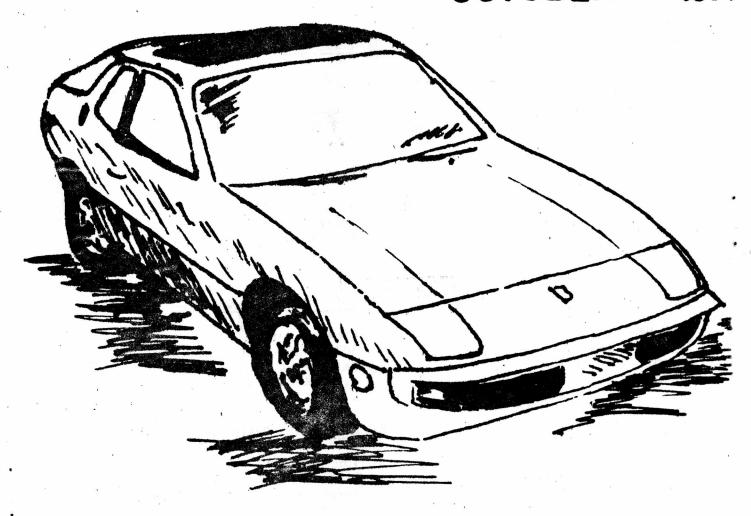
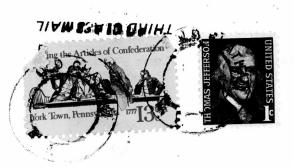
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from the editor . . .

I guess at the top of this month's list of topics is the use of Mo-Hud funds for other than hosting our annual race, autoslolom, etc. Much discussion ranged back and forth at the last meeting, some good-some bad. The thing that worries me is the fact that because we have somewhere around \$6000 spare dollars we have to do something with it, and the sooner the better. At least that was the feeling I got. This may be well and good: Spend it on the members who have worked so hard. Give them something back for the years of shipping thirty dollars off to Denver. But do it as quickly as possible before it dissappears into the recesses of some bank. That is plain stupid...

Needless to say the first thing done was to vote a free meal for all card carrying members. Great! Away goes \$1000 out of six. Was there a better use for that money? Did anybody sit down to look at all the options, all the possibilities. NO! Ten minutes and a sixth of our excess is gone for one night of fun. Now it may seem that I'm shooting off my mouth out of turn... But, Did anybody sit down to think about how much promotion we could buy for the club, and racing in general? How many new members we could attract? How much more quality we could put into our various events? NO!

This kind of thing needs some serious consideration, not a spur of the moment whim. There is an opportunity here to do something substantial with a sum that large, a sum that is not earmarked for anything else at all. Members, Think about this, and let others know what you're thinking. Read the letter to the editor because its true and our bankroll might be able to do something about it.

On to other things... There will be copies of the by-laws at the next meeting for all who want them. It has been noted that all future ballots in the K-O will provide for more than one household member.

One last parting shot- Why is there only one person running for the various offices this year? Surely there is some more interest than what appears. Did the nomination committee ask the right people? Enough of them? Lets get out of this appathy kick!

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Dear Mr. Editor,

I hope that in this issue of the Knock-Off you urge the membership to take a good look at themselves. There must be plenty of persons who feel that they could do a good job as an officer but are too shy to say anything. If anyone has the energy, and can make the time to hold an office, they had better come to the November meeting and circulate a petition to get on the ballot. No one is going to read minds to find out who would like to run for an office.

Enthusiasm can be just as contagious as apathy and its more constructive.

Everyone wants something for their dues money, but how can anyone get anything out of the club if they aren't willing to put any effort into it? Pretty soon the small core of people who are keeping Mo-Hud alive are gona burn out. Then what? The Region just might be forced to disband. No one will say, "Gee, you're doing a fine job", or "how can I help you?".

Many times a worker just has to sit back, take a look at what's happening and be satisfied that without his or her effort a project may not have come off at all.

Wouldn't it he terrific if we had at least two enthusiasic persons running for each office and that over ninety percent of the membership voted? It could really be the "shot in the arm" that Mo-Hud needs.

Mr. Editor, please remind the membership that they only get back what they put into an organization.

