

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by FE John Sheridan. The consensus of those present was to suspend with the business portion of the meeting and permit our guest speaker Jim Shane to begin his presentation. This was done and Mr. Shane exchanged views with the members present until approximately 9:15 PM. At that time, the annual auction was commenced by Harold Cameron. Proceeds from the auction were \$111.00. Motion to adjourn was made at the conclusion of the auction by Dick Stewart, seconded by Jack Hanifan, and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sheridan

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

"Notes from the Membership Committee"

Item 1 - Just one new member to report as of December, 1986: Robert J. Westfall, of Rensselaer, NY. Welcome! Also, Cheryl Walsh, of Douglas, GA, will have been a member for 5 years in March, 1987. Glad you're staying with us y'all.

Item 2 - We are going to publish a roster of members of the region. The format will be:

Name (names, if several members at same address)

Address

Home phone

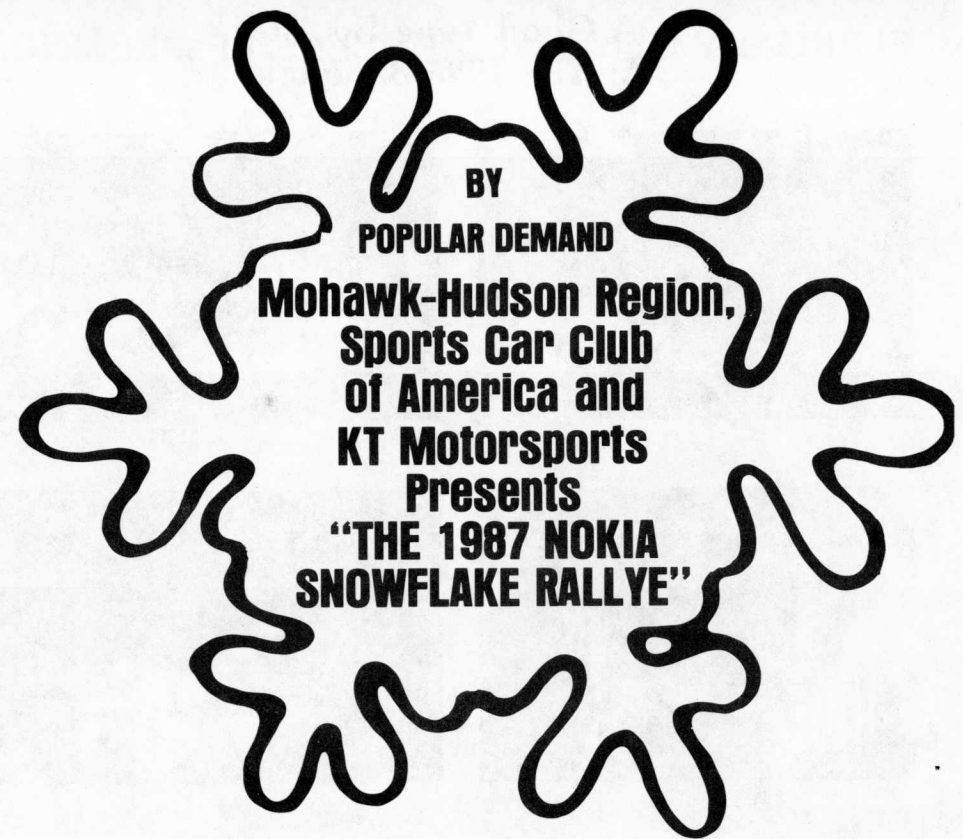
Business phone

The addresses are being taken from the latest SCCA membership listings: the phone numbers from the original application forms and from a roster put out by Clark Nicholls a few years ago. I don't have phone numbers for:

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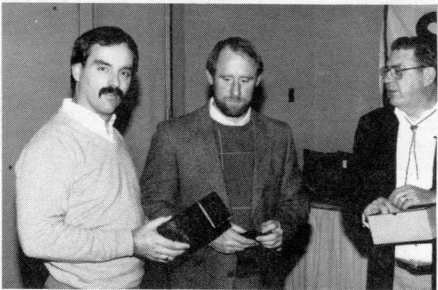
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A Good Time By All At The 1986 Banquet



CONNIE'S CORNER

The recent KNOCKOFF announced the demise of SCCA's latest home office fiasco. Namely, its cockie attempt to banish the club racers. How foolish! The thin camouflage was so easily seen through. Hurrah for those club racers! Where would this club be without them? They are the very souls this club was founded for and by. It is my opinion that if the SCCA Board had gone ahead with "the plan" that another spin-off organization would have been born.....perhaps another IMSA. The Board would have committed a great disservice to its members.

