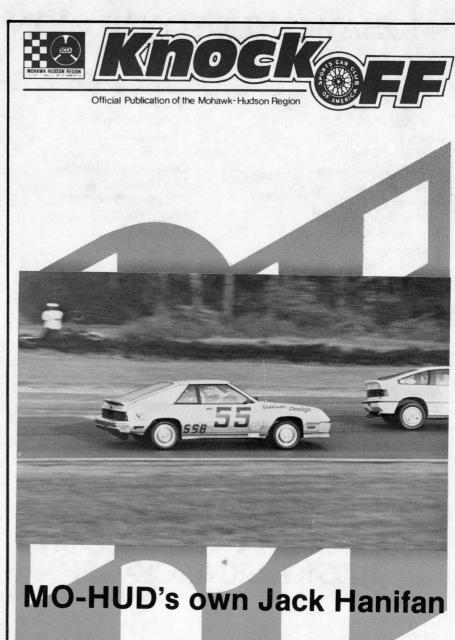
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REVIEWS By John C. Sheridan

Instead of planning for future events and tending to day-to-day club activities, a great deal of my attention and energies of late have been directed to Stanton vs. SCCA. As you may know, this is a lawsuit filed by the Lime Rock employee who was injured during the Formula Vee race at the 1985 Silvermines.

It is one thing to talk about lawsuits from an abstract or philosophical tone, and yet another to be the recipient of summonses, notices of complaint, and a host of other legal documents, all bearing your name. Sorting things out, collecting the required data and responding requires considerable time and forethought.

For some time now, I have not been pleased with the level of support and assistance provided by the National staff or their in-house counsel. As a result, there have been several letters and phone conversations with them regarding my role versus their role. This past weekend I met with Costa Dunias, Vice President for Club Affairs, and Tony Phelps, Former Director of Area Two, now a K&K Insurance representative. Once again, I expressed my concerns regarding the lack of management for the case and requested their intervention. Mr. Dunias assured me that he and Mr. Bendelo (SCCA Counsel) were now on the case. Mr. Phelps, however, was noncommittal. This is because he is new to his role and unfamiliar with the details of the lawsuit.

I hope Costa is right and that K&K takes more interest as this case unfolds. Their performance thus far does not warrant an increase in club racing sanction fees or a premium increase for our insurance, both of which appear highly likely at this time.

Watch this column for further details...

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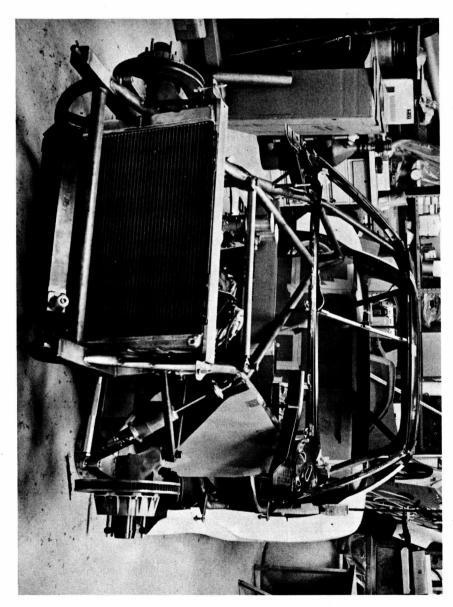


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Lee Schaller 127 Forts Ferry Road Latham, NY 12110 (518) 783-1914 Minutes of the March 2, 1988 Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order by RE John Sheridan at 7:38 p.m. 23 in attendance

Sec. Report - February 3rd Membership Meeting Minutes were read and changes noted concerning "Solo Report". Motion was made by Dave McClumpha and seconded by Dave Riggi to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Treas. Report - Jim Bishop. Treasurer's report was read. Jim is still looking for higher interest rates and will report soon. Motion was made by Mike Weir and seconded by Jim Garry to accept report. Motion carried.

Membership Committee - Mike Weir - 210 members and still growing!

Competition Committee - Jack Hanifan - Jack has novice permits available (You need these to attend driver's school). April 24 is the first school in our area at Bryar Motorsports Park in Loudon, N.H. Jack stated our competition committee would be presenting their own championship trophies for our region drivers who have come out the best in our region. Looks like the pre-season Tech Party is on again in April - 10th or 17th .