A very concerned member

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The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted

The Activities Director reported that Empire is having a TSD rally on October 15 from the Mohawk Mall; October 22 is the Skip Barber Series Race and the SSS Race at Lime Rock Park; October 30 is the Westmere Arco Solo II Challenge; November 5 New England is having their annual Covered Bridge Rally with skiing at Killington the next day, contact Harry Whitton for further details. Jan. 20, 21 & 22 is the Mo-Hud Ski Weekend at Smuggler's Notch, contact Connie McIntyre for reservations and information.

The Competition Director commented on New England's effort to revive the Little Le Mans Series. It has been poorly attended but this may have been due to the lateness of the race season, being under publicized, confusion regarding the prize monies, etc. If any SSS drivers have suggestions for improving the Little Le Mans Series please contact Bill Morris or Omer Norton of the New England Region. neveral feels rung rot les propos de l'arms sons sons de brever

Old Business:

an bigode despried wedlark langua se was the god The Nominating Committee (made up of Jack Hanifan, Harry Whitton, Dave Hathaway and Phil Panos) announced the following members for the slate of officers: RE - John Stim; Assistant RE - Tom Phelan; Secretary - Marilyn Heacox; Activities Director - Jim Winkelman; Directors at Large - Marie Corrin and Rolly Heacox. No one had accepted the nomination for treasurer et notion edfi . . . orent defet the

The RE reminded the membership that additional persons may be included on the ballot by submitting a petition by the end of the November membership meeting. Please refer to the bylaws regarding the proper procedure.

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Skip Barber Series: Jack Fantelli mentioned that the last race is on October 22 and that there is a banquet that evening at the White Hart Inn.

SSS Race: Bill Morris stated that the entries will be mailed out soon. Workers are needed along with SSS drivers. An ad has been placed in Autoweek. Bill would like the SSS drivers to inform him as to whether they would prefer more restricted regionals in the future (which give the drivers more track time) or remain squeezed in with the other 20 plus classes in regular regionals.

Annual Awards Banquet: the menu choices were announced and the membership present woted to have the hot and cold buffet dinner. As yet, no one has been asked or appointed banquet chairman. There is an immediate need for some one to obtain door prizes, a guest speaker or other entertainment.

Bylaw Ammendments: Dave Hathaway questioned the way the ballot was set up. Craig explained that the membership needed a means of voicing a "no" vote for both proposals or vote for one of the amendments. Bill Morris stated that obviously a change is wanted but it seems to be in two opposite directions and that a fair way to go after both alternatives must be found. Craig suggested that a Bylaws Committee be formed and meet to come up with one proposal, with Dave Hathaway and Phil Panos discussing their proposals. Pete Klein made the motion that a Bylaws Committee of four members be

established to study the bylaws and come up with recommendations for improvements by the next membership meeting, with the committee members appointed by the RE. Seconded by Harry Whitton. Vote was taken and the motion passed. Craig appointed Dave Hathaway, Phil Panos, Harry Whitton, and Pete Klein to the committee. Dave stated that he would not be on the committee with Phil Panos as he couldn't be contacted for the meetings of the Nominating Committee. Clark Nicholls then volunteered to be on the Bylaws Committee.

Marilyn Heacox suggested that if a ballot is in the K-O, that provisions be made for households that have more than one member. Harry Whitton added that the back side of the ballot should not have an article printed on it.

New Business:

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Discussions followed on the monthly cash flow, what does the Region offer to the membership, the non-members, etc.

Bob Wright said that it was better to have a surplus reserve in the treasury just in case an event results in a heavy financial loss. At least there would still be funds to fall back on to keep the club operating.

John Stim asked, "what do you get for your dues? Drivers spend lots of money to race, workers get a license, and everyone gets the publications." John feels that the Annual Awards Banquet should be paid for by the club for its members, as an incentive for members to become more active in their club. Jack Fantelli agreed.

Tom Campbell made the motion that all Mo-Hud members get their dinners paid for by the region for the 1977 Annual Awards Banquet. Seconded by Connie McIntyre. Lots of discussion followed. Vote: 16 in favor, 5 against, and one abstension. The motion passed.

Harry Whitton suggested that a letter be sent to Denver inquiring about the delay in receiving the SCCA Observer's Report for our Regional Race on July 30, 1977.

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Dave McClumpha made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rolly Heacox. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Approximately 26 people attended.

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Candy Schaf, Secretary

Executive Meeting - October 24 at the Fantelli's house.

The Executive Minute !

The September 26, 1977 Executive Meeting at McIntyre's was

called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the Secretary Candy Schaf.

