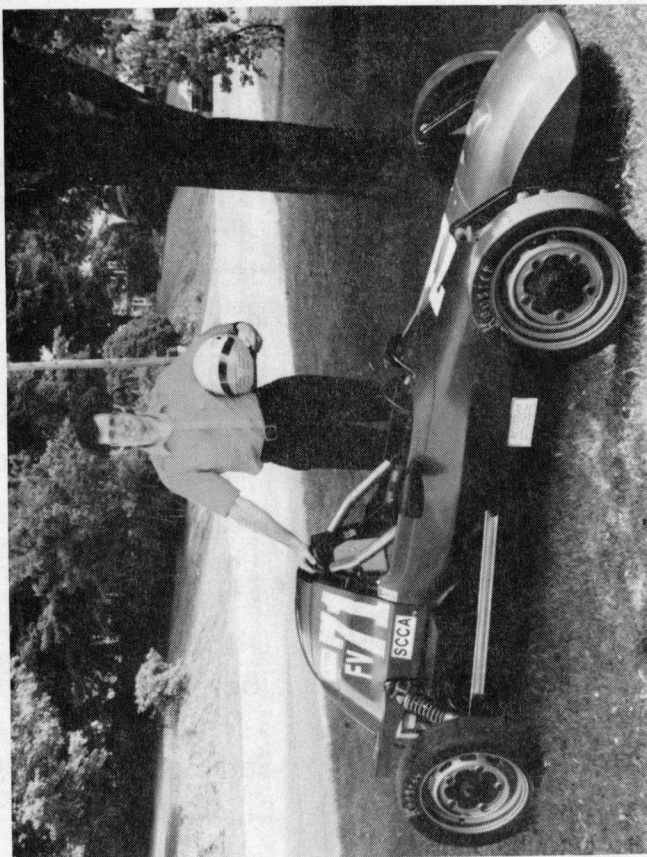


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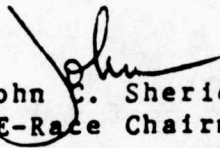
Dear SCCA Member:

Welcome to the Mohawk Hudson Region's Tenth Annual Silvermines Road Race. The Race Committee has worked extra hard to make this event one you will long remember. We have purchased new equipment and redoubled our worker recruitment efforts to make this event an enjoyable one for all involved.

Our Tenth Anniversary Post Race Party is not to be missed! It will commence approximately 30 minutes after the last checkered flag falls. We have worked with Jim Shane to provide a special meal and a Tenth Anniversary Cake! To better accommodate those attending the party, it will be held on the deck of the Kendal Building. Please bring a folding chair if you have one and your appetite.

Finally, as many of you know, John Stim passed away this summer. John was both an avid competitor and dedicated worker/official. This race is dedicated to him and all that he did for Motorsports. There are several activities planned to honor him. Your cooperation and participation will be appreciated. The John Stim Fund has been established to provide our workers with nourishment and to recognize one driver in each race group. Anyone wishing to contribute may contact: Greg Rickes, the Track Announcer; Dave Hathaway in the Pit Lane; or Jim Bishop, Mohawk Hudson's treasurer.

Have a great race. See you at the Party.

  
John P. Sheridan  
RE-Race Chairman

(Editor's Note: More than 300 cars were entered in the 10th annual Silvermines Race. Complete results will appear in the next issue of the Knock-Off.)

OCTOBER Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 5, 7 p.m. at:



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Fun of it!

# THE CHECKERED FLAG GO-CART TRACK



1 hour ENDURANCE RACE  
Open to all Mo-Hud members  
and their guests.

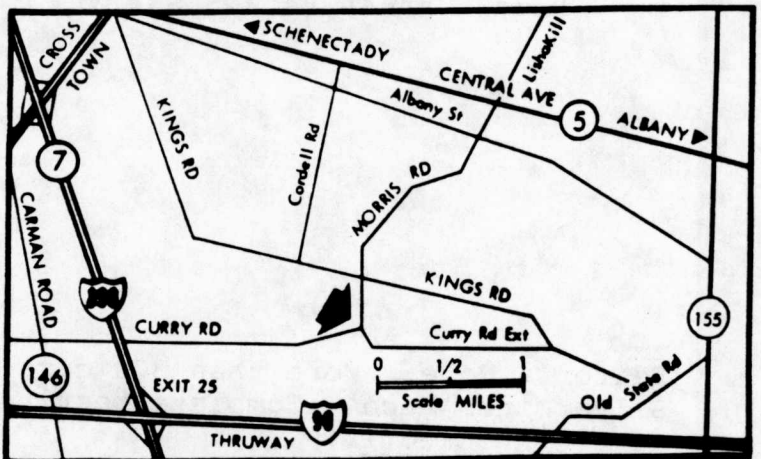
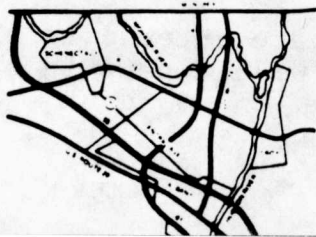
Call Pete Smith or  
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7 p.m. Start

3 or 4 member teams.  
Must be 10 years old.  
Parents must be present for  
minors.  
\$10 - \$15 entry fee per team.

