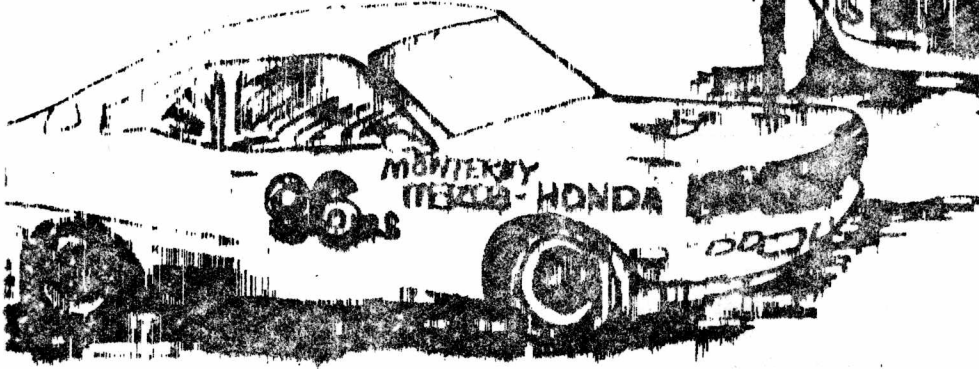
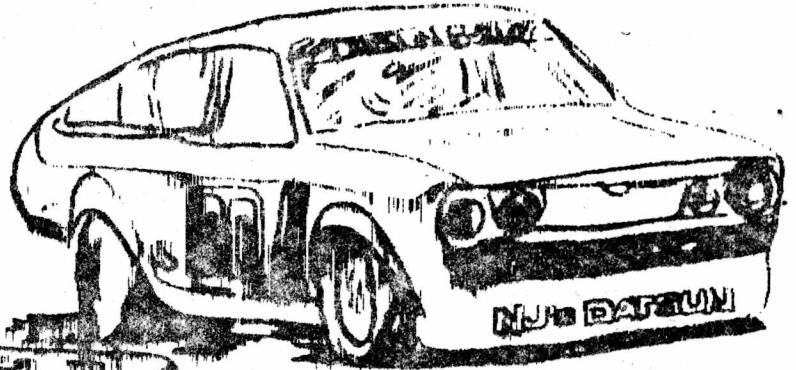
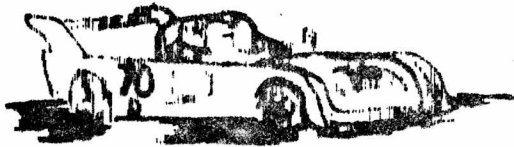
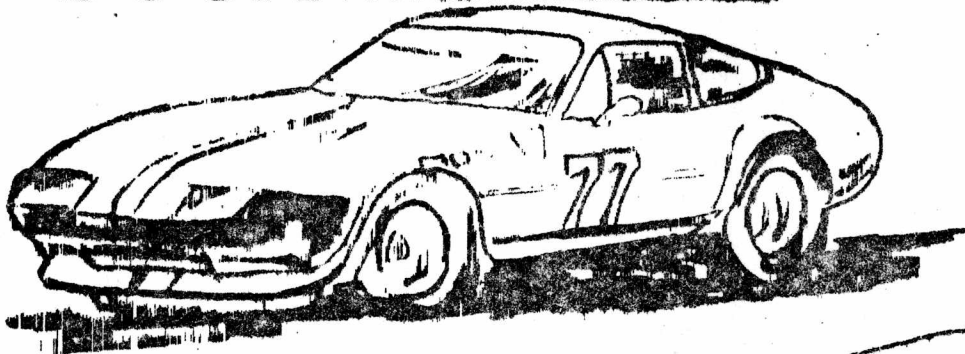
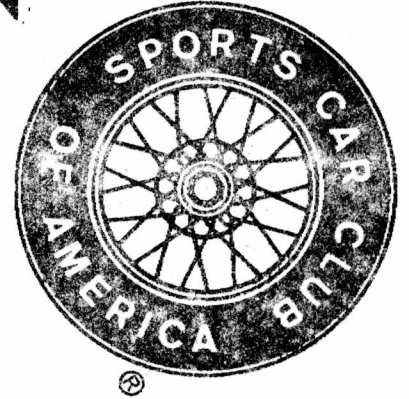


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REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

Executive Board Meeting is at Ford's Tavern, February 22, 1978 at 8 PM.

