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RE views by John Sheridan

After a long illness, John Stim passed away on June 12, 1988. His participation in autosports, contributions to the regions activities and advice and counsel will be sorely missed. I know that you all join me in extending our condolences to Irene, Geoffrey and Matthew.

John served as the first event chairman for a "Silvermines Race" in 1978. The running of the event on September 24, 1988 marks the tenth anniversary of this extremely popular race. It will be dedicated to John and to all his efforts to promote competition and sportmanship in motorsports. I urge you to join the race committee in making this year's event worthy of his memory. Please contact: Jim Bishop, Jack Hanifan or me for details.

John Stim III, professional engineer, former driving champion

GLENMONT, Services will be Thursday for John Stim III of Jefferson Road, an electrical engineer active in auto racing, who died Sunday, June 12 in Memorial Hospital in Albany after a long illness. He was 41.

Mr. Stim, a resident of the Albany area since 1970, moved here from Rome NY after graduating with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He worked for New York State for eleven years as an Electrical Engineer for the Office of General Services, the Public Service Commission, and the State Energy Office. Mr. Stim was with the consulting engineering firm of Stetson Harza in the RPI High Technology Park at the time of his death. He was an Associate of the firm with duties in electrical and instrumentation engineering and computer aided design and drafting.

Active in local professional and social organizations, Mr. Stim was a member of the Illuminating Engineering Society, the Instrument Society of America, the International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers, the International Motor Sports Association, and the Sports Car Club of America. He served as the local IES

chapter vice president and president and local SCCA Regional Executive Director, and event chairman.

He was active in motor sports where he won several Regional Championships and invitations to the SCCA National Championship Challenge.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Cresser, and two sons, Geoffrey and Matthew of Glenmont. He is also survived by his mother, Imelda G. Stim of Rome, NY, and two sisters; Gloria O'Brien of Oneida, NY, and Grace Kelley of Great Falls, VA, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Stim was a communicant of St. Thomas The Apostle in Delmar. Funeral arrangements are from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Visiting hours are at the funeral home from 4 to 9 pm. Burial will be in Saint Peter's cemetery in Rome, NY. Arrangements in Rome will be by the Nunn-Harper Funeral Home. A mass celebrating the rite of Christian Burial will be held in Saint Peter's Church in Rome.

Contributions to the Rome Catholic High Capital Improvement Fund would be appreciated in lieu of flowers. Mailing details can be obtained at the Applebee Funeral Home.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

This is my last issue as Editor so I hope one of you fine members will step forward to take over. My school classes begin August 29th so I'm bowing out. Highlights of John Castle's (Area 10 Director) National review at our last meeting are covered in the Minutes. A few other mentionables: discussion to include Ferrari club members as associate members at \$ 5.00/member was unfavorably received by those present at the meeting, we'll see how it's resolved as it's still in concept stage. Mr. Castle is on a National Planning Committee - write to him of your feelings on the future of Club racing.

Bryar National, Memorial Weekend: Mike Weir won his second straight race in DSR and Rick LaPierre was again FIRST in Sports Renault - CONGRATULATIONS, Gentlemen.

Lime Rock Regional, June 11th: Rick Pocock successfully completed his Driver's School on June 10th and finished his first Regional race in ITB. Welcome aboard, Rick!

- GTI - Tom Campbell unfortunately was still plagued by mechanical troubles. After missing the Bryar event the previous weekend because of a delayed shipment of a new wheel, on Lap 5 Tom had engine problems and dropped out. The GTI race was led by David Machavem but on Lap 10, he too dropped out. This left the winner of GTI as David Yarmoluk and GEORGE SMITH in his gorgeous new Mazda RX-7 SECOND! Considering that George couldn't shift because of transmission problems, he had an excellent race for a brand new car.

- FV - The 26-car Formula Vee field had exciting racing action on and off the course. Dave Riggi ran a good race, keeping out of trouble and finishing in 4th place. Dick Stewart finished an impressive 7th after an early off-course excursion. Don DeLapp was 16th and Jon Handy 21st.

- Other Results - Martin Steger, 3rd Place Sports Renault (out of a 28-car field) and John Broadhurst, 4th Place Sports 2000.

SPECIAL MENTION: DAVE WACHTEL had probably his best race ever, finishing FOURTH overall in Formula Ford in his Crossle.

