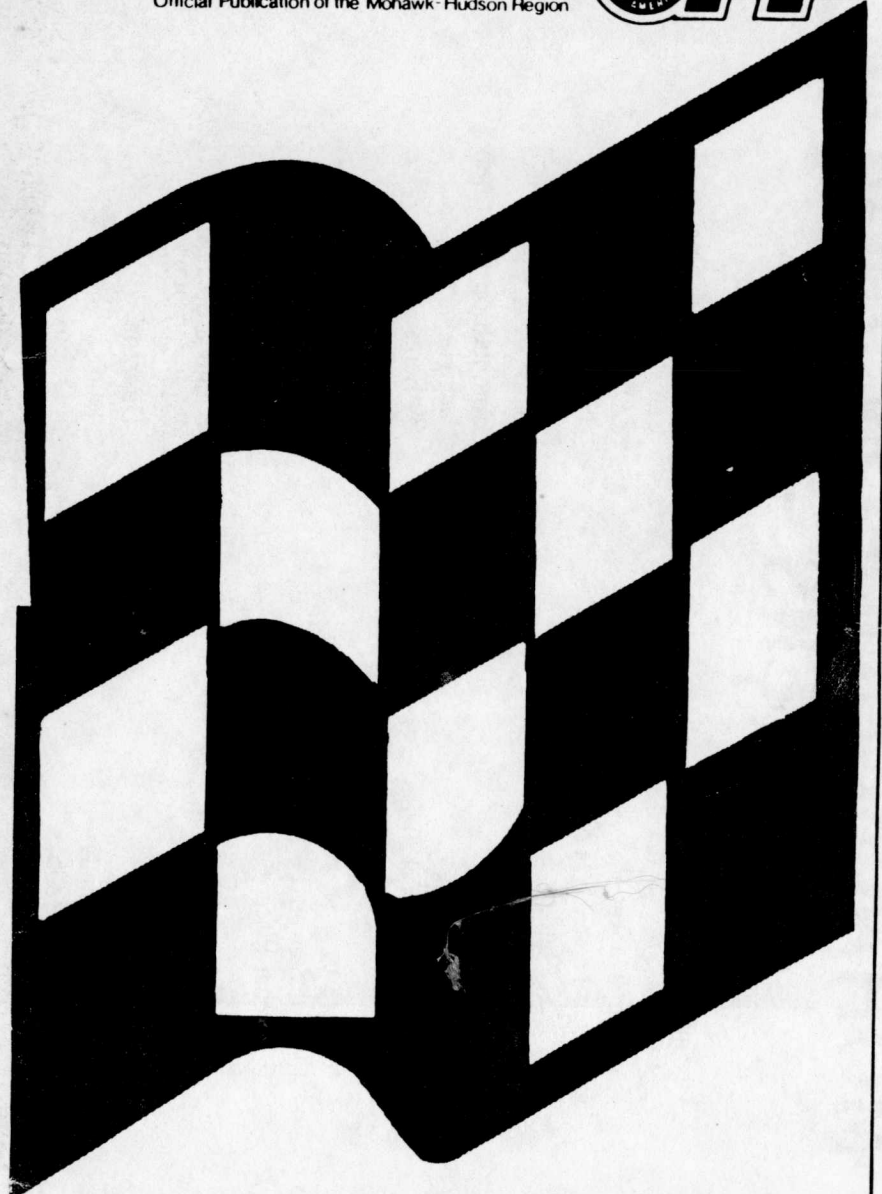




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MEMBERS HONORED AT 1988 MO-HUD  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/AWARDS BANQUET

About 50 members attended the Mohawk-Hudson region's annual Christmas party and awards banquet held December 3, 1988 at the Ramada Inn in Albany.

Good food and music were supplied and a number of members received special awards during the evening. "Driver of the Year" award went to Rick LaPierre of Ballston Lake. Worker awards went to Jim Bishop, Jack Hanifan and Pete Smith.

The "Pit and Paddock" award went to Dave Hathaway. Retiring RE John Sheridan was honored with the Lewis Trophy. Rally and Solo awards went to Tom Schilde, Bill Hudson, Jim Bucci and Nancy Hudson.

Tom Campbell was cited for the "Most Notable Race of the Year" and Jon Handy was named "Rookie of the Year."

Other awards and honorable mentions were noted. Mike Weir, new RE, was introduced and presented with the RE pin.

It was a good time for all those who attended. Hope to see more of you there next year!

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DRIVER FEATURED ON KNOCK-OFF COVER RESPONDS

Who is Chris Zarzycki and what was he doing on the cover of the Knock Off? While the later can only be answered by the editor; I think I can fill you in on the former.

I started racing in 1976 by going to the then, Skip Barber School of Performance Driving at Thompson Racetrack. In 1977 I ran the first of three seasons in Skip's race series where I met many of MoHud's members who were corner workers.