Knock-off Committee Report - George Smith wants some pictures and a story of anything grany type of racing you're doing in the off season. Please help him out. You could get your picture on the cover and maybe pick up a sponsor or 2 to share

NOTE: Lee Shaller has volunteered to be acting Knock-off Editor until September. Please respond if you are interested in this position. George would still like everyone's cooperation in getting their reports to him, typed, if possible, by the 15th of each month.

Merchandise Committee - Jim Bishop says the 1988 merchandise is here and he wants to sell it to you.

Solo Report - Jim Garry - Report of Solo Banquet and Seminars were excellent and a lot of work was accomplished. Jim still needs help checking out the 12 lots for Solo racing. Autocrosses have been set up for June 12, July 31, and August 21. There is a good possibility of another autocross at Lebanon Valley Dragstrip this year. We also have permission to use the parking lot at Plaza 7. This lot is a little small, but Jim will check it out some more. Also, the Ice Trials in Pittsfield were a great success. It was good to hear they had great weather and the Green Machine survived. Nice going gang.

Rally Report - Jim Bishop - The Snow Flake Rally had excellent weather but a very small field of cars. As rallies go, everyone had a lot of fun. The Arthritis Rally is set for April 10th and it is going to be interesting as it will be a sight-seeing type Rally for the family. Please plan to attend.

Activity Committee - Pete Smith - Still trying to get more cars for the Stock Car Show in the Saratoga City Center for March 11th and 12th and 13th.

Old Business - John Sheridan and Dave Riggi will be attending the Area 10 Meeting and will have reports to follow.

John reported on the lawsuit. Things seem to be heating up and John is responding as best he can with needed information.

Tom Campbell has written a letter on our position in regards to the new increase in sanction fees. Copy appeared in the FEb. Knock-off and have been sent to Denver, John Castle, and the Editor of Sports Car Magazine.

NARRC Banquet - mailers have gone out and most of this expense was covered by Deerslayer and Altamont Canopy. Special thanks to Tom and John.

GLR Sun 8/28 WNY Sun 9/4 FLR GLR Sun 9/25 SNY at Shangri-La Sat 10/1 FLR at Avon Sun 10/2 MHR site tentative Sun 10/9 CNY at Kegs Kart Track SNY at Shangri-La Sun 10/16 GLR

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2/27-28		Las Vegas, Nev	Pro Solo	
3/5-6		San Diego, CA	Pro Solo	
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3/20	Combustion Eng.	Windsor, CT	NERSCCA	
3/27-28		Shreiveport, LA	Pro Solo	
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4/16-17		Pittsburgh, PA	Pro Solo	
4/17	Package Machinery	E. Longmeadow, MA	Yankee	
4/17	Glen Island Park		WSCC	
4/24			CART	
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4/24	Pitney Bowes	Norwalk, CT	FCSCC	
4/30-5/	1	Wendover, UT	Pro Solo	
5/1	New Departure	Bristol, CT	NERSCCA	
5/8	Pitney Bowes	Norwelk, CT	FCSCC	
5/8	Orange Airport	Orange, MA	HSCC	
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6/12	Pace University	Pleasantville, NY	WSCC	
	Farm Show Complex	Harrisburg, PA	Pro Solo	
6/26	Package Machinery	E. Longmeadow, MA	OKRT	
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SCHEDULE OF SOLO II EVENTS IN UPSTATE NEW YORK SCCA REGIONS

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Sat 4/23 CNY
    4/24 FLR at R.I.T., Rochester
Sun 5/1
          SNY at Shangri-La Speedway, Owego
Sat 5/7
          FLR School
           WNY School
Sun 5/8
          FLR
           WNY
Sun 5/15
          GLR
Sun 5/22
          CNY
          SNY at Shangri-La
          FLR at Kellys Kart Track, Batavia
    5/29
          GLR
          CNY
          SNY School at Brisben Kart Track
          MHR at SUNY Cobleskill Commuter Parking Lot
           SNY at Brisben
          WNY
Sun 6/19
Sun 6/26 MHR site tentative
           FLR
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New Business - John Sheridan asked for comments on permanent NARRC series number assignments. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. Also, a discussion on NARRC procedures for picking their class champions came up again. No decision from NARRC yet.