The Secretary read the minutes and discussion was held regarding the balloting of the amendment proposals.

The Treasurer's report was read, discussed and accepted. A year old problem regarding the borrowing of equipment from NNJ was brought up. Supposedly some equipment was misplaced and/or broken and we have been billed for \$550. In the future if anything is borrowed or lent to another region or club

an itemized list must be presented and signed by both parties.

Knock-Off report: postage for the last issue came to \$50.40 for 184 Issues. A heavier weight paper was used. Bob was still looking for the complete Labor Day National results, articles from the membership, and the RE's Regional Ramblings.

The Activities Director mentioned the Restricted Regional race at Lime Rock on October 22 and the Westmere Arco Solo II Challenge on October 30.

The Membership Chairman reported that we now have 112 members.

Old Business:

A reminder to the Assistant RE: the task of compiling points for the workers of the region is part of his job as is providing entertainment at the membership meetings.

333 Race report: Bill Morris noted that the supplimental rules have been okayed. The next problem is sending the entry forms out as Denver doesn't distinguish the drivers by car classes. Bill hopes to have entry forms available to the drivers at Lime Rock on October 8 & 15.

The nominating committee made up of Jack Hanifan, Harry Whitton, Dave Hathaway and Phil Panos will present the slate of nominees at the October membership meeting.

Annual Awards Banquet: we need some one to obtain door prizes. Menu choices were disussed and will be presented to the membership.

Connie McIntyre made the motion to reimburse Craig Robertson \$53.50 for the meeting room which we didn't use. Seconded by Marie Corrin. Vote: Three in favor, one opposed, one abstension. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the "travel bonus" and the apathy in the club.

New Business:

Motor World Show, November 18-20 at the Empire Plaza. Mo-Hud has been asked to present the race aspect of motor sports. We were asked if we could have an open wheeled car for an exhibit. There is no cost to us for the booth space. Connie McIntyre and Tom Campbell offered to help.

Marie Corrin made the motion that a Certificate of Deposit be obtained as soon as possible. Seconded by Jack Fantelli. Vote: four in favor, none opposed, one abstension. Motion passed.

The Aquarius Club is holding a performance rally on Oct 15 and

has asked Mo-Hud to sanction the event, and to man a checkpoint in Albany. Discussion and a phone call to Harry Handley followed and it was felt that it was in the best interest of the club to not sanction the event. Jack Fantelli made the motion that Mo-Hud decline the invitation to sanction the Aquarius Club performance rally on Oct. 15 and that the RE immediately notify the appropriate people of this decision. Seconded by Jack Hanifan. All in favor, motion passed.

Marie Corrin made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Jack Fantelli. The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m. was to garage If I we see

Respectively submitted,

Candy Schaf Candy Schaf, Secretary

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Attendance:

Connie McIntyre Marie Corrin Jack and Jean Fantelli Tom Campbell Bill Morris Jack Hanifan Harry Whitton Skip Gifford Candy Schaf

"SHOWROOM STOCK - IS IT GOING UP OR DOWN?"
By Bill Morris

The two races in the 1977 Little LeMans Challange are now history, and the New England Region is to be strongly praised for their efforts in establishing and promoting the races. I'm going to be critical, however, of some other groups for their lack of support. The grid at Lime Rock on Labor Day had at least 5 open positions, and the Bryar race could have started twice as many cars as it actually did. Where are all these Showroom Stock drivers who've complained for years about their second class status (not permitted to run for National points, etc.)? Was it the \$75 entry fee for the Little LeMans? But you get at least \$50 back for just finishing. Where else can you get 30 minutes of practice and 3 hours of racing for \$25? I can't believe it was because you couldn't find a co-driver, or couldn't afford the extra gas.

Club racing in SCCA is stagnant. The professional racing driving schools are replacing our own schools, probably because they do a better job instructing. For six years we've had proposals to restructure National racing, but each time the bold proposals arouse somebody's ire, and we continue to bumble along just barely maintaining the status quo. I would contend that the excessive number of classes hurts Regional racing as much or more than National racing. A BP 'Vette and an AS Camaro can have a good 15 lap dice for the overall win, yet neither goes home with a trophy because they're the only V-8's there. Anyway, Showroom Stock is the only thing new in SCCA club racing with good potential for growth. Making it a National class had noticable effects: it attracted some quite respectable drivers (i.e. Gus Andry) and it encouraged some to run "slightly" modified cars (witness the recent protests and disqualifications). The general caliber of driving has improved, but there also seem to be quite a few drivers that don't mind inverting their vehicles, hoping the roof will offer better adhesion than the tires!