In 1980 I bought the Formula Vee that was pictured; although it didn't look quite the same then. It was basically an assembled basket case. In 1982 I moved to Connecticut (to work for Skip and get some of my money back!) and I raced the car on and off until 1984. During this time I became a Mohud member.

Getting married in 1984, buying a house in '85 and the birth of our first child in 1986 put a slight crimp in my racing plans. In '87 I decided to go racing again but to do it right with no specific time restrictions. The car made its fourth new start at life in June at a Lime Rock driver's school, where I started with a novice permit for the third time!

It has been a year of ups and downs. A high point was a fifth at the regional with the Trans Am. Yes, I was incorrectly identified as a New England member in the results. But car contact from another competitor ended my year with a DNF - actually fitting in quite nice with the theme of the NARRC runoffs this year.

I am planning on a full season next year and I look forward to meeting more of Mohud's members.

(Editor's Note: Chris has offered to supply articles for the Knock-Off. Look for his "feature articles" in upcoming issues.)

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NARRC Series Survey results/ page 2

An analysis of the survey results indicate that:

1. 58% of the respondents feel there should be no double points races. A further 14% feel that only the runoff should have double points. 26% think there should be double point races other than the runoffs.
2. 78% of the respondents feel that points should be the sole criteria for the NARRC championship. 21% think the runoffs are the way to go.
3. 55% of the respondents think that all races that participated in should count toward the championship points. 42% feel that a drivers best five finishes should be counted.
4. 71% of the respondents feel that the minimum number of races to qualify for the NARRC series should be raised from the current 2. Of these responses, 48% think it should be 1 more than half the races, the other 52% feel it should be raised to 4 races. 24% feel it should be left at 2 races.
5. 52% of the respondents think that there is no reason to increase the entry fee to increase the year end payout. 44% are willing to increase the purse through higher entry fees. Some suggested and additional five dollars.
6. 69% of the respondents feel that a more substantial trophy is warranted for the NARRC champions, even if it is funded from the points fund money. 29% feel the current trophy is adequate.
7. 80% of the respondents feel that 2nd and 3rd place in the NARRC series deserve a trophy even if it is paid for from the points fund. 19% feel that nothing should be done for 2nd and 3rd place.

I hope that the above material is of some use to you. If any aspect is unclear, please contact me.

Best Regards,



Robert B. Newsome

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NARRC SERIES SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

Mr. John Sheridan  
MO-HUD RE  
P.O. Box 739  
Altamont, NY 12009

Dear John:

Attached are the results of an unsanctioned survey regarding the NARRC series that I have conducted over the last few months. I have sent a copy to each member of the NARRC committee so that you may review it before your next meeting. I took on the task to help quantify the many comments I had heard related to the NARRC series over the last three years. The individual completed surveys have been sent to Joe Deluca and I suggest that they be reviewed. Many have comments, suggestions, complaints and in one case, a previously begun petition. These comments, etc., in some cases are related to NARRC and in other cases regard problems with the regional races in general. In all cases, they help give substance and flavor to the survey numbers. In many cases, they suggest a general frustration, because of the inability to get their points across. Many respondents were thankful for the survey and in some cases, mistakenly thought it was an official survey.

Although it goes beyond the scope of the survey, I feel obliged to pass along the impression that the Showroom Stock drivers are fed up with their lot in life at Lime Rock events. Given the constrain of money, it is inevitable that most regional races at Lime Rock will be one day events. With that given and the strict time problems, it seems that a solution would be to combine practice and qualifying as some regions are now doing and take a few laps off every race. That would allow a slight buffer for unanticipated problems and give everyone a race of reasonable length.

Having just completed the tabulation, I come to the conclusion that there is a gross lack of communication between the drivers and the officials that act in their behalf. I also believe that it is caused by the absence of a formal line of communications between the drivers and the officials. Heads of specialty have the ability to make the views of their group heard by regional and race officials. Drivers have no comparable equivalent and consequently individual comments have no weight. I would like to suggest that, either on a regional or divisional basis, a position equivalent to ombudsman be established. This advocate would serve as a formal conduit between drivers and officials. This person would be in the position, via the regional news letters, to explain the rationale for various decisions made by the officials to the drivers and to communicate the drivers views to the officials at selected meetings.