Jack Hanifan reminded everyone that the Tech inspection will be held at Village Dodge in Hudson. He is trying for April 10th or 17th, so please check with him or check next issue of Knock-off.

Jack Hanifan read a letter from Auto X. They are requesting names and addresses of all our members so they may send them a free copy of Auto X. Jack made a motion to have this done but there was no second and the motion was not voted on.

DO NOT MISS THE APRIL MEETING! There will be remote control car racing (you can drive)

This was auction night and many expensive items went very inexpensively. Pete Smith filled in for Harold Cameron and did a fine job. Harold and Mary could not attend as Mary's mother passed away. Our sincere sympathy to Mary and family.

The May meeting will be a dinner type meeting with a guest speaker. The June meeting may include John Castle.

Motion was made by Tom Campbell and seconded by Dave McClumpha to adjourn. Motion carried . 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Richard Stewart

June Meeting: John Castle, Area Ten Director, will be at meeting to update us on current events from National.





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1988 NEDIV ROUNDTABLE By John C. Sheridan

On March 11th, 12th, and 13th, Dave Riggi, Jim Garry, and I attended the NEDIV Roundtable in Morristown, New Jersey. The event was hosted by the Northern New Jersey Region and as expected, it was an extremely well-planned and perfectly executed affair. Diane Miller, Lorinda Cherry, Joe DeLuca, and the entire Committee can be proud of their efforts.

Unfortunately, all too much of my weekend was devoted to NARRC meetings and discussion of our lawsuit. The following is a brief recounting of the NARRC meetings and other sessions I was able to attend:

NARRC

- There will be a ten-race schedule plus the runoffs in 1988.
- The format for crowning the 1988 champion will remain the same as used in 1987.
- There will be a questionnaire sent to all competitors requesting their input before decision on the 1989 format will be made.
- Permanent numbers are under consideration for 1988.
- NARRC dues for the four regions have increased from \$ 150 to \$ 200 per year.

ROAD RACING DRIVERS' CLUB

This session was hosted by Dave Ammon with Panelists including Bob Tullius, Chris Economacki, Chip Robinson, and Oscar Koveleski. The RRDC is seriously considering conducting a drivers school at a track in the Northeast in the very near future. Lots of good stories and banter amongst the drivers were exchanged.

THE DIRECTORS' MEETING - Hosted by Area One Director, Henryk Szamota

- All regionals will be run as spectator events at spectator insurance fees.
- Master plan premium to increase by \$ 150,000.00. Liability rates stable, comprehensive rates up 15%.
- There is no sponsor for the TransAm series.

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As this is our first race at this venue, there will be lots of new things for all of us. We want to establish firm worker lists as early as possible so that we can make sure that all specialities are properly covered. If you plan to attend please fill out the form at the bottom of the page and mail it to;

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1988 NEDIV ROUNDTABLE By John C. Sheridan

THE DIRECTORS' MEETING (Continued)

- As a result of insurance premium increases and lack of TransAm sponsor, club racing sanction fees were increased.
- Club Affairs staff increased by two to improve services.

NEDIV COUNCIL MEETING

- Schedule for 1988 firmed up and will be published in the next Knock-Off.
- There is a Divisional rally series, with a June date open. Currently eight events.
- Irv Sherman would like to see the NASPORT concept from the West Coast
 initiated in the Northeast. i.e., GT3 and GT4 automobiles running against
 each other for year-end points. This is very similar to the under 2.5 liter
 Challenge series of the old TransAm format.
- The Blue/Grey Challenge Ken Plesser of DC Region announced that this
 will be the last year for the Blue/Grey Challenge unless subscription to the
 event increases.

SOLO SPINS by Jim Garry

About two years ago I wrote a column on the importance of a successful Solo II program to the region. I explained how a good program in even a small region can not only bring in up to several thousand dollars per year but also provides an inexpensive area and activity for entry level types to get involved in. Not too many people pay their \$50, buy a Swift, attend some drivers schools and go racing. OK, even if its an IT car, getting into the SCCA club racing program is an involved and expensive process. Solo II gives people an affordable and easy (on a regional level) place to decide if they like this type of sport, these people, this organization. Of course, Solo II is an end unto itself. It is for me and many thousands of competitors across the country. But it is also a useful stepping stone to the more expensive branches of the club. In this light it is easy to see that autocrossing benefits EVERYONE in our club.

