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Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA
JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The June meeting was called to order by Sue Rogers, R.E.. The Secretary's minutes were approved as printed in the Knock-Off. Tom Campbell gave the Treasurer's report which was accepted as read. Dave Hathaway mentioned that a list of workers should be given to him for points series for the year.

Jack Hanifan talked about the Solo event at Lime Rock. Rik Schlierer spoke about rally series. If you want to be on a rally mailing list contact Rik or Dana Elzenbeck. Dana and Mike Wierzbowski both spoke about future rallies. Discussion was held on the representation of club members at rallies. Jim Bishop spoke about the upcoming EMSC June 29th Autocross. Bob Claffie advertised his June 8 rally.

Sue mentioned the new membership drive headed by the Denver office. Joanne Winkelman expounded on this. The winner will receive a trip to Monte Carlo.

Steve Wold ran through the future autocrosses.

John Sheridan brought up the Lime Rock Memorial Day race. Bonnie Rowen expounded on some of the races. Harold Cameron spoke about the Briar nationals held the same weekend. Karl Hacker reported on the Bilstein race at Charlotte where he and Paul both drove.

Andy Mace mentioned that articles would be welcome for the Knock Off from some of the people that relate their experiences from different road races.

Sue wants a feeling from the membership about having the July 12 weekend event include a club picnic. Jack Hanifan announced the December 6 annual banquet will be held at Towne Tavern in Schenectady.

Dave Hathaway announced guests and welcomed on of our older members who has returned to the fold, Bob Brown.

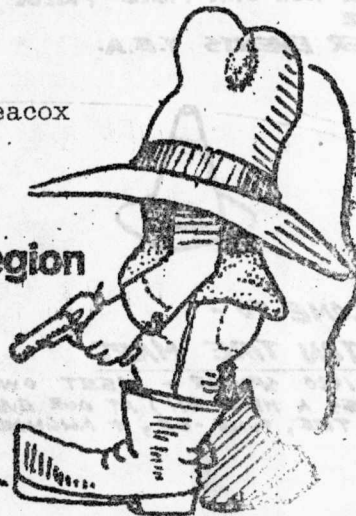
Tom Campbell announced that there will be an open forum for race chiefs. Anyone interested should stay for this after the meeting and auction.

Lou Spada has Skip Barber raffle tickets for sale. Tom Campbell advertised our usual supply of Club memorabilia.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Marilyn Heacox
Secretary

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MEETINGS

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AUG. 17, SEPT. 14

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The Right Hand Seat

Monday, May 19, 1980

I thought today would never arrive. After twelve weeks of preparation the "Mayday Rallye" is finally history. There were a number of good comments from competitors but there are some perplexing questions to be answered as well. Most serious among these is the question of participation. It's difficult to assess the turnout for "Mayday" due to the rotten weather conditions, which I'm sure had some effect.

A general mailing of 145 pieces was sent prior to the event. Fourteen of the 24 people who entered were on that mailing list, representing a 9.65% response. Since the mailing list has been increased to nearly 250, a 9.65% response would mean 24 entrants. The increase from 14 to 24 as a direct result of mailings would represent a 41.6% improvement in attendance. None of this includes the people who were not contacted by mail, since they knew of the Rallye, and, Series, and had either preregistered or announced their intention to participate.

Interestingly, exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the entrants had no club affiliation. The twelve people who entered who did have some club affiliation were divided among three clubs, one of which (BMWCCA) is not a series sponsor. Empire MotorSports Club had the most entrants with 6, MoHud SCCA next with 4 and BMWCCA with two. Berkshire MotorSports Club members did not participate. The logical conclusion is that we, as club members, are not supporting our own club's activities. That's not a good example to set, if we want to attract newmembers.

Still, in all, I must say that, although I'm disappointed in Sunday's turnout, I'm not discouraged for the prospects of the Series as a whole.

I might add that the quality of competition was not at all disappointing with less than one minute in total penalty points separating the top four finishers and that's for a rallye of nearly $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours duration and 112 official miles in bad weather! Outstanding!

Which brings me to the next point I want to talk about. Isn't it nice how the ideas just flow so easily from one to another? (If you believe that you've never written an article or column before).

