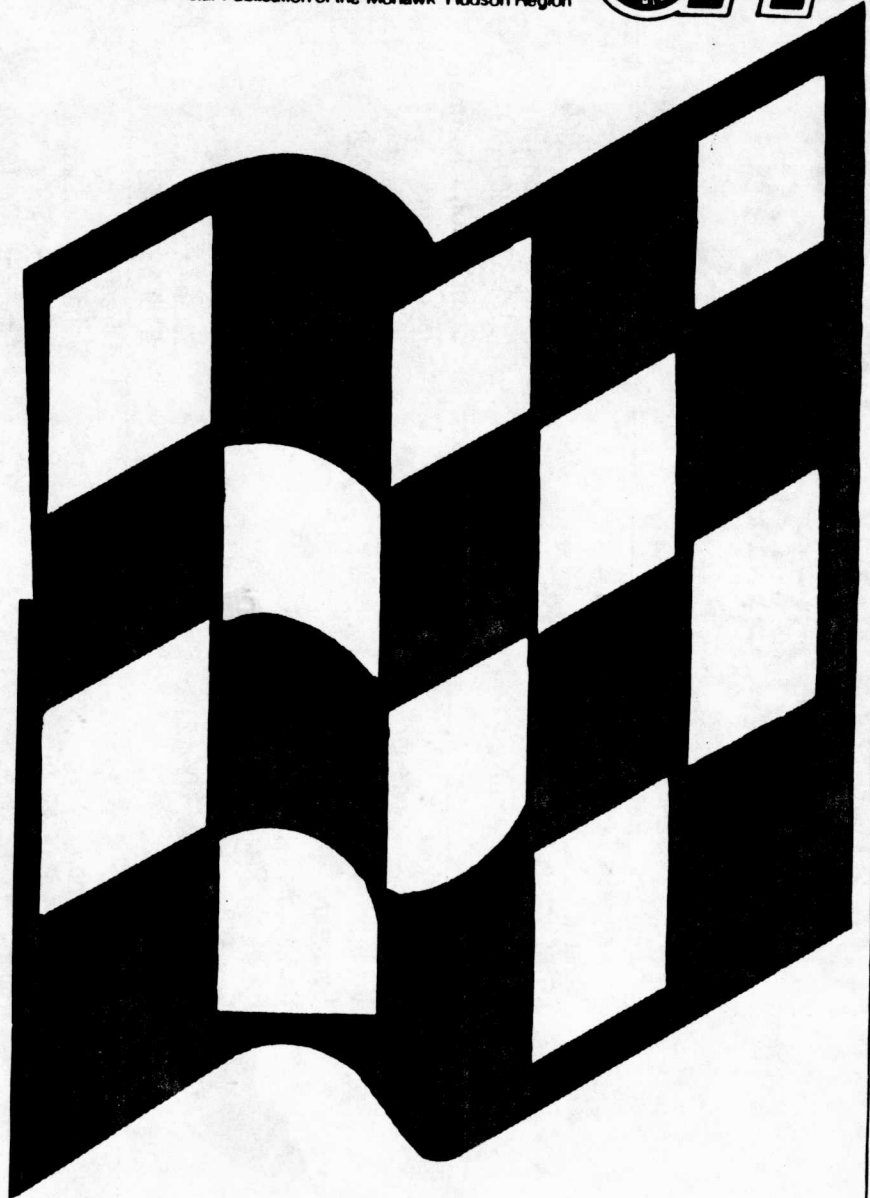


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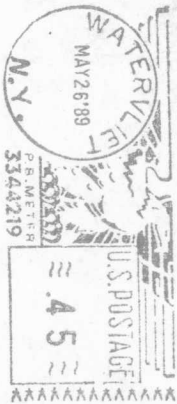
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[One thing to consider is that, disregarding the very different financial situation, things this year should be very little different in both pro and club events as far as the individual volunteer is concerned. And it should be stated in passing that the 'WGI pro worker force' has indicated a willingness to work club events if insurance problems can be overcome. This would certainly be an assistance in staffing events.]

On the financial side it was stated that club dates will be paid for at \$7500/event, which is in addition to the usual expenses (insurance, track damage etc.) that were present in the past. This will take some very close budgeting to try to avoid a large increase in entry fees.

** There will be a training session for race officials, sponsored by the Glen Region with everyone welcome, Apr 22 9AM at the Montour House.

