

The 1987 Mini Convention was held in Cherry Hill, N.J. near Philadelphia. The convention was very well planned and carried out with enough time allotted for meeting, seminars and social activities.

The meeting started off with the usual 60 minute session on scheduling for the coming year. This meeting can get out of hand as different regions are often vying for the same date. Martha Dysart has been the NEDIV scheduling guru for sometime and she does it well. She also knows how to control a meeting. At one point several people began arguing loudly in the large but crowded meeting room. Martha put out the fire quicker than Halon. In her firm southern drawl she announced, "Ah well not pre-sahd over a rye-ott!" (Translates: I will not preside over a riot.) The meeting returned to order immediately. Well done Martha.

My primary function at the ocnvention was to preside over the Solo session.

The major topics discussed were:

- **Stock Category Reclassifications** - member input concerning this subject (December 1987 Fastrack of Sportscar) is fervently requested. Address all correspondence to the Solo Events Dept. in Englewood, Colorado.
- **Open Hood Rule** - many express dissatisfcation with this rule. Prepared category competitors felt that having to lift their hoods in inpound is inappropriate for their category. Since innovation is part of the rules, why be forced to give away speed secrets?
- An idea was brought forward to organize the NEDIV Solo II Championship similiar to the Nationals ie. rather than one region running the event, individual chiefs of specialty are selected (eg. tech, impound, timing and scoring, etc.) The site would be in Harrisburg (generally considered to be the finest site in the Northeast). All profits would go t a divisional fund to be used for future events. This proposal will be further evaluated.

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However, representatives from the Susquehanna Region stated that since they do not hold any club races, the only big money maker they have is the divisional. It was then suggested that Susquahanna Region be allowed to host the event and on those years they are unable or need a break, the NEDIV can host it.

- Since I am now on the Solo Events Board a new Divisional Steward was selected. Gary Bennett from Northern New Jersey region was apppointed and will do an excellent job. He has been running his regions Solo program and has done very well. He is well prepared for this job.

- For many years the NEDIV Perpetual Trophy has been awarded to the region doing the best at the divisional championship. New England Region has always won this award due, many people say, to the fact that they bring the most people. The points keeper for this award (Kathy Barnes, NER) proposed a new system for determining the winning region. Applying previous years results to this new system revealed NER still on top but with extremely close competition.

- The 1988 **NEDIV Solo II Championship** will be hosted by Susquehanna Region is Harrisburg on August 13 - 14.

Finally, the convention site was adjacent to a Malibu Grand prix track. These go-kart tracks are great for putting hot shot SCCA types in their place. No matter how fast you go, inevitably some 13 year old kid who spends \$100. week at the place will decimate your best lap time by over a second. Anyway, the hosting region organized a competition with the winner taking home a case of oil. In keeping with my on-track luck streak, I came in second by 0.1 seconds and didn't even get a can of WD-40. Oh well.

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NOTES FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

There is one new member this month:

Scott Zapotocki, RD 3, Box 653, Averill Park, NY 12018 (518-674-8203) is interested in racing and rallying.

There are several former members who had been dropped from the roster at the time it was being printed, both who have renewed:

Robert Carville, 110 S. Williams St. Johnstown, NY 12095 (518-762-9056)

Basilio Davila, 655 Marti, Santurce, PR 00907, (809-722-5579).

Finally, two members have new addresses, from the aforementioned roster:

Brandon Miller, 160 Eldorado St., Atlantic Beach, NY 12442 (518-263-4966)

Jeffrey Purner, 2 Sherwood Dr., Glens Falls, NY 12208, (518-793-2136 - 518-798-0711).

Best wishes for 1988.

Michael Weir, Membership Chairman
6 Evergreen Terrace
Ballston Lake, NY 12019

MINUTES - Membership Meeting - January 6, 1988 (continued)

John also mentioned that by some strange process, the NARRC Annual Banquet will be the responsibility of Mo-Hud this year. Lee Schailer has agreed to chair this banquet, which will be held at Manaro's Steak House in Greenwich, Conn. on March 26th. Much discussion followed on the NARRC rules and how the champion is selected and how points are accumulated.

The Arthritis Foundation Car Show will be held at the New Scotland Ave. Armory on February 26,27,28, 1988.

The Annual Stock Car Show will be held March 11, 12,13 Saratoga Convention Center.

We need cars and people to help out at both events. Please contact John Sheridan or Dave Riggi if you can help.

Executive Board Meeting - January 25, 1988 at Pete Smith's

CALENDAR

February 1988

- Wed., Feb. 3 - General Membership Meeting, Ramada Inn, Albany, NY
- Sat., Feb. 20- Snowflake Rallye, Stardust Motel & Restaurant Thruway Exit 25, I-890, Curry Road, Schenectady, NY

March 1988

- Wed., Mar. 2 - General Membership Meeting, Ramada Inn, Albany, NY

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Minutes - Membership Meeting - January 6, 1988

Attended (14) members, 1 guest. - Meeting called to order by RE John Sheridan at 7:45 PM. A motion was made by Jim Garry and seconded by Dave Riggi to accept the minutes of the minutes.