For any championship series to have meaning the level of competition must be as high as possible. Stated another way; The prestige of being champions is directly related to the quality of the competition for it. There are those who would tell you that there are no really good rallyists in this area. Don't bet on it - you'd lose! To prove my point, herewith are capsule evaluations of some of the top teams in the area and the Town Crier - Becker Realty Rallye Championship.

Class A/B

This class has seen more limited participation than Class C recently and is currently wide open. If you've been itching to try Class A/B this could be your year.

The Competitors:

Owen and Karen Gallagher - the odds - on favorites to repeat as champions if they enter enough events to qualify. The concerns of purchasing their first home may keep them out. With their consistent solid performances, they must be considered a threat for "First Overall" any time they enter.

Cheryl Mochrie and Norm Podrazik (The Unisex Rallye Team). They have beaten themselves as often as others have beaten them, but I suspect that situation will not last much longer. They can always be found in the top six or eight.

John Stim and Jim Bishop - Overall winners of Snowflake #16. They are so good that they can win any rallye, anywhere, anytime. Enough said!

L. Mark Stone and ? Past overall winner of the prestigious Snowflake (#15) and the 1979 version of the upcoming Rennsco Run II. When he has Mark Goldfarb and the Chronar on his right he is very hard to beat.

Dave Shaw and ? Dave has been rallying with different navigators ever since RSCA's version of Mr. Spock, Dan Genshiemer left for Denver. They were Class A/B Champions in 1978. In one of this year's New England Rallye Championship Events (Tri State or Triple Challenge, I can't recall which) he teamed up with Dana Elzenbeck for a Class win. And believe me that's no mean defeat! Dave's most recent partner has been his lady, Roberta Vadersen. She's new to Rallying but couldn't have a better teacher.

Class C

Steve Wold and Sue Richards, Team Suzr, or the "Super Oscar Rallye Team" Call them what you will, they're very good, and they get better each time out. Right now, I'd say they can win their class in any event they enter. Their overall win in the "Mayday Rallye" underscores their ability. It is my opinion that the 1980 Championship will be fought out between Steve and Sue and the Charlebois!

Len and Pat Charlebois. The "Challengers". Always in or near the trophies. They're learning and improving constantly and if they can avoid the "big mistake" they can win. They'll be in the hunt all year.

Team "Lemon Bunny" Dana Elzenbeck and Barbara Ramond. Dana's so good he's rallied alone and been in the trophies. The only thing that will keep Dana's team out of the championship is that he isn't concerned about winning it.

Mike & Eileen Wierzlowski. Former Class C Champions and overall winners of the Infamous "Green Field Glide". Anyone who could win a rallye like that deserves respect. Their ability is unquestioned.

Dan and Tim Rem - They are short on experience but their progress has been steady and encouraging. A fine fifth place in the "Mayday Rallye" has them in good shape in the early season points standings. They have the potential to be very good and their first win can't be far off.

Team Corvair - Actually two teams: Jonetta and Sam Darcy, and Michael and Trinket Darcy. Four fine people with the ability to be very competent rallyists. Their scores on individual legs have been impressive and usually it's only one or two bad legs that keep them out. They always have a good time regardless of where they finish - and really that's what it's all about.

So the challenge is issued. These people are ready and willing to take on anyone who thinks they can meet the challenge. If you don't think these people are good rallyists, then put your stop watch where your mouth is and enter the championship series.

Till next time
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Rik Schlierer

Empire Motor Sports Club looking for other clubs

Empire Motor Sports Club is hoping to come up with a list of as many of the local motor sports clubs and marque clubs as we can find. We are primarily interested in clubs basically similar in nature to EMSC or Mo-Hud, and marque clubs catering to sports car enthusiasts, such as Triumph, BMW and the like. We hope initially to begin to exchange newsletters and other types of publicity, and further on attempt to coordinate schedules of events, co-sponsor events and whatever else may seem appropriate. We may consider, at some point, forming a council of area clubs, similar to councils in Southern California, Long Island, Washington, D.C. area, etc. I have already shared the idea with the Adirondack Triumph Association, which may be interested, and the Patroon Chapter, BMWCCA, whose President, coincidentally, has started work on a similar idea, and is very willing to work with us. Possibilities are endless with such a venture; certainly the least that could come of it is to make all clubs more aware of each other, and perhaps boost participation in many if not all of them. If anyone reading this knows of any marque or general motorsports clubs other than the ones listed below, please forward as much information about the club as possible, such as name, orientation, and names and addresses of the President and newsletter editor if possible. I have so far: EMSC, Mo-Hud SCCA, EMSC, Patroon Chapter BMWCCA, NYSIRA, Adirondack Triumph Assoc., Eastern NY Chapter New England MG "T" Register, Ltd., and Tri-Vettes. Any other clubs will be greatly appreciated. Please send any information to:

Empire Motor Sports Club
c/o Andrew Mace, Pres.
Thais Road, R.D.#1
Averill Park, NY 12018



1980
TOWN CRIER
BECKER REALTY
RALLYE
CHAMPIONSHIP

"MAYDAY" RALLYE
OFFICIAL RESULTS

POS.	DRIVER / NAVIGATOR (Club Affl.)	Car & #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS
1	1C Wold / Richards (MH-E/MH-E)	14 SAAB	15	24	115	11	85	2	9	15	7	1	284	120.000
2	2C Elzenbeck / Raymond (E/-)	15 Rabbit	67	2	86	18	16	28	48	27	0	2	294	110.910
3	1A N. Balwit / D. Balwit (ME/-)	1 Citation	25	19	11	48	64	15	28	47	35	18	310	101.819
4	3C L. & P. Charlebois (E/E)	16 Celica	7	11	72	78	51	34	5	36	23	1	318	92.728
5	4C D. Rem / T. Rem (E/E)	9 Horizon	28	19	148	17	50	32	87	227	10	19	637	83.637
6	5C M. Darcy / T. Darcy (-/-)	7 Corvair	5	36	15	106	900	226	16	95	300	63	1762	74.546
7	6C Lyon / Mather (-/-)	17 Civic	73	28	15	255	200	69	300	134	900	300	2274	65.455
8	7C Silverman / Lukowski (E/-)	6 Rabbit	0	30	13	300	219	103	61	900	900	300	2826	56.364
9	8C Shakeshaft / Bisgrove (-/-)	11 Montego	12	150	103	79	300	300	27	900	900	300	3071	47.273
10	9C Ham / Vickerson (-/-)	10 Dart	15	30	37	83	75	900	15	900	900	300	3255	38.182
11	10C Burwell / Dunn (B/B)	12 BMW	33	900	900	300	300	300	133	900	900	900 *	5566	29.091
12	11C J. Darcy / S. Darcy (MH/-)	8 Corvair	31	40	108	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	6479	20.000

Our thanks to all whose help and support made this event possible. Bill & Renee Hoffert, Amway Distributors for financial assistance, Marty & Paula Finkle, Mike & Eileen Wierzbowski, Paul Nelson, Gary & Gerry Clark, Jim Bishop, Harry Greenberg, Linda Stutz, Dick Brooks, Bruce Becker (for sponsoring the Series), and most of all, my wife, Carol!

(MH - Mohad SCCA E-EMSC B -- BMWCCA)
(900 pts. Missed checkpoint * Over 20 min. late)

MO-HUDDERS

BILL HOFFERT has been a member of Mo-Hud for 3 years. His favorite motorsport activity is rallying.

Cars he has owned and loved include an Alfa Romeo GT and a TR-3. Cars he has owned and wished he hadn't was an Olds-F85.

Hoffert is also a member of EMSC. Other hobbies include photography, calligraphy and sailing.

Hoffert is a computer operator. He is married to Rene. They have two children, Sean and Rebecca.

MARTY FINKLE is a new member of Mo-Hud, having joined last year. He has owned and loved the 2402, 99CE and Civic 1200. The GTO and Corvette.

Finkle's favorite motorsport activity is rallying. Other hobbies include motorcycles, camping, snowshoeing and commercial revitalization.

Finkle is a jeweler. He is married to Paula.

BILL MORRIS has been a member of Mo-Hud for 14 years. He is also a member of the MG-T Register. His favorite motorsport activity is "winning"--he's a road racer, ice racer, gymkhanaist, ect.

Other hobbies of his include electronics, canoeing and skiing. Cars he has owned and loved include Lotus, Saab V-4 and Saab Turbo. He hasn't loved his eight Minis.

Morris is a metallurgist.

JACK HANIFAN has been a member of Mo-Hud for six years. His favorite motorsport activity is ice racing. He is also a member of EMSC and NYSIRA.