**LOCATION:**

245 MORRIS ROAD  
SCHENECTADY, N.Y.  
PHONE 377-7650



Minutes of the September 7, 1988 Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order by RE John Sheridan. 20 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Tom Campbell gave information on the By-Law changes.

**Computer Committee** - Mike Weir reported that the purchase has been made and he has been getting used to it. He will be training the rest of the people involved with this year's race. Thanks go out to Mike Weir and Ernie Riggi for pursuing this project.

**Banquet Committee** - Dave Riggi is in charge of this year's banquet and is looking for any kind of help you may wish to give.

**Silvermines Race** - the race booklets were sent out and already entries are flowing in. John Sheridan brought us up-to-date on what has been done and of course is looking for volunteers on the day of the race. Timers and scorers are especially needed.

**Knock-off Committee Report** - Sally Handy has graciously volunteered to become our new editor. She will assume her duties immediately. A well deserved note of appreciation goes to Lee Shaller for filling in as editor and for a job well done.

**Solo Report** - Jim Garry reported that the season has come to an end and indicated that everyone involved had a lot of fun. The Nationals are coming up. Jim would also like to remind everyone to keep looking for a large parking lot in the Albany area.

There will be auto-cross races on October 2nd and October 15th at R.P.I. parking lot.

**Membership Committee** - Chairman Mike Weir reports that we have the largest membership so far with 230 members.

**Competition Committee** - Jack Hanifan reported that 8 log books were issued so far this year. Various members present reported on how they have done this summer.

Pete Smith ran with IMSA starting 30th and finishing 13th.

George Smith ran GTU with IMSA at Limerock finishing 11th.

Tom Campbell ran the Trans-Am race in August at Limerock but had to drop out with an oil leak.

George Smith also ran the Trans-Am race becoming involved in an accident with Lynn St. James but finishing.

Jon Handy has been finishing his races and is still learning.

Mike Weir has won twice and finished 2nd the other time.

Dick Stewart having a good summer but hasn't one that big one yet.

September 28, 1988 will be the next Executive Board Meeting at Jim Bishop's house.

**Activities Committee** - Director Pete Smith indicated that the next membership meeting will be a one hour endurance race at the Checkered Flag Raceway in Schenectady. All members are welcome. You may bring one guest per member at least 10 years old. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 5th. More info to appear in the Knock-Off.

**Rally Report** - there will be a rally on October 23rd.

**Old Business** - John Sheridan reported that the lawsuit is in limbo right now.

**New Business** - the Nominating Committee consists of Jack Hanifan, Pete Smith and Dave Riggi. Yes, it is time for election of new officers. This year's race will be dedicated to the memory of John Stim. Special things will be done by our region as well as by a special committee headed by Greg R the announcer at Limerock and Dave Hathaway. Greg spoke to us about possible ideas such as coffee for the workers or cold drinks during the races and selecting one driver from each race who best exemplifies the qualities that John Stim stood for. There will be a special presentation after the races so please plan to attend. Dr. Jim Bucci raised some concerns he has in regard to the race on safety procedures. He was advised to set up a meeting with all safety workers to work out details. Tom Campbell will be bring about 20 Boy Scouts to watch the races and to see the behind-the-scenes activities as well. Tom asked for volunteers to take small groups of the boys on tours and explain what goes on on race day.

A motion was made by Mike Weir, seconded by Roly Heacox to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Stewart

SOLO SPINS

by Jim Garry

This years Northeast Divisionals were held in Harrisburg and hosted by the Susquehanna region. This region has held the event for 7 of the past 9 years and they did their usual outstanding job. Almost 300 entrants competed on two courses in dry but hot conditions. Except for a 250 foot long slalom placed on a 180 degree curve the courses were fun to drive and modern in their design.

