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 ** TO BE HELD ON ONOTA LAKE AT THE END OF LAKEWAY DRIVE IN PITTSFIELD **
 ** REGISTRATION & HEADQUARTERS AT THE CONTROY PAVILION ON LAKEWAY DRIVE **

As in the past 25+ years, this event is part of the **Pittsfield Winter Carnival** and is put on by the **Mohawk-Hudson Region of the Sports Car Club of America** with large amounts of help from the **Berkshire Motor Sports Club** (the chairmen are both SCCA and BMSC members).

That's right, it's another busy two days, two events Ice Trials. Classes for any type of 4 wheeled vehicle with any type of tyres. Front engine Rear wheel drive, Front engine Front wheel drive, Rear engine Rear wheel drive, or Four wheel drive. Whatever moves you. If you're in doubt, call me. Jeeps and Dune Buggies must have roll bars or hard tops. All classes are duplicated for studded snow tyres (standard commercial studding). All vehicles **MUST** have and drivers use **SEATBELTS!** Helmets must be worn, a few loaner helmets will be available.

While this event is designed for street cars, a special class for modified vehicles also exists. This class is for any vehicle with special equipment such as Ice Racing vehicles, dune buggies, vehicles with locked differentials, and any vehicle with non-standard studs in the tyres (such as longer than normal, more than normal or otherwise different than normal). Cars may be placed in this class at the decision of the chairman or safety inspector. The **GREEN MACHINE** will have it's own class. An additional fee will be collected from drivers of the **GREEN MACHINE** to cover expenses. **Go-Carts, motorcycles and ATVs are NOT allowed.** All vehicles **MUST** have and drivers use **SEATBELTS!**

The Ice Trials consists of a defined course on the surface of the frozen lake. The length of the course will be between 1 and 1.5 miles (depending on snow conditions) and cars will be a minimum of 1 minute apart with a maximum of two vehicles on the course at any time to eliminate any risk of collision. The object of the event is to complete the course in the least amount of time. Runs will be timed to hundredths of a second or better. Penalties will be assessed (time added) for hitting course markers (pylons). Approximately one third of the entries in each vehicle class, as defined above, will be awarded trophies for their performance. A minimum of three cars must enter any class for a trophy to be awarded in that class. Bring your friends to drive your car if it is an oddball. Special classes may be created if a large number of vehicles of any one type enter. This is at the discretion of the event chairman.

REGISTRATION: Saturday and Sunday opens at 9:30 A.M. (along with course familiarization runs) and runs throughout the event. Missed runs will not be made up. First run will start at 11am each day. Cars run in numerical order. Entrants may enter more than one vehicle. The different vehicles may be in the same or in different classes. It is the entrant's responsibility to have the cars ready to run in order. More than one driver may enter driving the same vehicle. Numbers will be assigned at least 4 apart to allow for driver changes.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Contact the chairman for entry forms. Fees are \$10.00 per day per entrant.

Event(s) chairmen: Clark W. Nicholls (413)243-3433 21 Hartwood Road Lee, Mass 01238
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Dateline: December 15, 1988 Page-1

FROM OVER THE HILL
Clark W Nicholls

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I hope the Race Report (our report card) for the 1988 race is in this issue of the Knock Off.

Don't forget to renew your Memberships on time over the winter, also renew your Race Official licenses ASAP!

UP-COMING EVENTS

ICE TRIALS: The Ice Trials in Pittsfield (a Mo-Hud event this year) have a date. February 4th and 5th. Saturday and Sunday. Two days, two separate events. Onota Lake. Plow needed, (ie: Bill Foshay! No snow desired till February 6th! Event flier was in the November KO or you can contact me for details.

The Green Machine (1970 Chevy station wagon, 350cid V-8, welded differential, 1/4x20 bolts in tyres for studs) is again available to drivers for a user fee of \$5 (for members of SCCA or BMSC) and \$10 (all others). Contact Clark W. Nicholls (413-243-3433) or Mark Majcher (413-243-2790) if you are interested. Donations of 5 bolt Chevy wheels with or without tires and any Chevy 350 parts are needed. Contact same if you can help.

RACE OFFICIAL LICENSING

Yes, I am the person to contact if you need help or information regarding licensing of race workers/officials. SCCA National refers to me as the Regional Administrator, Worker Licensing. Remember, if you wish to work a race you must have a license. If you don't there is what is called a Regional license. It replaces what us old timers remember as a Logbook. Anyone who is a paid up member of SCCA is eligible for one and all you need to do is fill out a simple form. No cost or obligation. My personal feeling is that every SCCA member should get this license JUST IN CASE the urge hits to work a race (you get in free!). SCCA rules state that every worker must be a member AND have a license. Come on, everyone, let's get licensed. Also, even if you don't work any races, this license can be renewed, year after year. After you get into being a worker/official, your license may be upgraded to a Divisional, but to renew on of those you need to work at least 4 SCCA events each year.