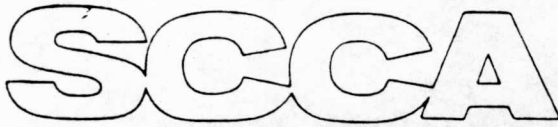
Books giving accommodations for the Shannonville area were given to the REs. Most motels are in Belleville, which is the next city. (Shannonville, of course, is the site of the CNY race in August.) Shirley is booking blocks of rooms in three motels: Black Coach Budget Stay Inn (613) 962-5367; Journey's End 1-800-669-4200; Queen's Motor Inn (613) 966-1211.

(This resume of the Area 10 Meeting, 8 April 1989, at the Day's Inn - Syracuse is based on notes taken by our ex-officio secretary, Emily Castle.)

Insurance - A memo presenting the SCCA position on our insurance program is being sent to all REs. This will try to answer possible questions presented by the letter sent earlier by K&K implying that the 1989 policy with Naughton is not in the best interest of the members.

Among other things it should be noted that the present policy, at the same rate as last year, is providing \$5M liability coverage (vs. \$1M last year) and an across the board Participant Accident coverage of \$50K (vs. a scaled coverage with a max of \$25K last year).

In order to make this emphatic, the Directors on Monday approved an addition to the GCR which requires that Regions provide insurance coverage of \$50K for PA and \$5M for liability.



John W. Castle
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Area 10 meeting - 8 Apr 1989

Present: Matias Bonnier, Beverly Buckbee, Jerry Buckbee, Emily Castle, Joe Carino, Carolyn Connor, Don Connor, Dave Davies, Chuck Dobbs, Sarah Gates, Phil Henderson, Phyllis Hoskinson, Adrian Ketchum, Kelley Buckbee Lutcher, Michael Lutcher, Jim Magioncalda, Larry Ralston, Sharon Ralston, David Simmons, Denise Simmons, Marsha Toombs, Michael Toombs, Shirley Van Nostrand, Mike Weir

NYSRRC Series - Financial statement was discussed with the recommendation that:

- a. an allocation of \$200 max/event be made to help defray expenses of administrators at the NEDiv Minicon and Roundtable.
- b. we delete sponsorship expenses and give some thought toward providing rewards for volunteers.

Race track site - In keeping with wish-thoughts over the years (and the philosophy that SCCA should have a physical presence in the national race scene by owning, or having an interest in, tracks), an informal survey made last fall of REs indicated that there is an interest in investigating the possibility of obtaining a race venue somewhere in this area.

Phil Henderson has offered to head a search committee (each RE to appoint one member per Region) to determine whether there is general membership backing for such an undertaking and, if so, to start a search for possible sites and to develop a structure plan to enable the work to be implemented.

It was pointed out that this is probably more than any one Region could attempt and that Area 10 has no real entity. To be able to push toward this goal would probably require reactivation of an INEC/Area 11 Council-type organization in order to have officers and to hold physical property. All this would have to be one of the many items included in any overall plan. Phil will work on this with his committee and will present a plan at the next Area 10 meeting, which could be called specially for this if necessary.

Photo ID - Glen Region has ordered and Finger Lakes is ordering equipment. There was some feeling for a united Area 10 insert to be used by all, but it was decided the time was short and for the Regions to use their own initiative. It was suggested that SCCA offer a 'generic' card (no license etc. - purely for photo) for use by Regions. Also the possibility of using pre-cut plastic with adhesive backing to eliminate the need for purchase of a laminator was presented (Larry has since received an OK from Costa on this). It looks as though at least three Regions will have some race officials ready with photo IDs before the local race season starts the end of May.

The question was raised as to what the effect of the new work force system at Watkins Glen would be on club racing there. This is really two questions: one is whether the racing will suffer from lack of sufficient race officials volunteering and the other is the financial consideration of having to pay for track time.

The first brought the usual and valid suggestions of incentive for retaining members with training in a specialty and means of attracting new members to try working a specialty. One theme that was reoccurring was that of reintroducing fun for and appreciation of the volunteers.