CONGRATULATIONS, DRIVERS!!!

I missed the July 4th National/Regional at Lime Rock and went to the Glen for the IMSA race instead. It was great to see John Morton fully recovered and capture victory once again with Brabbam in the Nissan. See you at the races,

Leo Schaller

Minutes of the June 1, 1988 Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Assistant RE Dave Riggi at 7:40 P.M. 22 in attendance.

Sec. Report - Motion was made by Tom Campbell and seconded by Dave McClumpha to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Executive Board Minutes were read by Dick Stewart. Correction was needed regarding Jim Garry's report of a June 26 date for Solo at Cobleskill. This date was a tentative date for the Galesville Airport at West Point. Motion by Harold Cameron and seconded by Jack Hanifan to accept as corrected. Motion carried.

Treas. Report - Jim Bishop - Jim reports very little movement with our funds but anticipates our race expenses to start soon. Motion made by Jack Hanifan and seconded by Pete Smith to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Rally Report - Jim Bishop - Nothing going at this time.

Solo Report - Jim Garry - Jim reminded us of the June 12th event at Cobleskill and would like to see more people at our events from the club. Jim Bishop also mentioned that they could use some old helmets given to them for the autocrosses.

Knock-Off Report - George Smith - Reports the Knock-Off should be delivered next week.

Membership Committee - Mike Weir reported a few new members and our total is 218.

Competition Committee - Jack Hanifan reported he has issued 4 Novice Permits this year. Jack ran Pocono and Bryar. Pete Smith ran Bryar and finished 1st in class.

Old Business - Pete Smith reports the Hudson River Cruise is on and will be on the Dutch Apple. It will be a beef or chicken dinner for \$19.95 per person. The cruise will take about 2 hours and Pete will need notification as soon as possible. It will be Wednesday, July 27th. More information to appear in the Knock-Off. There will be a \$5.00 discount for the first 20 members to sign up.

New Business - Jim Bishop explained a possible way to get autocross people involved a little more and keep their expenses down. There was no motion made for accepting.

Computer Committee - Mike Weir reported on the Monitor Computer system for our races and club activities. This is the system the committee recommends to purchase. A motion by Don DeLapp and seconded by Jack Hanifan to purchase this system as soon as possible was made. Motion carried. This system will cost approximately \$2700.00, considerably less than was anticipated. Nice job Computer Committee!!

A motion was made to adjourn by Jim Garry, seconded by Jim Bishop. Motion carried 8:20 P.M.

Our Guest Speaker this evening was John Castle, Area 10 Director. John brought us up to date on some of the things going on. The 1990 convention is to be held in Indianapolis. R.E.'s attending the convention may be subsidized by Denver. SCCA is buying T.V. spots to enhance new membership. Pro racing is getting stronger every month. Insurance premiums are way up. Sports Car Magazine is being sold at some selected newsstands and is selling very well. John Sheridan relayed his feelings to Mr. Castle on how the 85 Silvermines lawsuit is being handled and how it is affecting him. Mr. Castle said he would try to find out what is going on and get back to John.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Stewart

06/15/88

TO: Editor, Regional Newsletter - M-H / NE / NNJ / NY
FROM: Joby Graham, Chief Instructor - NYR/SCCA
SUBJECT: Drivers' School

Please print the below thank you message in your next available newsletter.

This is an open letter of thanks to everyone who participated in our New York Region Drivers' School on Friday, 06/11/88, at Lime Rock. Scheduled against a Formula One G.P. at Montreal, an IMSA 24 Hours at Watkins Glen and a National at Summit Point (not to mention the Trans-Am at Niagara Falls that was thankfully postponed), we were genuinely concerned about the availability of workers for our event. Instead, the quality help and cooperative spirit that we experienced was a pleasant and welcome surprise.

Happily, we couldn't have asked for much better working conditions - and we did have our work cut out for us. But starting with an ample and competent staff at Registration, the quality level was more than upheld by the crack group at Scrutineering and continued throughout with the excellent performances by: Control & the F & C recruits; the Tower Team (Start/Finish & the Stewards); the Regional Reps (the Chair & his assistants); the Pit and Paddock Patrol; the Grid Gang and Fire & Rescue. T & S was even represented with their Best Number/Worst Number awards for both the Formula & Fender classes.