In that same column, I also went on to say that the single most important factor in having a successful program was the availability of a good site. I have seen some programs flourish despite the fact that they were administered inefficiently. What they had was a large and accessible site.

So once again I am begging for help in finding this region a suitable event site. Yes, we have the Cobleskill lot. We have a good time there but it is relatively small and a good drive from the Capitol district. We also have access to the kart track in Sacandaga. However, it too is a long drive from home. One of the determining factors for a good regional site is the proximity of that site to the clubs' members and other users.

New England Region seems to defy the above statement with the success of their far flung regional series. They use event sites from all four corners of the New England area. However, they started out with a few exceptional lots near Boston and built a program from there. Now they have a top rated program featuring some of the best competition in the country. They have a dedicated core of members who attend every event and also draw large numbers of local autocrossers when their show comes into any particular area.

A region starting from scratch, like Mo-Hud, must develop a dedicated core and establish itself first. That is most easily done by starting with a strong, local program. A newcomer may not be interested enough to travel very far from home to get to an event. Given a shorter commute, this same person may quickly become an enthusiastic and productive member. He or she may go on to club racing or may choose to remain in the Solo II program. Either way, we all benefit from the addition to the ranks. Without a good site though, we gain nothing.

So what do we need? We need our members (Solo II interested or not) to give alot of thought to potential sites. Look at a map. Take ten minutes to cruise through that industrial park you pass by everyday. Drive behind that office building. If you see a suitable site, try to find out who controls it. If you know or work for or with that person, talk to them about the possibility of conducting an event there. At the very least, jot down an address and brief description of the site and contact me (see inside front cover). There's no way I can do it alone. We must work together as a club. Members should not expect to be able to pay fifty dollars per year, sit back and expect things to happen. That fifty dollars is not a tax that entitles membership to various services. All you get in return is the right to claim that you're a member of the SCCA. If you want something to happen you've got to go out and pitch in. Can I expect your call soon?

NEW MEMBERS!

Kevin Cogan, c/o Plattsburgh Electric, Box 846, Plattsburgh, NY 12901 (518-561-0550), is interested in formula racing, particularly Vee and Super Vee.

The Handy Family (Jon, Carrie, Charmion and Sally Jo), 13 Grove Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043 (518-534-3214 518-287-1721) are also interested in professional and FV racing.

(That will make quite a contingent of FV people in Mo-Hud.)

Phil Varker, Box 360, Millwood, NY 10546 (914-945-3748) has marked pro rally, worker and official. He'll find like minded folks, too.

Welcome, all.

-- Almost New Members!

Dave Daniels, 82 Tallwood Drive, Clifton Park, NY $\,$ 12065 (518-371-2957 518-399-2610) has rejoined our ranks.

-- Relocated Members!

H. Desormeau has moved to 9 Southern Drive, Latham, NY 12110 (518-785-8210)

--Gone Members!

Jim and Joanne Winkleman have moved to 6138 Worlington Road, Birmingham, MI 48010, and joined the Detroit region.

---Whew

Finally, one anniversary: Paul Hacker will be a 15 year member in April of this year. Congratulations!

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

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1988 RALLYE TO BENEFIT THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

Sunday, April 10

Registration: 12-1

Our 1988 rallye to benefit the Arthritis Foundation will be held Sunday, April 10. The rallye will be in a "gimmick" format this year instead of time-speed-distance. The Start/Finish location is O'Flaherty's Loudon House on Menands Road (Route 378) in Loudonville, between Routes 9 and I-787.

The theme of the rallye is "a historic tour of Albany..." and it should be a fun day for the whole family - no limit on participants per car! The donation will be \$ 10 per head (up to \$ 30 per car). There will be trophies, awards and prizes galore. The primary sponsors are Mr. Subb sandwich shops and WQBK ratio station.

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and	friends t	here.									