1989 NYSRRC SCHEDULE

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1.	May 13-14	Pocono	NNJ	
2.	May 27-28	Nelson Ledges	WNY	Lake Erie Invitational
3.	June 3-4	Watkins Glen	Glen	Glen 100
4.	Aug. 18-19	Lime Rock	MoHud	Silver Mines
5.	Aug. 26-27	Shannonville	CNY	Race Phase IV
6.	Sept. 16-17	Watkins Glen	FLR	Fun One
7.	Oct. 8	Watkins Glen	Glen	
8.	Oct. 28-29	Nelson Ledges	WNY	Great Pumpkin
	Nov. 24	BURGUNDY BASIN INN (near Rochester, NY)		BANQUET

ELIGIBILITY

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POINTS SYSTEM

Points will be awarded per the 1989 GCR, Appendix B, except, points awarded will be: 20-15-12-10-8-6-5-4-3-2 for 1st through 10th finishing position. **ALL** additional finishers will be awarded 1 point. There will be only 1 point awarded for the last in class.

AWARDS

The Champions in each recognized SCCA class plus, ITS, ITA, ITB, ITC, ITE (Enduro) and Club Ford, as determined by their final 1989 NYSRRC points standings, will be suitably awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet on **FRIDAY**, Nov. 26, 1989 at the Burgundy Basin Inn.

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1989 NORTHEAST DIVISION, SCCA SCHEDULE OF CLUB RACING AND SOLO COMPETITION

DATE	NATIONAL RACES	REGIONAL RACES	DRIVER SCHOOLS	SOLO I AND SOLO II	MISCELLANEOUS
March 24-25			Summit Point (WDC)		
April 8-9		SUMMIT POINT (#) WDC			
April 15-16				Dick Turner Solo School Solo II - Ft Dix, NJ	
22-23					CEN DIV NATIONAL NELSON LEDGES - NEOH
29-30		SUMMIT POINT (#) WDC	Nelson Ledges (SCR/MVR)		IROC/MASCAR - NAZARETH
May 6-7	(5-6) LINE ROCK (NER)			(Weatherly, PA) Weatherly Solo I (WePa)	
13-14		DBL. POCONO (\$/%) NJ	(12) Pocono (Tri-Region)		NE Div Pro (2) Rally (Williamsport, PA)
20-21	NELSON LEDGES (SCR)				INSA - SUMMIT POINT
27-28	(27-28) BRYAR (NER)	(29) Bryar (\$/%) NER Nelson Ledges (%) WNY			INSA - LINE ROCK
June 3-4		Watkins Glen (\$/%) Glen		PRO SOLO - PITTSBURGH	INSA - MID-OHIO Susq.Trail Pro Rally FLR
10-11	SUMMIT POINT (WDC)	Nelson Ledges (SCR) (10) LINE ROCK (\$) NYR	(9) Line Rock (NYR)	PRO SOLO - HARRISBURG, PA	
17-18	WATKINS GLEN (FLR)				CART/CORVETTE - DETROIT LONGEST DAY - NEL LEDGES
24-25			BRYAR (NER)	PRO SOLO - HARRISBURG	Charlotte (#) (CCR) VINTAGE - MID-OHIO
July 1-2	(6-30 & 7-1) LINE ROCK (NJ)				(3-4) LINE ROCK - INSA CART/SVee/TA-CLEVELAND
8-9		(8) LINE ROCK (\$/%) NER	(7) Line Rock (NER)	Corning, NY Solo II (Glen)	
15-16	WATKINS GLEN (GLEN)			Solo I and Solo II Summit Point (WDC)	ESCORT/R.TRUCK-MID-OHIO CART/SVee MEADOWLANDS
22-23		(DBL) BRYAR (\$/%) NER			Gen Div DS/MelLdg MeOh PITTSBURGH - VINTAGE
29-30	(28-30) DBL POCONO (TRI-R)				CEN DIV NATIONAL MID-OHIO - NEOH
August 3-6		(5) LINE ROCK (\$) NJ	(4) Line Rock (NJ)	NE Div Solo II Division Harrisburg, PA (Susq)	Gen Div Regl Nelson Ledges-NEOH
12-13	SUMMIT POINT (WDC)	Nelson Ledges (SCR) (DBL) BRYAR (\$/%) NER			NE Div Pro (1) Rally (Bryar Rallycross)
19-20		(18-19) LINE ROCK (\$/%) N-NE		General Tire Solo II Shoot-Out/Meadowlands	CART - POCONO
26-27	NELSON LEDGES (MNV)	Shannonville (%) WNY (26) LN RK (NYR) IT/SS/Ed		Solo II (FLR) Rochester Duryea Solo I (MVR)	NE Div Pro (1) Rally (Duryea Hillclimb)
Sept. 2-3	(1-4) NOSPORT (NYR)	(2-4) DBL SUMMIT PT (#) WDC NOSPORT (NYR)			LINE ROCK - VINTAGE CART/TA/SVee-MID-OHIO
9-10		Nelson Ledges (SCR) BRYAR (\$/%) NER		SOLO I NAT/HUTCHINSON, KS 11-15) SOLO II NAT/SALINA, KS	
16-17		Watkins Glen (%) FLR		PRO SOLO NAT/SALINA, KS	
23-24		(22-23) Line Rock (\$/%) NYR		Giants Despair Solo I (NEPa)	CART/SVee - NAZARETH TA/CORVETTES/NOSPORT
Sept-Oct 30-1		SUMMIT POINT (#) WDC			INSA - LINE ROCK
Oct 7-8		(8) Watkins Glen (%) Glen	(7) WatkinsGlen(Glen/FLR)	Weatherly Solo I (NEPa)	SVRA - SUMMIT POINT BARBER SAAS FINALE
14-15	(7-15) GAINESVILLE, GA	VALVOLINE RUNOFFS			Rally Sprints (2) (Location ??, PA)
21-22		(DBL) Nelson Ledges MVR			
28-29		Nelson Ledges (%) WNY	Summit Point (WDC)		
Nov 4-5		Nelson Ledges (MVR)			