Cars he has owned and loved are a 1958 Ford, '59 Bugeye, 124 Spyder and an 850 Sport Coupe. The Isabella and '59 Bugeye are cars he wished he didn't own. Other hobbies include softball.

Hanifan is a teacher. He is married to Lisa. They have one child, T.J.

PS: How about some of our women members filling in and returning the following questionnaire. Let's hear about you!

By Eleanor Morris

MO-HUDRERS

SCCA MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____

Occupation _____

Marital Status _____

Spouse (if Married) _____

Children's names _____

Hobbies _____

Favorite Activities _____

Other Clubs you belong to _____

How long have you been a member of SCCA? _____ years.

Cars you have owned and loved _____

Cars you have owned and wished you hadn't _____

Favorite motorsport activity _____

RETURN TO: Eleanor L. Morris
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Rallyemaster: Dana Elzenbeck

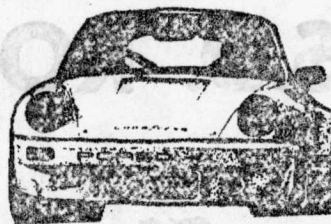
(518)463-7074 8am-9am, 9pm-11pm

(518)457-2540 4pm-6pm

*Sunday
July 13*



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1980 EVENTS

AUTOCROSS:

Sometimes called a gymkhana, an autocross is a test of your driving skills, one car at a time through a mini-road course set up in a large parking lot, using rubber pylons.

Who can enter? Anyone with a valid drivers license who values his or her ability to handle their own car.

SCHEDULE

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June 29	September 21
July 20	October 5
August 10	October 19
September 7	

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RALLYE: **Do It In The Streets!**

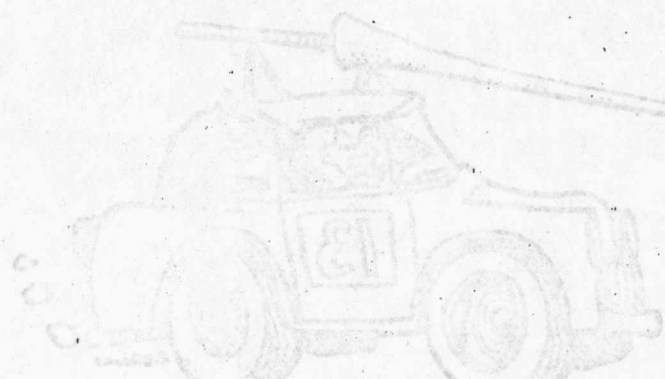
Have you ever tried to follow someone else's directions to someplace you've never been before? How would it be if you knew that you had to arrive at that destination neither early or late but exactly on time? Rallying is a test of precision driving and navigating skill for two people, held on public roads at legal speeds. Events open to anyone with a valid drivers license. (Navigators need not be licensed)

<u>SCHEDULE:</u>	June 22	August 17	November 1
	July 13	September 14	

Information: Rik (518) 438-4668 Evenings, 474-8803 Days

Cars for all events must pass a basic safety inspection.

TROPHIES awarded at all events. Newcomers always welcome. Come join us at our fun events (we run rain or shine)



Handwritten notes:
Sunday
Sept 13

To: All Licensed Mohawk Hudson Region Race Drivers

From: David Hathaway, Assistant R.E.

Subject: Driver's School, July 25, 1980

Dear Drivers:

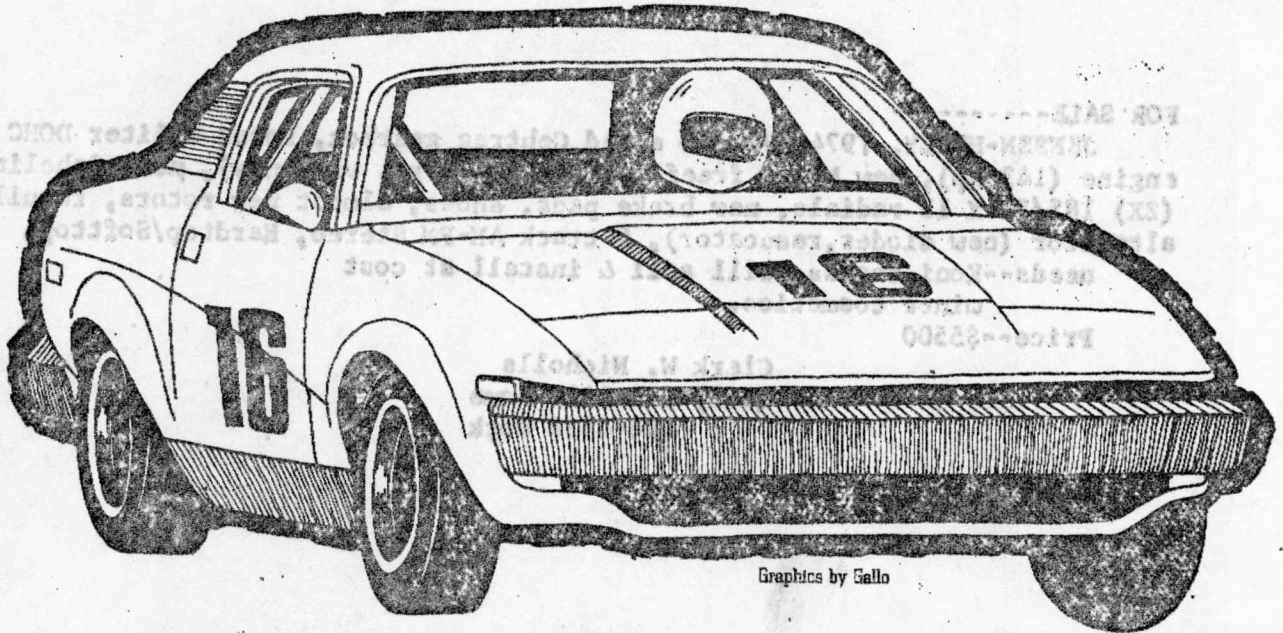
Please excuse this impersonal note, but I want to make sure I reach every one of you in order to invite you to participate in our annual Driver's School on July 25 (Friday).

Your assistance can be used either as an observer or an instructor, or in other important ways. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you can assist please let me know as soon as possible.

My address is: 27 Beverly St., Pittsfield, MA 01201,
Tel. 413-443-4670

Many thanks,

Dave Hathaway



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To: All Licensed Mohawk Hudson Region Race Drivers
From: David Hathaway, Assistant M.F.
Subject: Driver's School, July 22, 1980

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SALE EXTENDED DUE TO OVERWHELMING RESPONSE!

FORCED TO RELOCATE!!! EVERYTHING MUST GO!!!

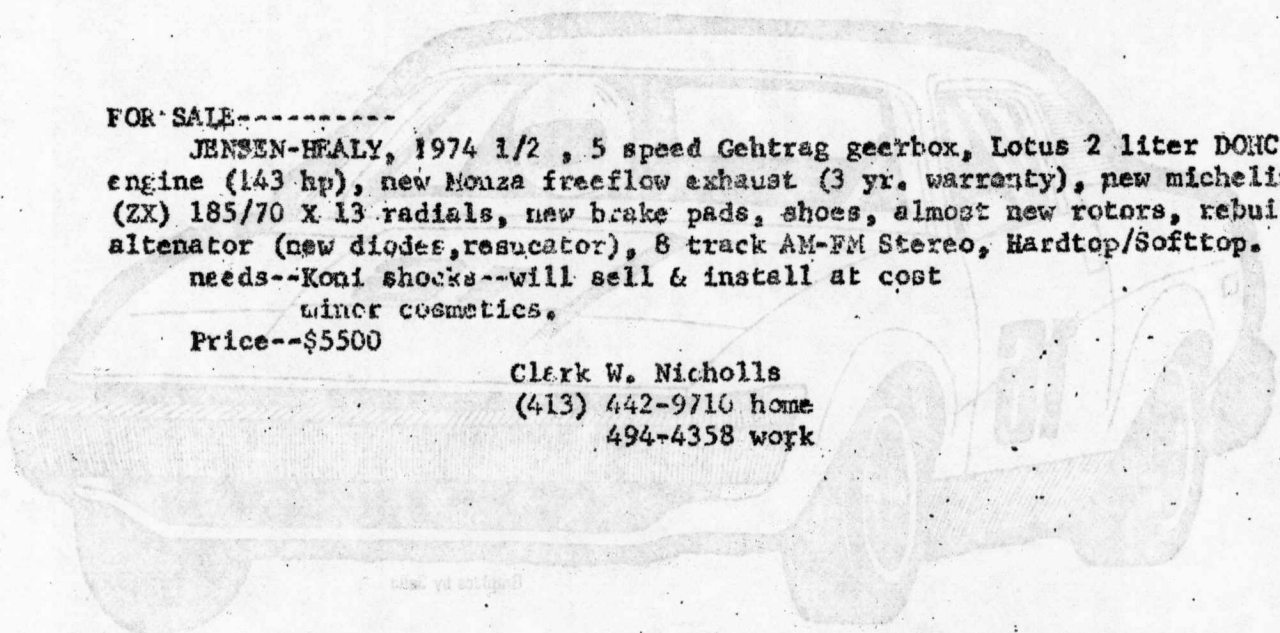
Well, not really everything, but before the town declares my yard a National Security risk or whatever, some of the loose stuff really should go. Some odd new pieces such as an aluminum luggage rack for Mk. 1 to Mk. 3 Spitfire, or TR-4 front grille guard, and other little assorted pieces, plus lots of big and little pieces for TR-4, Spitfire and especially Herald. Let me know what you need; it's probably around somewhere. Parts trades might be considered, as there are some things I could use, particularly a later Herald frame with NO rust (such stuff as dreams are made of) or a 1969 Mk. 3 Spitfire tub with no structural rust (ditto on the dreams). Help a poor country boy get a TR-3 on the road this summer. Call or write:

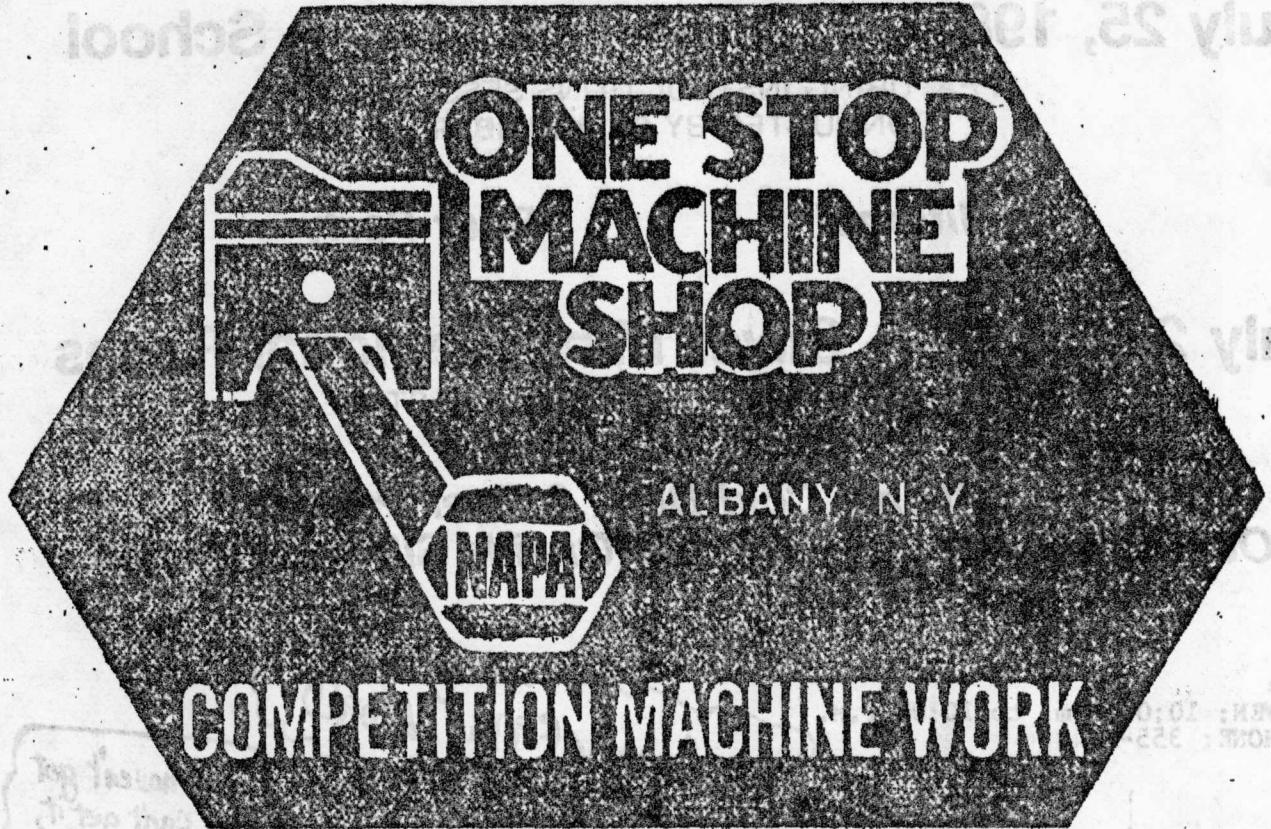
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July 26, 1980 — Silver Mine Regional Races