A special thanks to those racers willing to tackle the role of instructors to our 50+ students. With few (if any) exceptions, your contributions were highly rated by both student feedback and my own observations. Due to your generosity of giving something back to the sport we were able to have a safe and successful school. To my "regulars" - thank you once again for your patience and expertise; to the first-time teachers - thanks for giving it a shot, and hope you enjoyed the experience enough to come back next year; to those who had planned to use the school as a test day - thanks for volunteering instead to be on-track instructors and/or observers while shaking down your cars and shaking out the cobwebs.

Coming to a race track when you don't really have to is tough enough; doing it on a Friday makes it that much tougher! Thanks again to each and every participant!

Sincerely,

Joby Graham, Chief Instructor/NYR

JBG/mih

***** Membership Matters *****

---New Members

Judd Feldman, 111 Stratford Rd, Hampstead, PQ H3X 3E2
(418-482-7951)

Richard Gorka, Box 367, Clifton Pk, NY 12065 (518-869-
8343 518-383-3092)

Todd Paro, 38 S John St, Pittsfield, MA 01201 (413-
442-3185 413-448-6399)

Matthew and Rose Pocock have joined D. Richard

Arthur Shinn, 1B Ramsgate, London Sq, Clifton Pk, NY
12065 (518-371-0522)

Robert Smith, 4 Calendar View Dr, Bayville, NY 11709,
has signed up again after being off for a few months.

Patricia and Paul Tariello, 601 Tedesco Ct,
Schenectady, NY 12303 (518-356-0568)

---New Addresses

Dave Daniels is now at 120 Herman Dr, Simsbury, CT
06070

James Randall seems to have kept the same box number,
but in a new city: Box 213H, Canada Ln, N Windham, CT
06256

John M. Smith, 357 Milton Ave., #4, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

---Transferred

Gregory Low has transferred to the Central New York
region, Louis Roque and family to the (downstate) New
York region, and Rodney Smith to the Glen region.

---Anniversaries

In July of this year, John Wisnewski and Robert
Carville will celebrate 5 year anniversaries, and Mark
Bucher a 10 year. Congratulations!

Our membership count now stands at 218. Welcome all!

***** Membership Matters *****

---New Members

Ball, Barbara and Nigel
Rt. 9, Freeman House #19
Parkwood Village Apts, Clifton Pk, NY 12065

Dunbrook, John
174 Homestead Ave, Albany, NY 12203

Gou, Claude
3111 Noorduyn St #2, St-Laurent, PQ H4R 1A1
514-332-4191 514-876-3646

Paley, Timothy
17 Gipp Rd, Albany, NY 12203

Reynolds, David
1 Knadler Dr, Latham, NY 12110

Tichy, Paul
Rd 2, Box 448, Sharon Springs, NY 13459

Ward, William
19 Sherry Rd, Troy, NY 12180

---New Address

Steger, Martin
147 Kingsley Rd, Box 75, Burnt Hills, NY 12027

---Anniversaries

It seems I forgot to check for these last month.
However, in August there are several BIG ones:

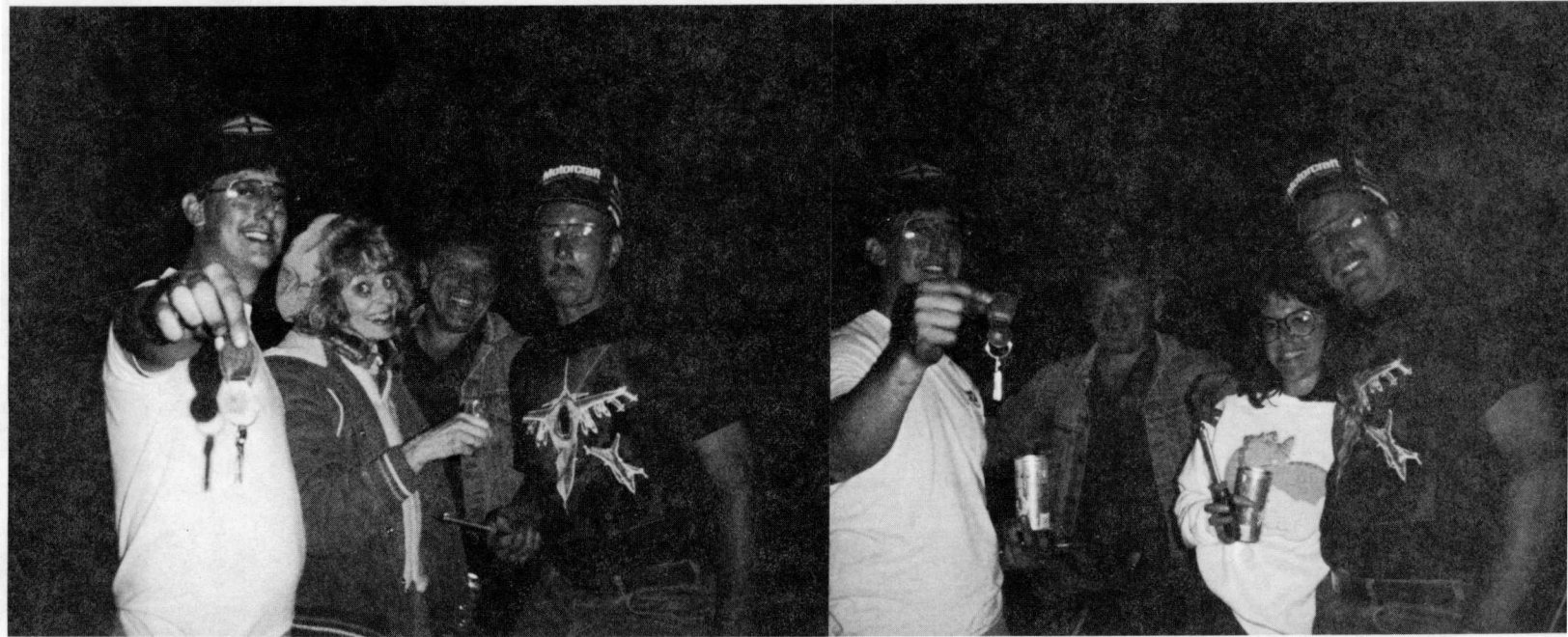
H W Desormeau 35 years
Skip Barber 30 years
Jim Bishop 10 years

Our membership now stands at 222. Congratulations and welcome!

RACE WORKER RECRUITMENT EFFORT

Pictured here is mankind at its finest. These volunteer gentlemen bailed us out at Lime Rock during the IMSA weekend when my girlfriend locked the keys in her car. Not only did these fellows remove the keys but they fixed the door locks too, all from about dusk to 10:30 P.M. We had quite a crowd gathered including the Connecticut State Police, and each new passerby suggested a newer and more successful way to break in. These fellows claimed to be just "average spectators" but with their determination and altruistic manner, I think they'd be perfect race workers. I tried to talk them into joining the Flag Team - maybe we'll see them out there...THANKS AGAIN, GUYS.

"KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOR"



P.S. I'm hoping if we send a copy of the Knock-Off to these guys, showing them they are now famous in a nation-wide (?) publication, we'll encourage them to show up at the next SCCA race to become race workers.

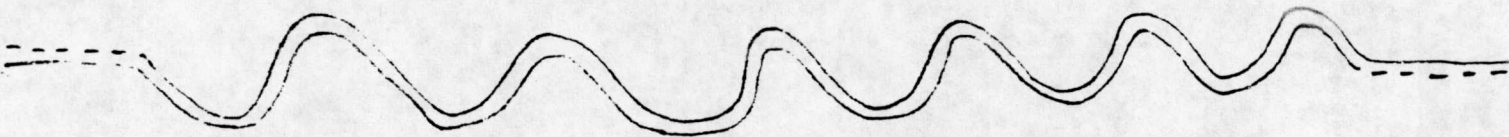
Attention!

Red Alert!

Sunday, August 28, 1988

Hot News!

Reserve This Date!



Forgotten Springs III

a time - speed - distance rallye
moderate-to-brisk speeds
mostly paved roads

Registration - 11:00 A.M.
Sharon Springs Central School, Route 20
Sharon Springs, NY
First Car Off - 1:00 P.M.