Several Mohawk-Hudson members attended. Keith Martens did a good job at finishing mid pack in a large and very competitive G stock field. I too finished mid pack in a similar C stock class. Bill Hudson finished in E street prepared while Nancy Hudson was making the big news of the event for Mohawk-Hudson region. After several years of near misses and bad breaks, Nancy finally took home the Divisional Championship she's been looking for. Her C prepared Camaro was handling well and had all the power she needed for the win. Congratulations Nancy.

The Mohawk-Hudson regional autocross series is over for the year. We had some disappointing turnouts this year and weren't able to secure a lot closer to home than the trusty Cobleskill lot we used in 1987. If we are to do better we will have to come up with a site in the tri-cities area. Anyone having a lead on such a parking lot should call me at 475-1629. There must be a site out there somewhere.

Next year we will attempt to hold at least one autocross at Lebanon Valley Raceway on the drag strip. This event would have to be on a Saturday. In addition we hope to secure the Drop Zone (Galesville Military Airport) for one or two events. However, we need to be "sponsored" by an officer or civilian attached to West Point. Does anyone have any leads on this one? Call me. If we get this site it is possible we could host the New York State Solo II Championships, with the assistance of a neighboring region. We need to be able to secure a date by early 1989 in order to pull this off so don't delay in contacting me if you know of possible sponsor.

The RPI sports car guys will be hosting events at the North Lot on October 2nd and the 15th. As usual these events promise to be low pressure, fun events; a perfect place to try autocrossing for the first time. So come on out and bring a friend or relative. Hope to see you there.

Attention!

Red Alert!

Sunday, OCTOBER 23, 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  
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First Car Off - 1:00 P.M.

Mohawk Hudson Region, SCCA  
Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Bryan (518)284-2279  
Tom (518)284-2205  
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THE FUN ONE AT THE GLEN

The "Fun One '88" at Watkins Glen International Race Course on September 17 and 18 was an exciting weekend for all. A number of Mo-Hud members participated in the double regional event; some had good luck, others fell prey to engine problems.

The weather did not cooperate on Saturday, the 17th; pouring rain and cold winds made the track more slippery than usual. The rain ended by mid-afternoon, though, and the weather turned warm and sunny for Sunday, the 18th. Over 190 cars were entered in the two-day event.

In Saturday's races, the following Mo-Hud members participated:

Race Group I, Class SSGT, SSA, SSB, SSC, ITS, ITE, ITA, ITB, ITC-- Rick Pocock of Pittsfield, Mass., driving an Alfa came in 4th in the ITB class, 13th overall; Sean O'Connor of Voorheesville, in a Volkswagen, finished 7th in ITA, 40th overall. Jack Hanifan of Albany developed engine problems in his Dodge and did not finish the race. John Sheridan, Altamont, was slated to start 40th with his Volkswagen; but engine problems kept him out. A total of 59 cars were in Group I alone!

Race Group II, Class FF, CF, FA, FC, S 2000-- John Broadhurst of Delmar was scheduled to start 20th in his Tiga, but was not able to make the starting grid.

Race Group III, Class EP, GT1, GT2, GT3, ASR, CSR-- Tom Campbell of Saratoga Springs won this race in his Corvette; he also took top honors overall. Tom's fastest lap was clocked at 2:09.90 or 93.59 mph around the 3.377 mile course.

Race Group IV, Class FP, GP, HP, GT4, GT5, DSR, Sport Renault-- Mike Weir came in first in his Weir car in the DSR and overall, posting his fastest lap at 2:15.16. Richard LaPierre of Ballston Lake (Mike's from Ballston Lake, too) took first place in the Sport Renault class, and 8th overall. Larry Morton of Kingston came in 8th in SR, and 18th overall. 45 cars started the race.

Race Group V, Class FV, F440-- Jon Handy of Cobleskill came in 4th out of 24 Formula Vees and 11th overall. Group 5 didn't run until late in the day on Saturday, so the track had time to dry out. Jon and six other cars in the lead group were able to hook-up and go around the long course like a "freight train." More than one driver in this lead group commented about the great racing, and fun, that was experienced during this race. 36 cars competed in Group V.

Sunday, September 18, was warm and sunny. Mo-Hud drivers finished the race day as follows:

Race Group I, Class SSGT, SSA, SSB, SSC, ITS, ITE, ITA, ITB, ITC-- Rick Pocock, 3rd in ITB, 16th overall; John Sheridan, 7th in ITA, 33rd overall; Jack Hanifan did not finish.

The Fun One, continued...

Group III, Class EP, GT1, GT2, GT3, ASR, CSR-- Tom Campbell developed engine problems in the Corvette and did not finish the race. He was in the lead at the time he dropped out, however.