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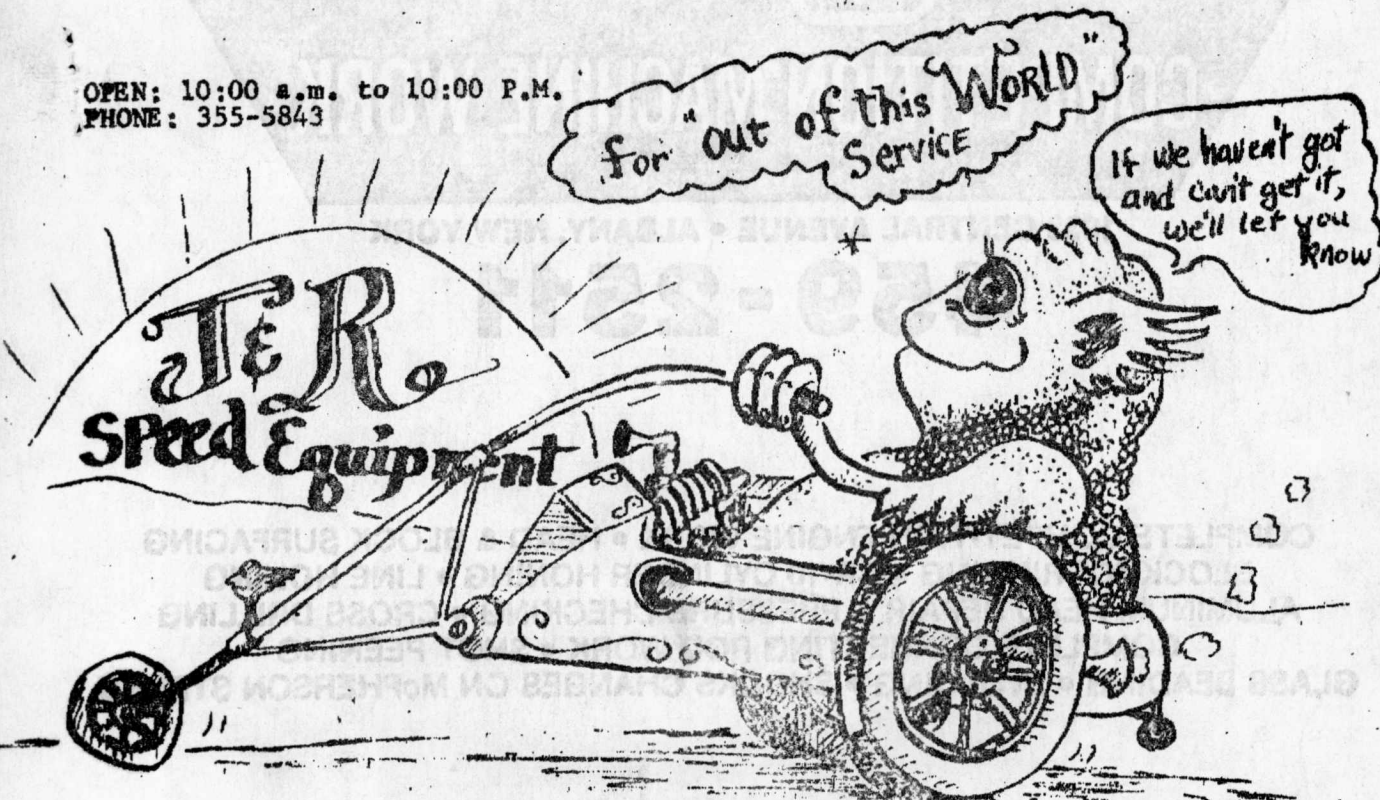
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