Mohawk Hudson Region, SCCA
Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce
Bryan (518)284-2279
Tom (518)284-2205
Jim (518)489-4849

RESULTS OF AUTOCROSS I
June 12, 1988

Another warm, sunny day...I88 stretching out around the edge of the Catskills...a friendly College Security officer...helping hands showing up as promised...old friends and strangers...a fast course with five runs...packed up and home for a shower by 6 PM! Special thanks to Keith, Bill & Nancy, who helped all day long, and Jim, who did all the preparatory work. - JHB

NEXT AUTOCROSS 07/31/88
Registration 10 AM
First Car 12 PM
Cobleskill State College
Route 7, Cobleskill, NY

BE THERE!
BRING A FRIEND

Class	Car	Driver	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Pos.
FS	Mustang	J. Bucci**	40.969	41.537	40.788	38.920	39.193	1T
FS	Mustang	A. Beebe	44.265	40.820	40.442	40.257	39.495	2
FS	Mustang	T. Schilde**	OC	54.000	42.521	41.583*	39.842	3
FS	M. Carlo	D. Palmatier	83.055	45.130	43.688	43.199	42.896	4
GS	Laser	K. Martens**	38.613*	38.691*	38.379	37.813	37.847	1T
HS	Celica	G. Diener	45.179	42.882	42.503	41.388	42.237	2
GS	Sonett	F. Lyngard	OC	46.918	45.139	45.851	44.929	3
CS	RX7	P. Kozlak	35.615	35.354*	35.107*	35.419	35.625*	1T
CS	RX7	W. Clow	36.548*	35.898	35.972	26.105	36.198	2
CS	Shadow	T. Brown	49.324	42.871	40.926	40.235	41.568	3
BSP	Corvette	W. Wright	35.074*	OC	34.790	34.181	DNS	1T
DP	Mini	G. Michney	35.591	35.661	35.052	35.752	34.818	2T
ESP	Camaro	W. Hudson**	37.349	36.133	36.157	36.158	36.526	3
CP	Camaro	N. Hudson**	38.534*	36.816	36.934	36.235	36.611	4
CP	Ranger	P. Tichy**	44.111	44.505	42.273*	43.310	42.390	5
CP	Ranger	J. Gage	52.389	OC	48.724	45.633	44.880	6
BM	Lola	G. Ford	31.907	31.327	31.541	OC	31.569	1FTD
DM	Formcar	J. Bishop**	36.301	35.298	35.511	35.617	35.728	2
DM	Formcar	B. Sydow**	44.943	38.073	37.834	37.316	37.445	3

* = pylon

** = MHR member

ON PIT LANE

by Dave Hathaway

With the racing season well under way, and with plenty of activity yet to come, I would like to invite any Mo-Hud member to join me on Pit Lane for any New England Region event. Don't feel you have to have prior experience. We will train you for the task at hand. (413/443-4670)

In case you have misplaced your schedule, here is a list of coming New England Regional races:

July 15	-	Lime Rock	-	Drivers School
July 16	-	Lime Rock	-	Regional
July 30/31	-	Bryar	-	Double Regional
Aug. 13/14	-	Bryar	-	Regional/Pro
Sept. 3/5	-	Lime Rock	-	IMSA GTO, GTU, Firehawk
Sept. 10/11	-	Bryar	-	Double Regional
Sept. 17/18	-	Lime Rock	-	Vintage Fall Festival

Like I said, there is plenty of action yet to come
"For the Fun of It."

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FOR SALE: 1965 TR4A \$5,500. completely rebuilt mechanically and 95% complete body work. Extra set wire wheels and hard and soft tips. Call (518) 439-4696.

CALENDAR

- JULY 16th - NARRC Regional - Lime Rock
- JULY 24th - N.Y.S. Solo II Championship at the State Fair Grounds
- JULY 27th - (Wednesday 7:00 PM) Mo-Hud Dinner Cruise - call
Pete Smith (371-9767)
- July 31st - Solo II - Mo-Hud - Cobelskill
- July 30-31st - Regional - Bryan
- July 30-31st - Double National - Pocono
- Aug 5-6th - Regional - Lime Rock
Trans-Am - Lime Rock
Race Truck - Lime Rock
- Aug 13-14 - Solo II- NE Divisionals - Harrisburg, PA
- Aug 13-14 - Regional Bryar
- Aug 21st - Solo II - Mo-Hud - Cobelskill
- Aug 20-21st - Regional - Lime Rock
- Aug 28th - Solo II - Galesville Military Airport
- Sept. 7th - General Membership Meeting
- Sept. 24th - NARRC Regional - Mo-Hud - Lime Rock