We must all be aware, however, that we the members placed these people in power, so to speak. Perhaps we should be more cautious.

They are in place to do a job though. And I suppose that part of the job description includes creative, and at times "far out" thinking. They have a schedule of gigantic proportions to juggle every winter. Some of their points are valid. The racing day is not long enough to accommodate all the various classes, groups, factions..whatever.

It is the drivers themselves who must come up with THE ULTIMATE PLAN to solve what many deem to be a problem of crisis proportion. Every year the regional racer gets less on-track time while his cost escalates. Maybe the answer is more race tracks. Maybe the answer is fewer weekends to run but with far more on-track time. Let a National weekend be just that. Let a PRO weekend be that alone. Split regional weekends: half the classes one weekend, the other the following, keeping the regional weekends equal in number of course. What kind of results would we get?

Well, they would almost certainly mean fewer weekends in each category. But is this necessarily bad? It could be lower expenses for regional drivers....fuel, towing, lodging. The total number of race weekends would not necessarily be fewer so the problem of adequate staffing for each race may persist.....vis-a-vie F & C, T & S, Medical, Registration, etc., etc.. For National and Pro drivers it could mean more bang for their buck too. Longer track time....no regional to share with More spectators because each racing program would be more "pure" giving promoters a better, more marketable package. Maybe even the spectator would end up saving too. The gate fees for most race tracks around the country are TOO HIGH. We can't go any longer expecting the spectator to jump at the chance to go to a race when it's going to cost him \$25 a head per day! And he's not even gotten there or eaten there yet. Only USAC or CART can draw that spectator. And don't forget we are all paying for the "privilege" of being out in the pouring rain, freezing cold or blazing sun too.

If the promoters do well, spectator-wise, at the National and PRO events, that would help to spread the costs. They could offer better race facilities for all and ultimately lower rental costs to the racers. The true goal should be to keep the cost of racing down across the board. It must be realized that no one fraction, promoter, organizer, track owner, car owner, driver or sponser can do that alone. We must all work together to accomplish the task.

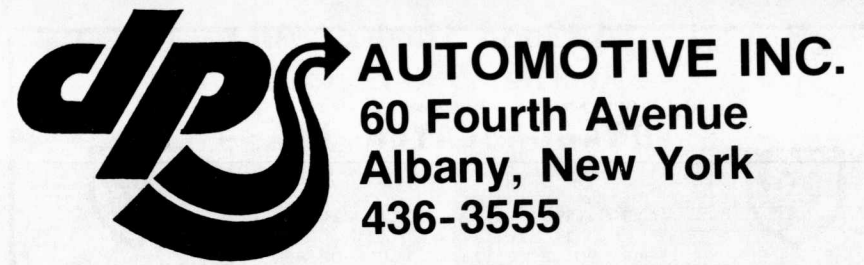
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy March! Well, let's see what we have here. I've recently received word from Janet Clegg, SCCA National Public Relations Administrator, that the KNOCK-OFF rated eighth best (out of thirty) in the country for 1986 in the medium-large class of regional newsletters. Not bad for us, huh? (I have the full report if anyone would care to see it). Now, if our membership stays below 200, we can drop down in the size class and maybe even do better in 1987. Or should we even try to improve? Let's try.

Clark Nicholls has written a dissertation concerning the club and its functions. A complete unedited copy is enclosed as a separate insert. *Connie's Column* returns in this issue and Mike Weir has another membership update. Also, last month we welcomed a new advertiser, KT Motorsports, and this month we welcome another, DPS Automotive. Let's

give them our support as they have given us theirs. (But don't forget to bill them, Jim.) And, obviously, the next big item on the calendar is the illustration Snowflake Rally on March 14.