Next Membership Meeting 8 PM, Ford's Tavern, March 1, 1978.

Paul Hacker is to speak on the Pro Racing Scene. Paul, who has been very successful in the past two seasons of the Pro Scirroco Series, plans on having a film available along with what should be a highly enlightening talk. Hope to see everyone there.

More than 80 people were on hand to brave the weather and participate in MoHud's 14th Snowflake Rally. Entry consisted of 25 cars; more cars for a Snowflake than I can remember. I would judge the rally a success based on the overwhelming good nature that prevailed at the finish even after five long hours of competition. That is to say no one lynched either Jim or myself.

Jim and I enjoyed setting the event up. We tried something novel and it worked well, which in itself was very gratifying.

The "Knockoff" is still not out of the woods. As late as February 17, we were awaiting word concerning our bid for the off-set machine. This issue was printed with the reconditioned stencil cutter, thanks to Bill Morris.

Preliminary response to requests for chairmen for our Driver School and Race has been very favorable. Bill Morris has indicated an interest in chairing the school. Bill is excited about our association with Skip Barber and the implications this has for our school. Tom Phelan has expressed his interest in the race.

I am looking forward to at least two additional people to assist in co-chairing these events. People who do not have the time or the experience to chair an event such as these by themselves would be a great help to Bill and Tom while at the same time gaining valuable experience.

The seasons schedule is nearly complete and should be ready for the March issue of the "Knockoff." The solo program will continue as in past years under the capable hands of Jack Hanifan as solo chairman. Bill Hoffert is building a rally program that should be very interesting and exciting. Both rally and solo programs are looking for your support.

The April meeting will be devoted to guests and friends. Bob Tullius is scheduled to be guest speaker. The beer will be on the house. We are contacting a variety of businesses both locally and nationally to support this meeting with literature and door prizes. We hope to have a wealth of information available to the racer, rallyist and soloist to help them in constructing and competing.

Information concerning SCCA activities will be discussed by the specialty chiefs and activity chairmen. Special recognition is scheduled for some of our more distinguished members. If you have any ideas or input please see Tom Phelan.

Please plan on attending, bring your friends, wives, girlfriends, enjoy good times, good drinks and associating with others interested in motorsport. See you there.

John

WELCOME ABOARD TO NEW MEMBERS!

Erik Anderson - R.P.I., Troy, NY

Ed Pimm - Rock Tavern, NY

Joan Whitton - Clifton Park, NY

Harvey Myerson - New York, NY

John Petrella - 173 Nelson Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY

Joanne Winkleman - 2987 Hamburg St., Schenectady, NY

Donald MacLean - RD #1, Box 184, Hudson, NY

Susanna Rogers - Box 276, Claverack, NY

THE FOURTEENTH SNOWFLAKE RALLYE

1978 marks the third year the Snowflake has been run when we have just not had the classic Winter conditions that make the rally a truly memorable experience.

Back in 1973 and 1975, I can remember doing the majority of the route sideways because of the snow and ice on the road.

Nevertheless, even though we did not receive the snow that would have made for ideal conditions, the cold temperatures were certainly reminder enough that this was a Winter rallye.

This rallye also marked the first time in MoHud's recent history that a "special stage" was incorporated into the event. With thanks to Roly Heacox, Bob Allen, and others, the "Cossayuna Stage" I think made for an enjoyable experiment and an excellent rest stop. We're looking forward to future MoHud events incorporating similar twists.