Treasurers Report - report by Jim Bishop

All race expenses have been paid. End of year balance is much better than previous year. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bob Daly and seconded by Dave Riggi. Motion accepted.

Solo Report - Report by Jim Garry

The Susquahanna Region Solo Race at Harrisburg, Pa. is August 12 - 14. Jim read an appropriate story from Stand On It. Jim is looking for a Solo Safety Steward for the Ice Trials in Pittsfield.

Knock-Off Committee - Dave McClumpha reported on the mini convention. Dave also gave us some disturbing news. He will be resigning as editor after the next issue of the Knock-Off. This is indeed a great loss. Dave has been editor for the last two years and has done an excellent job. We would certainly appreciate someone who would be interested in the job to contact John Sheridan or Dave Riggi

RALLYE REPORT - Jim Bishop reported that the Arthritis Foundation Rallye will be April 10, 1988 and that more information about this and other rallyes will be coming in the next issue of the Knock-Off.

John Sheridan announced a need for Rallye Safety Stewards as being required by SCCA for all rallyes. If interested, please contact John Sheridan or Dave Riggi

Membership Report - In absence of Mike Weir, John Sheridan urged all members to recruit new members.

NOTE: Where were you, Jack Hanmifan??

Competition Chairman Report - by John Sheridan

Some changes are being made in the license renewals for workers and officials to make them more consistent with competitor's licenses.

Regional Racing Sanction application fees have gone up for 1988 - for better service in many areas. John Sheridan has the letter from Denver explaining these increases. After much discussion about these increases, Tom Campbell has volunteered to write a letter to Denver about said increases.

New Business - John Sheridan reported on the Round Table. He assured us that our date for our race - September 24, 1988 - has been secured. He mentioned that some regions are going to a two day driver's school. He was very impressed with the computer demonstrations and feels that two computers are needed to obtain maximum race results at our race. Bob Daly and Ernie Riggi have offered their computers for our race. Thank you Bob and Ernie.

Old Business - Another letter has been recieved about the accident at the Silver Mines Race in 1985. He will turn it over to SCCA with the information he has to supply.

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Motorsports Show Returns to Saratoga

Now that the holiday season has raced by, motorsports enthusiasts are turning their thoughts to Spring.

Again in 1988 the auto racing season in upstate New York will kick off with MotoRacing Mania, a trade show and racing car exposition sponsored by the New York State Stock Car Association.

The second annual MotoRacing Mania will be held at the City Center in Saratoga Springs on March 11, 12 and 13. Over forty competition cars representing the broad spectrum of motorsports will be on display, including dirt track modifieds, winged sprint cars, road-racing sports cars, go-karts, dragsters, and radio-controlled model cars. Manufacturers and suppliers of racing accessories and equipment will also be represented at the show with a wide range of products from magazines, books, and t-shirts to heavy duty parts and safety equipment.

Proceeds from the show will go to the NYSSCA Benefit Fund which supplements track insurance if a member is injured at a racing event.

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Highlight of the Niagara Falls International Grand Prix will be the 100-lap SCCA Trans-Am series race featuring fender-bending competition between highly-modified sports cars such as Chevrolet Camaros and Corvettes, Merkurs, Ford Mustangs, Pontiac Trans-Ams along with Nissans, and Porsches. The SCCA Trans-Am series is the longest running professional road racing series in America.

Many of the top names in auto racing will be competing at the Niagara Falls Grand Prix. The 1987 SCCA Trans-Am series saw Scott Pruett win the championship over teammate Pete Halsmer. Other top competitors include Les Lindley, actor Paul Newman, Bruce Jenner, and Elliott Forbes-Robinson.

Other events at the Niagara Falls Grand Prix include Super Vee Competition - downsized versions of Indy cars, the exotic Sports 2000 series, and the new Corvette showroom stock series.

"The Niagara Falls Grand Prix promises to be a truly spectacular sporting event," stated Niagara Falls Grand Prix President Brian Czaja. "The unique circuit is exciting for spectators and challenging for drivers and will utilize the Niagara Falls Convention Center as the garage area, giving spectators an opportunity to view the cars and drivers up close as they prepare for this exciting event."

The challenging 11-turn course includes Rainbow Boulevard to Third Street, where the course turns East onto Duggan Street and then North on Fourth Street where the cars will travel underneath and encircle the Niagara Falls Convention Center. A series of turns will take the cars back on to Niagara Street and then West back to Rainbow Blvd.

1987 MINI CONVENTION REPORT by John C. Sheridan

I attended the 1987 Mini-Con hosted by the South Jersey Region in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. They put forth a very fine effort and well organized event. Also in attendance from Mo-Hud were: Jim Bishop, Jim Garry, Karen and Dave Riggi, and Kurt Weiss.