There are several 'specialties' for you to choose from, such as Race Control (Grid), Race Control (Pit & Paddock), Flagging and Communication, Starter, Sound Control, Technical Inspection, Emergency Services, Registrar, Timing and Scoring. Choose one or several and get the forms from me. Let's get your license well in advance of the first race of 1989!

ARTICLE V, cont'd

Section [7]5. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest published revision of Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI

Amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1. The Board of Directors, or any five members in good standing, by written petition submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws. Upon such proposal being made, a copy thereof shall be included in a notice of the next meeting of the members, together with a ballot upon which members may vote for or against said proposal. If two-thirds of the ballots cast favor the proposal, the proposed amendment shall thereby be approved and adopted.

ARTICLE VII

FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be the Calendar year.

(END)

ARTICLE IV, cont'd

Section 6. Any member may resign by directing a letter of resignation to the Secretary. His [re igation] resignation shall be effective on receipt, provided all indebtedness to the Club is paid.

ARTICLE V

Meetings of the Members

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Region shall be held at the regular meeting in December of each year for the election of officers, and such other business as lawfully may come before the meeting.

A written notice, stating the place, day, hour, and purpose of the annual meeting or any special meeting of the Region shall be given by the Secretary not less than seven days nor more than thirty (30) days before such meeting to each member by mailing, first class, to the address appearing on the Club's Roster, said notice.

[Section 2. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise stated.]

Section [3]2. Other meetings of the Members or Board may be called by the Regional Executive or by a majority of the Board.

[Section 4. A written notice, stating the place, day, hour, and purpose of the annual meeting or any special meeting of the Region shall be given by the Secretary not less than seven days nor more than thirty (30) days before such meeting to each member by mailing, first class, to the address appearing on the Club's Roster, said notice.]

Section [5]3. Board meetings shall be scheduled by the Regional Executive. All actions taken by the Board shall be entered into the minutes and be presented to the membership [for ratification by a majority vote of the members present and voting] for information at the next regular meeting.

Section [6]4. All action, except amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be by a majority vote of those members present and voting. Voting by absentee ballot, except for amendment of the Constitution shall not be allowed, except with approval of the majority of the Board in accordance with the rules they prescribe and with notice to all members.

ARTICLE IV

Membership and Dues

- Section 1. All members in good standing of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., residing in the counties of [Rensselaer, Schoharie, Montgomery, Albany, Schenectady, Fulton, Greene, Saratoga, Columbia, Washington, Warren, Hamilton, Essex, Franklin, and Clinton] Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington of the State of New York, shall ordinarily constitute the members of the Club.
- Section 2. New members: Applications for membership in the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club of America, Inc., and the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., shall be forwarded to [any officer of the Region for approval by the Regional Executive, and upon payment of such annual dues and fees as may be required, and upon approval by] the National Office of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., for processing. [the] The applicant shall be considered a member in good standing upon receipt of the application and annual dues by the National Office.
- Section 3. The annual Regional Club Dues may be changed only by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting, the purpose of such meeting having been announced in the Club's publication at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting, and any change in dues shall take effect in accordance with National Policy.
- Section 4. Membership in the [Region] Club will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues [concurrently] concurrent with National deadlines.
- Section 5. Any member may be suspended until the next Regular meeting for infraction of Club rules by vote of a majority of the Board, or for other cause if a majority of the Board shall deem such suspension to be in the best interest of the Club. Upon such suspension, the member shall be so informed in writing, and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard thereon before the Board. Any member suspended as provided above shall be presented at the next regular meeting for expulsion and shall be expelled if the majority of the members present and voting, vote to expel him or her. If the majority of the members present and voting do not vote expulsion, the member shall automatically and immediately be re-instated as a member in good standing. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE III, cont'd.

The Treasurer shall submit an annual financial [statement] report to the Board no later than [December 31st] January 31st, of [each] the following year. This statement should indicate the overall financial status of the Club and the relative contribution of each major area of Club activity to that status, including administrative and other expenses and income.

- Section 5. The Board shall submit, for membership approval, a proposed annual budget for the ensuing year no later than the Regular February meeting.
- Section 6. No obligation, debt, or other liability shall be incurred by any officer or member without the specific prior approval of a majority of the Board, with the exception of Event Chairpersons while operating within previously approved budgets.
- Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Activities director to arrange all events for the year as specified under Article I, Section I, Section 2., of this Constitution. The Activities Director shall submit to the members a tentative schedule for the ensuing year at the regular February meeting and keep the members advised as to events of other local Sport Car Clubs and any changes in the schedule. The Activities Director shall maintain and make available, a permanent file of all event instructions, course maps, route instructions, event general and supplemental regulations and car classifications.
- Section 8. There shall be a Regional Protest Board consisting of the Activities Director and both Directors-at-Large who shall resolve all protests lodged by competitors in any event except where otherwise provided in event or other regulations [not covered by National Regulations]. Decisions of the Protest Board shall be final. In case one or more of the above named is directly involved in such a protest, they shall be replaced by the Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive, Secretary, Treasurer, in that order.
- Section 9. The Competition [Director] Chairman, [if] appointed by the Regional Executive, shall act as Liaison between the Competition Board of SCCA, Inc. and the Region and its members. He shall be responsible for enforcing all Competition Regulations SCCA, Inc. within the Region. He will approve competition drivers in accordance with the SCCA, Inc. regulations. He will keep the members of the Region informed of changes in Competition Regulations, procedures, schedules of Driver's Schools, Races, and any other matters which pertain to the Competition Program of SCCA, Inc.