I apologize for the mistakes that were present. The lack of Supplements and the mistake on Leg 1, Section I time slip made for enough confusion to be very discouraging to me. We thought we had provided enough recovery points and made the instructions easy enough without taking the navigators' duties away entirely. Unfortunately, however, several people could not recover for one reason or another. For example, many people did not follow Rt. 67 in Stillwater to get to the rally's last two checkpoints. It was not intended to have everyone learn the hard way but we thought that instruction was obvious enough even that late in the evening.

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to those who worked. Everyone spent a long night in sub-freezing weather to help put on this event. They gave up the chance to compete and without them the event could not have been run. Special thanks to Bill Hoffert who not only pre-checked the rally, but also worked and brought along a large contingent of workers and competitors alike.

Hopefully, everyone had an enjoyable time in MoHud's first competition event of the year. Certainly, to draw 80+ people out on a cold winter's night to thrash through the woods, or sit on some desolate road says something for the interest that exists in rallying in the Capitol Region.

To continue, we need the support of competitors and workers alike. If we could depend on similar entries at all events, if we could hear about your interests at club meetings, if we can count on some interested parties working new events, then we could have a superb local rally program. But without your support, the local events must give way to the summers' racing program strictly because there is not enough interested personnel to go around.

Jim and I thank you for your support of Snowflake '78 and we look forward to seeing you at meetings and future events. Discover America - Get Lost On A Rally.

John Stim and Jim Bishop

Leg 2, Section I thrown out due to error on Leg 1 time slip.

Leg 3, Section I thrown out due to problems encountered by so many on Harper Road and subsequent scoring error.

True Time Recapitulations available on request.

DNF's:	<u>Car #</u>	<u>Driver/Navigator</u>
	7	Rusin/Lundberg
	8	Milanese/Lansing
	12	Nicholls/Sciarra
	14	Notarnicola/Hoyt
	18	Johnston/Townsend
	19	Brooks/Selover
	21	Leboutillier/Watkins
	6	Did Not Start

Club Statistics:		
	MoHud	7*
	BMSC	0
	EMSC	9
	AMEC	1
	No Club	8

* Note: Several are affiliated with other clubs as well.

Workers: Jim Bishop and John Stim (Rallymasters)
 Sharon Dufresne
 Irene Cresser
 Lola Wesner
 Bill Morris
 Harry Whitton
 Bill Hoffert & Renee
 Nels Balivit
 Don R. Paul
 Tom Campbell
 Kirk Beach
 Judy Cook
 Jack Hanifan
 Jean Hopkins
 Roly Heacox
 Ed Hopkins
 Bob Claffie
 Dave Hathaway
 Lisa Hanifan
 Bob Allen
 John Kelly
 Eileen N. DiMarzio
 Sterling Johnson
 Paul Gifford
 Gary Clark
 Mark Stone
 Bill Morris, and Harry Whitton (course closing)