The first meeting of the weekend was the scheduling meeting. I am pleased to report that the Mo-Hud Silvermine Regional will be September 24, 1988. As was the case last year, it will be preceded by a Driver's School hosted by the Northern New Jersey Region. Our race will once again by a NARRC NYSRCC event.

Speaking of NARRC, New York Region has proposed that the format of NARRC be revised to make it a cumulative points series as apposed to its current Runoffs, winner take all format, to determine a champion. This item will be reviewed at the Round Table in Morristown, New Jersey, on March 11, 12, and 13, 1988. We will be talking about it at our February meeting, so if you have an opinion, come and share it with us.

While at the NARRC meeting, I was informed that Mo-Hud has never taken a turn at hosting the NARRC Banquet. At the NARRC meeting a motion carried 3-1 that Mo-Hud be responsible for hosting the event. Thanks to Lee Schailer for agreeing to be the Banquet Chairperson/Registrar. The night of the event, Lee will need help. Don't be bashful, sign up now. Yours truly will handle trophies for the event as soon as I get a set of results! So plan on going to Manero's on March 26, 1988.

In my opinion, the best workshop af all as the Timing and Scoring Session in which people like Sue Conklin demonstrated some of the new T&S computer software and hardware available. Much of it is not expensive and can go a long way to automate this thankless task.

We will be forming a committee to examine our options and make some recommendations.

For coverage of Solo, IT and Rally topics look elsewhere in the **KNOCK-OFF**.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Well it's time to be saddling up the old Mustang and riding off into the sunset. I've been working this spread for about two years now and I figger it's time to turn the reins over to some other stiff. Actually, it's been a fairly productive period (and that for the club as well).

I would like to particularly thank **George Smith** and his **crack staff** of decoder/typist for physically putting the **KNOCK-OFF** into its final shape - (**Thanks**, Mr. McClumpha, I really appreciate your comment. - **TYPIST**) and to all those who have contributed articles for your dining and dancing enjoyment (Jim, Connie, Clark, Mike and RE John as regulars, and everyone else of course).

For the near future, I think I'll confine myself to being a noisy back bencher. I haven't really done that in a long time and maybe I can get Jack Hanifan (now also semi-retired) to help me. If I could get Greg Ricer to come back to a few more meetings we could be really noisy and make the meetings much more fun for RE John (just kidding).

So until next meeting (but not next issue), happy trails.

Respectfully,

David McClumpha

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REVIEWS BY John Sheridan

Happy New Year! As Dave McClumpha mentioned in the last issue for most of January, I was "under the weather". I therefore did not have the opportunity to write my column and thank you for your continued support. 1987 was a Banner Year for Mo-Hud; we couldn't have done it without your support. In particular, I would like to thank Jack Hanifan for serving as Assistant Regional Executive for the last two years, and to Harold Cameron who served as a Director for the last two years as well. Welcome abroad to Dave Riggi, Assistant Regional Executive in '88 and Dick Stewart as Secretary.

On to a variety of subjects:

ACTIVITIES - Check the calendar. We are going to try to keep this winter from getting dull. An Ice Cross in Pittsfield, two car shows, a rally, and more!

NARRC - At the Mini Convention it was suggested that the format for the NARRC Series be changed from a Runoff's concept to an accumulated points basis to crown a champion. There have also been suggestions about raising entry fees to raise the Driver's Prize Money. Let us know how you feel. Come out to the February Meeting where this will be discussed.

EQUIPMENT - For a number of years we have barely broken even putting on our race. As you know, last year we did reasonably well. The Board of Directors will entertain suggestions, recommendations for the purchase of equipment that will make the race effort more efficient and effective or offset the shortage of workers. Putting a portion of the race surplus into enhancements of the race organization "infra structure" is good business.

RACE WORKER LICENSES - Denver has announced that only license upgrades or waivers need go through regional and divisional administrators. If you have any questions, contact Clark Nicholls.

See you at the February meeting.

-smh

John

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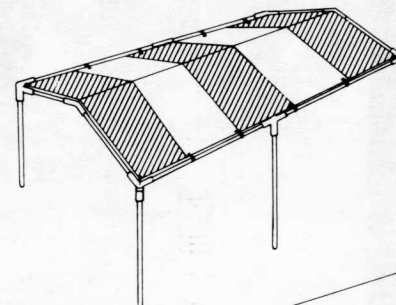
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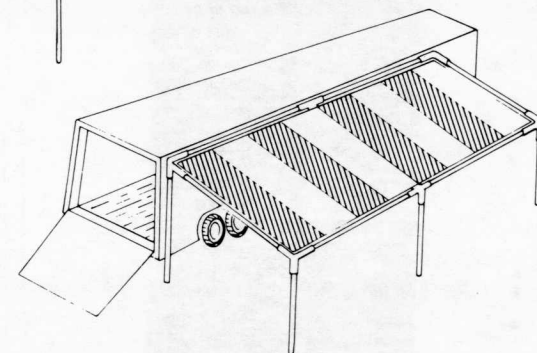
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