Group IV, Class FP, GP, HP, GT4, GT5, DSR, SR-- Mike Weir took first place in DSR and overall. His fastest lap was clocked at 2:08.03 or 94 mph. Richard LaPierre came in first in Sports Renault and 7th overall. Larry Morton came in 19th in SR, finishing 26th overall.

Group V, Class FV, F440-- Jon Handy came in 11th in Formula Vee, 18th overall.

A special "Hats off" to the Finger Lakes Region of SCCA who sponsored this event. It should also be noted that the races on Saturday were 8 laps long, the races on Sunday were 12 laps! -- SJH

AUTOCROSS III RESULTS

August 22, 1988

All's well that ends well, right? Thank goodness, because this event didn't start out very well. Jim Garry had the nerve to take himself out of commission by breaking his thumb, then Jim Bishop took off for parts unknown for four days. Bill, Nancy, Keith, et. al., carried on however, and turned the day in to quite a nice little silk purse. In fact, we ended up with a nice day, a nice course and a nice turnout. Let's find another, more convenient parking lot and continue to build our autocross program. - JHB

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Run 1</u>	<u>Run 2</u>	<u>Run 3</u>	<u>Run 4</u>	<u>Run 5</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
FS	Jim Bucci	Mustang	45.769	45.736	46.422	45.974	45.326	1 T
FS	Jim Schermerhorn	Iroc	47.388	46.660	46.413**	52.006*	45.911	2 T
FS	Bob Valachovic	T-A	47.739	46.926	47.131	47.713	47.667	3 T
FS	Sue Clark	T-A	48.709	47.846	47.294	47.541	47.013	4
FS	Howard Bever	M. Carlo	53.169	50.199	48.519	48.294	48.242	5
FS	Henry Neville	Mustang	52.898	51.211	49.586	49.363	48.309	6
FS	Frank Smith	Z28	54.335	50.597	49.048	48.815	50.950	7
FS	Mike Riordan	Z28	52.973	50.377	49.497	48.978	OC	8
ES	Jim Bishop	Spridget	48.799	48.862	48.358	48.556	48.085	1 T
ES	Dan Rem	Spridget	56.216	53.889	51.314	50.013	48.967	2
ES	Brian Sydow	Spridget	53.823	50.524	55.467*	50.135	54.856	3
ES	Carey Noble	Midget	54.719	53.955	52.804	53.104	51.341	4
GS	Keith Martens	Laser	44.434	44.732	44.799*	44.638	45.935	1 T
GS	Tom Schilde	TR 6	50.837	48.199	47.902	47.810	47.168*	2
ESP	Bill Hudson	Camaro	42.464	42.304*	42.022*	47.090***	42.075	1 FTD
ESP	Scott Kotronis	Z28	46.074	45.081	45.111	45.112	45.583	2 T
ESP	Steve Jackson	Firebird	53.922	46.392	46.302	47.733	46.619	3
ESP	Dave Sutherland	T-A	46.977	OC	48.022	49.354*	47.571	4
ESP	Jim Montague	Camaro	OC	OC	OC	49.532	49.192*	5
DM	Jim Bishop	FV	43.974*	42.601	43.223	43.320*	43.439	1 T
DM	Tom Schilde	FV	45.952	45.944*	67.618	47.653	43.939	2
DM	Brian Sydow	FV	44.341	44.443	44.576	DNF	44.401	3

\* Pylon Penalty ( 2 secs. per pylon)

\*\*\*\*\* Membership Matters \*\*\*\*\*

---New Members

Peter Gabel, Rt 66, Ghent, NY 12075 (518-392-4024  
518-392-5193) is signed up as a crewmember.

Jill and Ralph Graziano, 5 Ashford Dr, Albany, NY  
12203 (518-869-2478) are interested in solo and Sports  
Renault.

Kathleen and Peter Prata, Box 668, Philmont, NY 12565  
(518-672-7529 914-462-4650) are interested in club  
racing.

Amy Smith joins her husband Albert, a relatively new  
member, at Box 178, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 (914-  
635-3545 914-635-0190)

---New Info

Here are some data on members who joined recently:

Barbara and Nigel Ball's phone numbers are 518-383-4162  
and 518-399-3580. They have indicated interests in  
crew for club and pro racing.

Timothy Paley is at 518-869-7577.

Paul Tichy is interested in solo and rally, and his  
phone is 518-284-2304.

William Ward's phone is 518-273-3437, and he's a  
prospective worker, rallyist, and club racer.

David Reynolds, at 518-783-5616, is interested in club  
racing, as is John Dunbrook, 518-459-1896 and 518-828-  
4627.

Our membership now stands at 230. Congratulations and welcome!

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