Rally results

14th SNOWFLAKE OFFICIAL RESULTS

Car No.	OA Pos	Driver Navigator	Class Pos	I	✓.#1	✓.#2	✓.#3	✓.#4	✓.#5	Special Stage	Total
				II	✓.#1	✓.#2	✓.#3	✓.#4	✓.#5		
17	1	A.Roberts	1 Exp		25	-	-	27	78	3:50	
		H.Geer			0	49	49	9	3		240
20	2	D.Shaw	2 Exp		17	-	-	62	0	3:40	
		D.Gensheimer			49	17	22	74	28		269
22	3	M.Hays	3 Exp		15	-	-	42	92	5:15	
		D.Elzenbeck			102	44	25	55	23		398
25	4	S.Wold	4 Exp		1	-	-	42	11	5:24	
		S.Richards			13	52	3	300	32		454
3	5	D.Jones	5 Exp		3	-	-	296	62	3:33*	
		P.Jones			76	131	2	300	60		930
15	6	W.Paul	1 Nov		166	-	-	160	85	3:58	
		W.Phillips			70	300	170	130	29		1110
10	7	M.Wierzbowski	6 Exp		18	-	-	156	77	4:01	
		E.Wierzbowski			169	276	103	300	12		1111
34	8	A.Jackson	2 Nov		26	-	-	300	43	3:35	
		V.Roberts			52	44	1200	300	109		2074
16	9	E.Monroe	3 Nov		28	-	-	84	87	7:28	
		D.Minick			52	300	1200	300	24		2075
5	10	D.Chriss	4 Nov		87	-	-	62	128	4:49	
		D.Peceraro			300	300	1200	300	143		2520
4	11	P.Charlebois	7 Exp		43	-	-	300	236	4:20	
		L.Charlebois			300	300	1200	300	30		2709
2	12	B.Terry	5 Nov		43	-	-	300	300	6:11	
		R.Terry			300	300	1200	300	114		2857
13	13	J.Burnes	6 Nov		20	-	-	1200	300	3:45	
		D.Fisher			140	34	1200	300	75		3269
9	14	J.DeLong	7 Nov		138	-	-	1200	300	4:44	
		D.Robbins			168	9	1200	300	73		3388
24	15	A.Mace	8 Exp		35	-	-	68	97	4:06	
		S.Kilmartin			12	300	1200	1200	1200		4112
11	16	D.Mullineaux	8 Nov		70	-	-	1200	21	4:24	
		M.O'Brien			247	22	1200	1200	1200		5160
23	17	G.Lyon	9 Nov		62	-	-	1200	1200	4:08	
		J.Mather			300	300	121	1200	1200		5583
1	18	C.Schaf	9 Exp		1200	-	-	300	65	3:52	
		M.Johnsen			300	300	1200	1200	1200		5765

* Fastest On Stage Award

January, 1978

Dear Mohawk-Hudson Member;

As your newly appointed Competition Director, let me say that I discovered sports car racing and Lime Rock in April of 1958 and have never been the same since. My official competition experience began in 1970, and I have been an active license holder from that time on. Enough about me. What I really want is information about you. In order that I may insure that information is correct I request that all license holders send me a copy of the press sheet that accompanies their renewal form.

For those of you who do not plan to renew a license, or have held one in the past, let me hear about it. Also, tell me what the last car you raced was and any awards or championships you have attained.

We haven't forgotten the Rallyist either and don't intend to. Even if you're not a pro-rallyist tell me about it. If you specialize as a driver or navigator, let us have that data also.

Perhaps your speciality is Auto slaloms. How about a listing about yourself, what you drive, and any championships you have won.

Don't worry about not being modest, and don't be bashful, but do worry about not getting me this data.

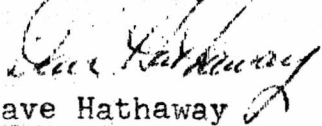
And, oh, yes--if you have comments or problems I should know about, let me have them. Finally, if you have a special number on your race car--I use 3--tell me.

My address is: David P. Hathaway
27 Beverly Street
Pittsfield, Mass. 01201

Home phone: (413)443-4670

Office phone: (413)499-1100, Ext. 58 or 59

Yours truly,


Dave Hathaway

The Car Show
(or "How did we get into this mess?")

At the November membership meeting the realization hit me that the job of organizing the Mo-Hud booth for the Motorworld Show was all mine. Rather surprising, considering that on the phone I was only asked to find a volunteer willing to have their open wheeled car shown. Having the whole nine yards dumped on me at the last minute I was about to say, "Let's call the whole thing off!" - when you, the members of Mo-Hud, pulled through. I can't remember when I saw so many people volunteer to help out. How could I possibly say no?

So with the booth being manned by enthusiastic volunteers, the ground work of thinking up what and how to display Mo-Hud to the public had to be done. After the cars were moved into the Empire State Plaza without some difficulties and juggling about, Jean and I checked the "booth" area out in hopes of getting some ideas. Then back to my house. I had already bought some styrafoam sheets and compressed board for making some kind of signs or background for the photos borrowed from Joe Corbett. Have you ever tried driving with a couple of 4' X 8' sheets of styrafoam tied to the roof of your car? Don't try it unless you live next door to the local building material supplier, drive less than 10 mph and do it on a day that has absolutely no moving air. Hmmm, wonder if I can build a kite out of the leftover styrafoam? It had flown away from me a couple of times...

