<br>Two Guys Dept. Store<br>Menands                      |
| April 30    | <b>S</b> unday             | INEC Gymkhana #1<br>(no definite info as yet)Eds.  |

I often receive announcements of out-of-town events too late to enter here. If you are looking for something to do on a particular weekend, give me a call.

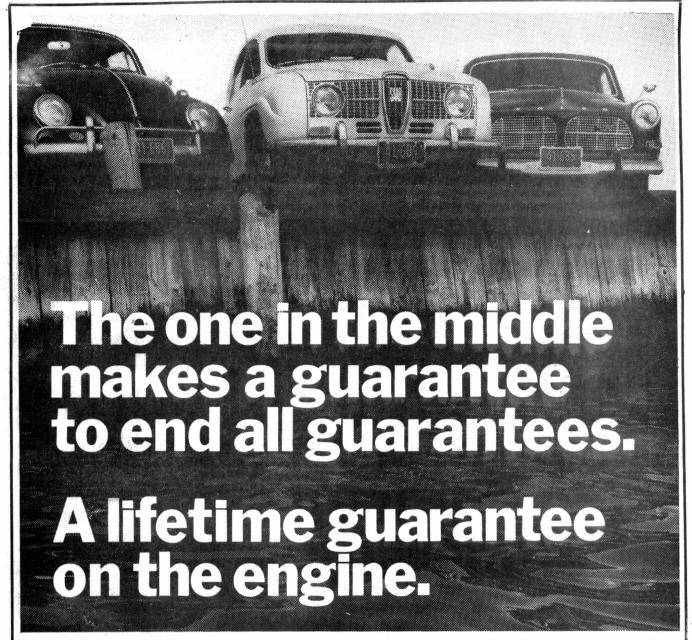
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