It's no secret that I have not been an enthusiastic supporter of Showroom Stock in the past, but I've slowly changed my mind, and this year raced one of the cars for the first time. After running a Regional, and co-driving the two Little LeMans races, I'll re-emphasize my earlier statement that it is the only category in club racing with significant growth potential. What it needs is for the drivers who own SS cars to get them out on the track, particularly at the premier races such as the spectator Nationals and the Little LeMans Challanges.

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An aspect of the Bryar race which you probably will never read about, and actually had to experience to appreciate, were the little things that make racing enjoyable. One entry consisted of Tom Ciccone, Al Howes and Oliver Jones driving a lost (stolen?) patrol car, No. 54, complete with flashing gumball machine and siren, to enforce the rules of the road, some of which they made up as they went along. Now the last thing that entry needed to know was their lap times, position, and time remaining in the race. So the pit sign board contained more useful information. There was another superfluous pit board telling a driver to "Turn in your helmet" after he had let another car slip by him. Also, from the prematurely retired team of Ziegel and Minchler: "If you lived here, you'd be home now" and "New Sponsor -- Turtle Wax.". I'm sure there will be more at the next race, so why not show up?



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ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MENU.

-Hot and Cold Buffet-

Roast top sirloin of beef, carved to order

Italian meatballs

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Assorted cheese tray

Choice of hot vegetable

Potato salad

Cole slaw

Fried chicken

Rolls and butter

Coffee and tea

Tentative Schedule

7 p.m. Cash bar opens
8 p.m. Buffet is served
9 p.m. Election tabulation and results
9:30 p.m. Award presentations

REMINDER: members of the Mo-Hud Region be sure to vote. Either mail in your ballot or bring it to the banquet.

ALL reservations must be received by the Secretary no later than

NOVEMBER 23. 1977

Associate members who are not Mo-Hud Regional members and other quests who plan to attend the banquet are asked to please send a check with their reservations. The cost is \$7.50 per person. Woyawk-Hnqson Kediou SCCV - Knock-OH

ATTENTION NON-MEMBERS!

We know that many of our readers are not members of the Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA. We welcome your participation in our events and your friendship throughout the year, but we think that we can offer you more if you become part of the club.

Consider joining now - applications effective after November 1 get the rest of this year at no cost and will be members for the full 12 months of 1978.

There's a membership application on the back of this page - why not fill it out now and send it to me?

Tom Campbell
Membership Chairman
Mohawk Hudson Region SCCA
RD 3 Pinehurst Drive
Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12366

P.S. - It would make a nice Christmas present too.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS??

One of our current members is missing - at least we don't have a current address and he is missing a lot of important SCCA mail.

Can you help us locate him?

ATTENTION ALL MO-HUD MEMBERS ! Circle December 3 on your calendars !

It is the Annual Awards Banquet and you are invited to attend as the guest of Mo-Hud. That's right, a FREE dinner.

30 all 112 members are expected to be there. It should be the best event of the year.

There'll be ...

good food
old friends
new friends
awards for drivers and workers
door prizes
election of new officers
and lots of fun

Plan to attend.

Ihis all takes place at the Holiday Inn on Houte 5. In case you have to travel a long distance and plan to stay the night at the Holiday Inn, please make your reservations through Candy Schaf for a discount on the room rates.

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THE GREAT SHOWROOM STOCK SHOOT OUT by Dave Hathaway

The action was all in Showroom Stock Sedan Calss "C". It had been been for some time. The principle players were mostly from the Renault contingent, but the initial skirmish took place and did not involve them. In a previous race the ultra fast Vega of Vern Smith was protested and round illegal--reportedly by a large margin!

potesting is not just a verbal style of activity, but rather a put ip or shut up deal. It takes about \$175.00 to do it in style. You get our money back if every thing is okay. Otherwise you're wiser, but poorer.

race time 8 SCC cars were slated to be torn apart. Rumors were flying, and, when the flag dropped, everybody was flying. Paul Hacker, Ed Mauther, oug Lutz (that's Renault, Datsun, Reanualt) were going at it. Hacker made a poor start and was working away at making up lost ground. Stefania Cohen's car was significantly faster than in April, and significantly faster on the straights, but only average in the corners. She soon was up with Hacker. As the race progressed it looked like rain would decide the ultimate outcome. Mauther's Datsun seemed to be in command over Hacker's, Cohen's and Lutz's LeCars. Soon, Cohen and Lutz had disappeared, leaving Hacker with the only chance at Fauther.