Climbing down off my soapbox, it's time for schedules to start coming together. Cobleskill has OK'd us for events on June 12, July 31, and August 21. I have penciled in June 26 and October 2 as two other Mo-Hud autocross dates. One of them may be with another club at the Sacandaga kart track. The other may possibly be at the "Drop Zone" (Galesville Army Airport). This site is South of New Paultz but worth the trip. It's an old abandoned army base with wide, long, concrete runways. The only problem is that we need the cooperation of a regular-Army or Westpoint officer. If anyone knows of such a person who would be willing to cooperate please let me know immediately. We'll let you know about these dates as soon as we have solid information. For now, the Autocross schedules for clubs in the N.Y. and New England area are listed below. In addition the RPI autocross group (RSCA) will have events this spring on March 19, April 10, and April 23 at RPI. These are usually low key, fun events and I try to attend as many RSCA events as I can.

From "Miss Manners" of the Racing World:

If you see a new member, <u>please</u> introduce yourself. If you've never lived in a new area, you may not have experienced going to a meeting where you don't know anyone. When I first moved here, I was not prepared for the "cold" East. I figured racers were racers and our enthusiasm for racing would overcome language, social, sex and geographical differences. Not so here, guys, at least not my impression. It would only take two minutes on your way out the door to introduce yourself to a new face. Let's all participate in bringing in new members and making them feel welcome. This goes for the Ladies/Wives too - we're all part of the Club, right?

Our THANKS to Mike Weir, Membership Chairman, for the 1988 Region's Roster, printed in the December-January 1988 issue of the Knock-Off.

If any changes and/or corrections need to be made, please contact Mike 518/877-8482. Also if you prefer not to be listed in the Roster, please let Mike know. Thanks.

THE 1988 NOKIA SNOWFLAKE

It was a dark and moonless night and entirely in keeping with my mood! My previous four trips on the rallye route had encountered fresh snow, but this day brought a thaw and the prospect of mud. A brief flurry in the early evening served only to grease the pavement, but didn't really provide an improvement in the atmosphere.

The good news was that we had excellent support from our members and friends to put on the rallye. The bad news was that we had more workers than participants! Despite a mass mailing to all rallye participants in the last two years, coverage by local newspapers and an unfortunately delayed "Knock-Off", only six cars showed up to compete; we were forced to refuse the entry of one of those, due to a lack of current registration and insurance. The worst news was that all participants had limited experience with our rallye generals, resulting in no one making it to Checkpoint #2 (or beyond).

Everyone did make it back to the Finish eventually, where we all tried our best to drown our sorrows, of which there was plenty to go around. If anyone is interested, I know where they could buy an only-slightly-used rallye route, cheap.

Many thanks to all participants, NOKIA Tires and KT Motorsports of Voorheesville (our sponsors), the Stardust Restaurant and Motel, and the workers: John and Denni Sheridan, Jack and Lisa Hanifan, Kirk and Judy Beach, Tom and Carol Campbell, Lee Schaller, Ted Thompson, and Pete Smith. - JHB

Results

Car #	Driver	Navigator	Points	Position	
6	Brian Sydow	Sally Louzon	4	1E/1 Overall	
2	Scott Zapotocki*	Scott Leininger	9	1N/2 Overall	
1	Pat Cummings	Kim Comrie*	94	2E/3 Overall	
3	Bill Barbic	Doug Smith	104	2N/4 Overall	
4	Dave Roarke	Bob Spencer	147	3N/5 Overall	

^{*}SCCA Members

"SO YOU WANT TO DRIVE A RACECAR" - by Jack Hanifan

If you are one of those individuals who would like to try his or her hand at Road Racing, you must first obtain a "novice permit" and follow these steps:

- To obtain a novice permit you must submit to my attention the following:
 - a) a copy of your membership card
 - b) a copy of your state drivers license
 - c) (2) passport type photos
 - d) a filled out and signed (by your doctor) medical form
 - e) a check for \$25.00 made out to Mo-Hud, SCCA
- Upon arrival at registration for your school, you will need:
 - a) your membership card
 - b) your novice permit
 - c) your state drivers license
 - d) a copy of the general competion rules referred to as the G.C.R. - obtain from Jim Bishop.
- When you have successfully completed 6 hours of on track time (usually your 2nd school) you will be "signed off" by the Chief Steward of that event. You can then use your novice permit to enter 2 races. When you have successfully completed 2 races the Chief Steward of that event shall sign the back of your logbook. You then send your novice permit to Denver and receive your regional license.
- <u>Things to Remember</u> Obtain a copy of the G.C.R. from Jim Bishop (518-489-4849) and copy everything.