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Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA  
 NEW YORK STATE ICE RACING ASSOCIATION  
 POINT STANDINGS

AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 1989

N.Y.S.I.R.A  
CHAMPIONSHIP

M. Fritz	295
B. Pashley	225
D. Burnham	199
R. Graham	100
D. Stangle	90
I. O'Connor	88
A. Pashley	86
L. Bradford	71
P. Hacker	71
M. Cameron	51
J. Sweet	50
J. Bashwinger	40
R. Koehler	40
D. Pashley	38
S. O'Connor	36
R. Frohlich	30
F. Scott-Smith	25
D. Carl	17
J. Fusco	14
H. Cameron	12
N. Julian	12
J. Hanifan	11
T. Baird	10
C. Burnham	10
T. Ellis	10
R. Case Jr.	8
C. Zeh	8
S. Kelsey	6
L. Schrader	6
D. Stewart	6
R. Cunningham	4
G. Gonya	4
E. Duell	3
G. Thomas	1

LADIES

J. Bradford	128
B. Pashley	89
C. Noble	55
L. Flansburg	53
D. Sweet	27
S. Burnham	18
B. Abram	15
S. Clark	15
C. Donato	12
L. O'Connor	12
J. Wood	0

CLASS A

D. Burnham	208
B. Pashley	184
M. Fritz	170
K. Marshall	73
R. Graham	68
B. Carlton	39
R. Valachovic	0

CLASS B

H. Cameron	129
N. Julian	56
G. O'Rourke	27

CLASS C

M. Cameron	290
R. Case Jr.	132
J. Duncan Sr.	45
L. Ansel	17
D. Gilmore	16
K. Hacker	10

CLASS D

D. Stangle	223
A. Pashley	210
I. O'Connor	197
L. Bradford	179
D. Pashley	143
P. Hacker	140
S. O'Connor	94
D. Carl	78
T. Ellis	77
C. Zeh	76
R. Frohlich	72
R. Koehler	72
D. Stewart	55
J. Fusco	53
C. Burnham	52
J. Hanifan	48
L. Schrader	46
J. Sweet	43
R. Cunningham	28
R. Lorette	24
D. Miller	22
T. Dolin Jr.	21
G. Thomas	18
W. Lass	15
D. Gehring	11
K. Weiss	10
H. Gilmore	6
M. Wilson	4
K. Martens	3
E. Tucker	3
C. Slolurd	1

CLASS E

J. Bashwinger	300
J. Basola	157
T. Baird	130
F. Scott-Smith	130
S. Kelsey	113
G. Gonya	76
E. Duell	55
B. Phalin	25
R. Geisel	18
S. Vandeweghe	14
J. Duncan Jr.	13
B. Lillis Jr.	7
D. Panas	6
S. Peterson	4
C. Scofield	0

JUNIORS

J. Hacker	69
A. Stewart	58
J. Duncan	24

OPEN

C. Burnham	88
T. O'Connor	67
J. Zeh	59
S. LaForest	50
D. Hazeldon	43
T. Kieran	38
G. Gonya	35
D. Stewart	33
G. Michney	32
M. Wilson	28
C. Kelsey	25
J. Sweet	23
D. Miller	22
P. Smith	22
H. Cameron	19
P. Hacker	19
T. Dolin Jr.	17
R. Cunningham	15
M. Lorette	11
T. Bradt	8
W. Haupt	6
C. Hutchings	6
C. Slolurd	4
A. Vandeweghe	3
P. Branigan	1
B. Abram	0
T. Pane	0



**ICE RACING NEWS - by Harold Cameron**

As of the middle of Ice Racing Season, which incidentally didn't start on time because of our mild winter weather, we do have a very good field of competitors.

NYSIRA now outnumberes the other (2) local clubs by about 2 to 1. Mary has done a great job of soliciting new members this year. Probably with all her promises of that great banquet (party) we have at the end of the Season.

We have some close point races going on at this time - such as - Class only 24 points apart - 1 - 2 and 18 points 2 - 3 Class D 13 points first to second and 13 points second to 3rd Class- E getting closer and Juniors only 11 points. These were as of February 5, 1989.

Next week we go to Summitt Lake and we will see who does better or worse - I sure hope I do better because up to now I have been through 3 motors and 2 cars. Wait till you see my new Lavendar and White with Pink Wheels - #43 has **COME ALIVE!!!**

The last point sheet shows a total of :

11 Drivers in Ladies Class

6 Drivers in C Class

3 Drivers in B Class

7 Drivers in A Class

39 Drivers in Open Class

15 Drivers in E Class

31 Drivers in D Class

So it Shows we are having a **GOOD TIME!!**

**COME AND PLAY WITH US.**

Harold



SOLO SPINS  
by Jim Garry

Someone recently told me that they felt our Solo II program is trapped in a Catch 22 situation. He said that in order to reach a higher level of event operation we needed more competitors (since workers at Solo II events ARE the competitors). However, in order to get those competitors we needed to run our events at that higher level of operation he mentioned.

My response to this is that it is of little consequence. The crux of the matter lies in site availability. As I have written in this column previously, without a moderately large parking lot, runway, or closed piece of road near or within the tri-cities area, our program will not grow. Period.