About four hours later into Wednesday night Jean and I had materialized some collages. We had fun going through the carton of old and new photos - memories. The thought occurred to me that it would really be neat if the club had some type of a scrapbook or "history of Mo-Hud". That way new members could associate faces with the names in all the wild racer stories. It would also prove that many of these stories aren't just the fabrication of a competitors' mind!!

Thursday evening seemed to be a waste of time. It had been billed as "Press Night", so one assumes that that means members of the press will be present to take some pictures and write a short paragraph about your organization to appear in the local newspapers. What a neat way to promote Mo-Hud. Or so we thought. In the three hours that we were there, we didn't see one newspaper type person. Was this an omen of things to come?

There had been some problems encountered, but nothing insurmountable. We definitely learned a few things, enjoyed meeting new people and seeing others who used to belong to SCCA years ago. Hopefully we'll see a lot of new faces at future meetings.

In closing I'd like to thank Tom Campbell, Marie and Carl Corrin, Jean and Jack Fantelli, Jean and Paul Hacker, Peter Klein, Conale McIntyre, Howie Minckler, Phil Panos, Craig Robertson, John Stim, Jill Wentorf, Joanne and Jim Winkelman and Bob Wright for helping man the booth. and a special thanks to those who tried to keep me from losing my mind completely.

ELECTION RESULTS
for the
1978 Slate of Officers

- Regional Executive - John Stim, by eight votes
- Assistant R. E. - Tom Phelan, by four votes
- Secretary - Marilyn Heacox, unopposed
- Treasurer - Jill Wentorf, unopposed
- Activities Director - Jim Winkelman, unopposed
- Directors
 - Marie Corrin, greater number of votes
 - Jack Fantelli, by one vote

Sixty-six ballots were mailed in, eight ballots were turned in at the banquet, for a total of 74 ballots cast.

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PACENOTES & CHECKPOINTS for FEB/MAR '78

by Bill Hoffert

In my younger years I was taught that no two snowflakes are the same. If one considers Snowflakes '77 & '78 they cannot fail to see the differences.

Without dwelling on details, I think a fair summary of this year's edition of THE SNOWFLAKE RALLYE would state that out of 26 entries over 20 finished, that the course and concept behind it was challenging and that several NEW Rallyists were on hand. That these newcomers left eager to return is a direct measure of John Stim & Jim Bishop's effectiveness as Rallye-masters.

Well done John & Jim.

On the heels of a healthy revival of THE SNOWFLAKE, I have the pleasure to announce that Mo-Hud, together with Berkshire Motor Sports Club and Empire Motor Sports Club have established the Capitol Area Rallye Series.

CARS will be open to any local rallyist whether or not a member of one of the participating clubs. CARS entrants may compete in one of two classes: A/B - Equipped and C - SOP. Championship awards will be given to the top individual driver & navigator in each class as well as the top team in each class. Individuals & teams will accrue series points based on the best four of the first five rallyes finished.

The series will be composed of six T-S-D, non-trap events; two of which will be put on by each club.

In order to simplify the running of CARS, the series will be administered by Mo-Hud members Bill & Renee Hoffert and Nels Balwit. Any questions regarding the series may be directed to us at (518) 346-4547.

CARS dates and Rallyemasters are:

4-23-78	Mo-Hud/Balwit & Hoffert
5-21-78	EMSC/Elenbeck & Hayes
6-11-78	BMSC/RM - To be announced
7-16-78	BMSC/RM - TBA
10- 1-78	Mo-Hud/Doug Jones
10-14-78	EMSC/Jerry Varney

Beyond keeping track of the progress of CARS, my personal goal as Mo-Hud's Rallye Chairman for '78 will be to bring you news & information of the state of rallying in the northeast. Also I'll be glad to report Mo-Hud Rallyists' experiences and adventures for the enjoyment of all.

We'll be back next month with more so stay on course.

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