- C. Appoint an audit committee each year to review the Club's financial records. This committee will report it's findings to the Board one month after receiving the annual financial report prepared by the Treasurer.

In the absence of the Regional Executive, or in the case of his death, resignation, or inability to act, the duties usually appertaining to that office shall be performed by the Assistant Regional Executive.

Section 2.

The Assistant Regional Executive shall assist the Regional Executive in the performance of any of the executive duties as the Regional Executive may delegate. In the absence of the Regional Executive from regular or Board meetings, the Assistant Regional Executive shall perform the normal duties of the Regional Executive. The Assistant Regional Executive is responsible for the inventory and management of all Club property.

Section 3.

The Secretary, or designated representative, shall attend all meetings of the members and Board and shall record all minutes and votes. In addition, the secretary shall:

- A. Maintain a current membership list.
- B. Give notice of all meetings of the members or Board as required by law and this Constitution.
- C. Perform all duties incident to the office, or as required by law or the Board.
- D. Maintain a current copy of the constitution and by-laws.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies, debts, obligations belonging to the Club. He shall make all payments of the Club's debts. He shall collect Regional Club dues as required by National Policy. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other orders for payment or money shall be signed in the name of the Club by the Treasurer [and countersigned] or, in his absence, by the Regional Executive subject to such other conditions and requirements as appear elsewhere in this Constitution. He shall give bond, at Club expense[, if required by the Board].

The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at all Regular meetings, and if so requested, at any other meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors may appoint an Assistant Treasurer to act in the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer.

- A. National Constitution, By-Laws and Policy
- B. SCCA Operations Manual
- C. Mohawk-Hudson Region Constitution and By-Laws
- D. Majority vote of the members present and voting at a duly constituted meeting of the members.
- E. Majority vote of the Board.
- F. Majority vote of appointed Committee.

Section 4.

The Board shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of no less than three members in good standing of the Club who shall present a slate of nominees at the regular [October] November meeting. Any ten (10) members in good standing may nominate a member in good standing, as a candidate for office. Such nomination must be made in writing, signed by the members making the nomination, countersigned by the member so nominated signifying his willingness to accept the candidacy and delivered to the Secretary [no later than] at the regular November meeting. Nominees for Director-at-Large must have previously served in an elective capacity. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot containing the names of all persons nominated. The Secretary shall mail said ballot to each member in good standing with notice of the annual meeting, under the provisions of Article V, Section 4. of these by-laws.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

Section 1.

The Regional Executive shall preside at all meetings of the members and officers and shall perform the duties usually appertaining to this office. He may call special meetings of members under the provisions of Article V, Section 3. He shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club. [He shall appoint Administrative Directors and Committees as necessary, subject to approval of a majority of the Board.]

In addition he shall:

- A. Appoint Administrative Chairmen and committees as necessary, subject to approval of a majority of the Board.
- B. Act for the Treasurer when the need arises. He shall give bond, at the Club's expense.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Revised October, 1988

ARTICLE I

The Club

- Section 1. The name of the Club shall be the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club of America, Inc., hereinafter called The Club.
- Section 2. The general purpose of the Club shall be to encourage the ownership and operation of Sports Cars; to provide and regulate events and exhibitions for Sports Cars and their owners; sponsor and promote competition events; act as a source of technical information; establish rules and regulations covering all activities of Club; encourage safe, careful and skillful driving on the public highways; enter into contractual agreements, purchase, sell mortgage, lease real and personal property, as incidental to the foregoing purposes.

ARTICLE II

Officers

- Section 1. The elected officers of the Club shall be a Regional Executive, two (2) Directors-at-Large, an Assistant Regional Executive, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Director. They shall each serve for one year, or until their successors are qualified and elected. they shall constitute the Board of Directors hereinafter called the Board. The Directors-at-Large shall have previously held an elective office.
- Section 2. In case a vacancy shall occur in any of said offices, a majority of the Board of Directors shall select a qualified member in good standing to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.
- Section 3. The Board shall be responsible for all operations and activities of the Club and shall be guided by the following priorities, in the order listed:

FEB. 1989

Mohawk-Hudson Region Members:

Enclosed is the final version of the proposed revisions to the Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Inc., Constitution and By-Laws.

The changes are marked by parentheses for proposed deletions and underlines for proposed insertions.

These revisions will be voted upon at the March 2 membership meeting (7:30, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany N.Y.). Members may either bring the attached ballot to the meeting or mail it to the below address so that it is received before the meeting date.

If there are any questions or comments they may be directed to the undersigned. Thankyou for your participation.

Tom Campbell
Director,
Chairman Bylaws Committee

(518-587-2522)

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----- APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

----- DISAPPROVED ENTIRELY

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