This affects not only the autocrossers but all of our region. Mo-Hud membership has stood at between 190 to 220 for some time now. While this number is by no means unhealthy the new members we pick up seem to only roughly balance out the members leaving the club. A sizeable increase would provide us with fresh, enthusiastic faces (no offense intended to our long standing members) and a stronger, deeper core of competitors and workers. This is how a region stays strong and healthy.

A strong Solo II program is absolutely the best way to bring in new people. Autocross participation is inexpensive, SCCA membership is optional and the necessary committment at the local\regional level (in terms of time, money, car preparation, and driver preparation) is much more easily attained as compared to club or pro racing. As I've seen happen in other regions, when a large, centrally located autocross site becomes available the Solo II program gains dramatically in numbers and attention. Many new autocrossers become full fledged members within one to two years. These new members discover the rally, road race and worker programs. Some may eventually become officers of the region, even Regional Executives.

So how do we find this nice site that's going to bring us a new Regional Executive someday (skipping a few steps and a couple of years, of course)? Let's talk about it. Any member who has competed at a Mo-Hud Solo II event in the past two years will be contacted and asked to participate in a special Solo II meeting. If you haven't attended an autocross recently but would like to attend please contact me for further details or come to the February membership meeting at the Ramada Inn on Western Avenue. The date, time and place of the Solo II meeting will be announced there. Right now we're looking at a weeknight date in mid to late February. In the meantime get your thinking motors up to speed and maybe even take a little time to check out that parking lot near your home or work place before the meeting. Hope to see you in February.

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A T T E N T I O N !

The next regular meeting of the Mohawk-Hudson region of SCCA will be

Wednesday, March 1

7:30 p.m.

at the Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Avenue, Albany

See You There!

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA

Minutes of the February 2, 1989 Membership Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by R.E. Mike Weir. 22 members and 6 guests were present.

**Competition Report** - Jack Hanifan reported on the Drivers school at Summit on March 18-19. Physicals due for 1989 are odd year births.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jim Bishop read the annual report which was accepted by the membership.

**Solo Report** - Jim Garry - Ice trials have been rescheduled for February 25-26. There will be a Solo meeting at Jim Bishop's house the week of February 6th.

**Membership Committee** - Mike Weir will be turning over these duties to Cary Noble who has graciously accepted them. To date membership stands at 220 paid members.

**KNOCK-OFF Committee** - George Smith stated that the last issue was very thick and some information will have to be put in the next issue. George again requests that articles be sent in on time as it is very difficult to make the printer's deadline.

Editor, Sally Handy inquired about ad prices in the Knock-off. This was tabled for the Executive Board meeting in February. Sally also requested results and articles from ice racers. Harold Cameron will take care of this area.

**Secretary's Report** - motion was made by Jack Hanifan, seconded by Dave McClumpha to accept the minutes as they appeared in the last Knock-off. Motion carried.

**Executive Meeting** - minutes were read by Jim Bishop. Motion was made by John Sheridan and seconded by Dave Riggi to accept the minutes. Motion carried. John Sheridan reported on the lawsuit and requests that the new R.E. send a letter to lawyer to get answers on the status of the lawsuit. Mike Weir will take care of this. There were rumors of a possible settlement. Dave Riggi has 1989 set with the Ramada Inn for our meetings and will try to confirm the Christmas - Annual Awards Banquet very soon.

**Old Business**- Tom Campbell reported on the By-Laws revisions. Voting will take place at the March meeting. Discussion followed and a decision was made to have a special mailing with the proposed changes sent to each member. A round of applause for Tom Campbell for a job well done on the By-laws.

Motor Racing Mania will take place on March 10, 11, 12 at the Saratoga City Center. Anyone interested in showing their car or working at the show should contact Dave Wachtel at 286-3589.

Dave McClumpha reported on the interesting race car display at the NYS Education building on Madison Ave. in Albany that will run until the middle of March. It is well worth stopping in to see.

**NARRC Series Report** by John Sheridan - There will be a copy of Bob Newsome's NARRC survey results in the Knock-off.

**NEDIV Convention** will be February 22-26 in San Diego, CA. Mike Weir will be attending. Motion by John Sheridan and seconded by Tom Campbell to advance Mike \$750.00 to cover expenses while attending the convention, pending a full report to appear in the Knock-off. Motion carried.

**1988 Silvermines Race Report** - After much discussion with all present, it was decided to not publish the results. It will be available to any member who requests it and was sent to all race chiefs.

**1989 Silvermines Race** - Tom Campbell stated that the NNJ Region does not want the Friday before our race and it may be possible for us to do something on that date.

Motion was made by John Sheridan and seconded by Dave McClumpha to adjourn. Motion carried.

A video of the 1988 Atlanta Run-offs followed.

Respectfully Submitted - Richard Stewart