That's about all from here for this month. If we didn't see you at the Saratoga Speed Sport Show, see you next meeting. Keep those cards and letters coming.



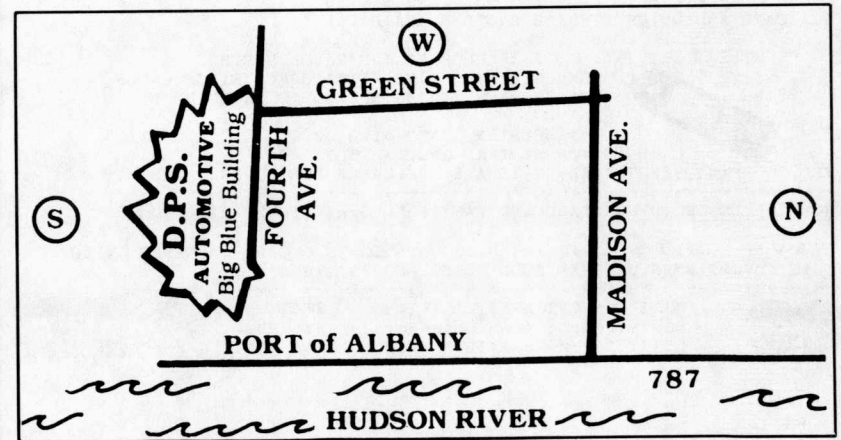
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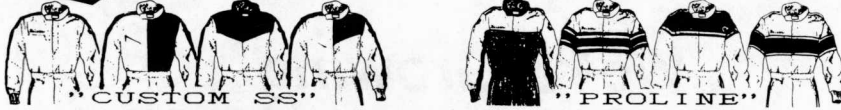
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REviews by John C. Sheridan

Today the Daytona 500 is on TV, spring and SCCA road racing in the Northeast can't be too far away. Until it does Mo-Hud's Board will try to keep up your spirits with good programs at our meetings and a chance to go rallying. Last month's program was outstanding. Jim Shane, General Manager and Promoter at Lime Rock shared his views on club and professional racing at LRP, the insight into the future of LRP. The February program didn't end there though, one of the best auctions in recent memory followed. Special thanks have to go to **Joe Strauss, Tom Campbell, George Smith, Harold Cameron and Bruce Taylor** for their generous contributions. Harold did his usual great job as auctioneer and we realized \$110.00!

In March we will have some old time movies/slides of yesteryears, a report on the National Convention and a bull session to get your input before we go to the NEDIO roundtable. Also in March, the 14th to be exact, the

SnowFlake Rally. For details see the flyer in the KO or call our rally master John Stim.

Kudos must go to our KNOCKOFF staff. Dave McClumpha and George Smith. The National Publications committee ranked the KO 8th in the club out of more than 30 other regional publications for regions our size. Great job guys, keep it up.

I think 1987 will be a good year for our club and Mo-Hud. It appears Solo will return, the rally program has three events scheduled with a fourth a strong possibility, and our strength as a racing region is growing and maturing. Mo-Hud is on the move, be a part of it. See you March 4th at 7:30 PM.

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CALENDAR

Regular Membership Meetings

March

4 Home Movies - Slides

April

1 Membership Meeting
5 Arthritis-Rallye

May

6 Movie - Jim Bishop

June

3 John Castle, Area X Director

September

2 Pre-Race Meeting

October

7 Post-Race Meeting - Silvermines Video - P. Smith

November

4 Race Photography

December

5 Annual Banquet

Executive Board Meetings - All Sunday - 7:00 P.M.

3/22/87 - Mike Weir's House

4/26/87 - Jim Bishop's House

Rallies

March? - Snowflake call John Stim (518) 439-0319

4/5/87 - Rally - Jim Bishop - Arthritis Foundation

Possible Solo Dates - We will probably only have 4 events selected from these dates.
4/12/87, 5/03/87, 5/31/87, 6/07/87, 8/16/87, 8/30/87, 10/04/87, 10/11/87 and 10/18/87.

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