It was the last lap and a light rain was making Mauther's Datsun fishtail. Hacker was knocking on the well, some said it was Mauther's fender -- when Mauther spun in the West Bend and Hacker pushed by for the wind.

But wait, the race wasn't over--and wouldn't be for another 24 hours, lesides, any new protests were accreted--mainly eight counts of reckless triving against Hacker.

Cohen's and Luts's LeCars were the worst for wear, but still not excused from a final judgement.

The dawn revealed five illeagl Renaults, ranging all the way from illedgedly over-sized and super modified "stock" engines to out of idjustment valve lash on one lacar and wrong spark plugs on another. Eacker also got the axe for 30 days for his driving style. The rest got sore or less the same for their illegalities.

A very unusual driver's briefing explained each of the violations and the penalty--for the purpose of ending random rumours and specualtions. The fines and penalties were stiff as a warning to others. Reanault was not happy, but perhaps they should look at the bright side--look at all the publicity they received. Who cared that an Opel "won" the race, that wasn't where the action was. After all, Hacker took the checkered flag in the Renault--for all the see.

Sequel:

The Little LeMans opened the door for Harold Cameron. The door was on incker's Renault, after Hacker was persona non grata. Just like Rocy from the movie of the same name, Cameron proved to be a sensation. Lapping as fast front faster than Hacker in the same, but now legal, car, Harold won the "C" talss of the Little LeMans, and he was as high as 3rd overall before the andatory pit stop. This was Harold's second big "break" of the year. The

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER	22	Skip Barber FF, SSB, SSC Races., Lime Rock
	23	Empire Autocross (518) 482-0131
	24	Mo-Hud Exec, meeting- Fantelli's
	29	BMSC Annual Halloween rally
	30	SCCA Championship Autocross, sponsored by Kevin Smith and Westmere ARCO- Skip Sifford 869-6201
NOVEMBER	2	Mô-Hud membership meeting
	5	New England Region SCCA Covered Bridge Rally contact Harry Whitton 371-4503
	6	Empire Rally contact H. Whitton
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	13	BMSC Economy Run- Butch Sciarra
	13 ,	EMSC TSD rally- Harry Whitton
DECEMBER	3	Mo-Hud Annual Banquet- Holiday Inn, Central Ave-see issue
JANUARY	20-22	Mo-Hud Ski Weekend, Smuggler's Notch, VT. See issue

Notice to all Competition Drivers - National, Regional & Novice Permits

The Executive Board will make the following awards at the Annual Banquet, December 3rd at the Holiday Inn, Central Ave., Albany:

- 1. Driver of the Year
- 2. Phil Ralder award for the Most Improved Driver
- 3. Gene Birdsey award fir the Most Outstanding Performance

In order to aid the Board with its' selection, would you please submit a summary of your 1977 racing activity by November 10 to the RE or Competition Director.

P.S. The Annual Banquet is free to drivers who are a member of Mo-Hud, but we need your reservations.

FOR SALE

- For Sale BMW 2002 B/S, 210+hp engine, Webers, Halon, cage, cell, Ti brakes fiberglass fenders, much more. 1977 legal and very fast. Call Bob Wright 456-6198.
- For Sale Used race tires. 13", many treas widths, good condition. \$5 and \$10 Call Tom Campbell (518) 587-2522.
- For Sale 1967 Lotus Elan, street legal, super autocross car, many modifications. Contact Art Fredericks, Old Chatham, N.Y. 392-4287.
- For Sale Weber Carburetor Kit for BMW 1600 or 2002. Kit includes 2 Weber 42DCOE8 carbs, manifold, linkage, air box. Asking \$150 with 10% discount to SCCA members, with current card, Contact: Bill Getz 872-2029 or 474-8591
- For Sale 1976 Renault 5 GTL #00 SSC prepared 1973 Dodge Colt \$900
 - TIRES- (10) B70-13 Goodyear
 - (10) B60-13
 - (5) 145-13 Conti 771
 - (5) 145-13 Michelin ZX
 - (10) 145-13 Kleber V12

Tires are shaved and unshaved-in various conditions with various prices Also many Colt and Renault Parts.

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