10-12 NORTHEAST DIVISION MINI-CONVENTION -- BLUE MOUNTAIN REGION -- READING, PENNSYLVANIA

- NOTES: 1. Events believed to be spectator events are in all capital letters. Please advise me if incorrect.
2. Changes new this month to the calendar are heavily outlined in black.
3. Symbols used in Regional Race column: HARRIS=# NYSERC-% HARRC-\$ NERRC-@
4. Miscellaneous column primarily for identifying potential schedule conflicts from professional sanctioning bodies and other SCCA divisions. Please check original sources for up-to-date information.

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The 1989 Arthritis Rallye
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Mohawk Hudson Region once again put on a spring rallye to benefit the Northeastern New York Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. As in the past, we were assisted by and supported by the Patroon Chapter of the BMWCCA. As in the past, the event took place during a monsoon, which no doubt kept attendance down. Twenty-two teams braved the elements, raising \$438, which was matched by BMW of N.A.

The event was presented in a straight-forward T.S.D. format in tulips, timed to the minute out of respect to the novices. While touring 100.00 miles of scenic Rensselaer County, questions associated with "signs of spring" were to be answered. Unfortunately, most participants made a basic error and toured scenic Massachusetts for a while. Eventually, most of the teams found their way back on course and/or the start/finish at the Loudon House in Loudonville. Despite the weather and their problems, most participants were cheerful at the end and indicated an interest in trying another rallye. Maybe next year we can have a Plymouth dealer as a sponsor, who will do a sun dance, or provide a Sundance, or something like that.

Speaking of sponsors, we would like to thank WPYX, Convenient Food Markets, and the Loudon House for their support. Thanks also to Jack H. and John S. for coming out to help.

As for results, they were announced at the event, so the winners know who they are, and the other participants know how they did. Unfortunately, I don't have the entry forms to correlate names with the car numbers on the results. Oh, well.

In other rallye news, Forgotten Springs IV (or a reasonable facsimile) will be occurring 9/17/89. Rallyemasters will be Paul Tichy and Kim Comrie, who will supply details in the Knockoff in the near future (hint, hint). Elsewhere, EMSC is putting on a straightforward TSD event 6/25/89, starting at the Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Rd., Colonie (regis. 11:00, FCO 12:01).

JHB

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THE RE'S MAILBOX

Entry forms for Tri-Region school and regionals at Pocono, May 12-14.

Tri-Region F&C Newsletter

Ad for special rates at the Interlaken Inn, near Lime Rock Park

April issue of the Glen Region *Sparkplug*

Notice of availability of seminar speaker from General Tire

Notice of General Tire Top Gun Shootout Solo II August 20

Notice of Goodyear Tire Showroom Stock contingency program

Lots of news, forms, gossip regarding the new insurance carrier for this year, Naughton Insurance

Scrutineer Memo from Jim Farrar, NEDIV divisional administrator, describing 1989 tech procedures and schedule.

The official NEDIV schedule, reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

SOLO SPINS

By Jim Garry

The MHR Solo II season will get a late start this year but the first two events are now firm. Those dates are June 4 and July 23 at the SUNY commuter parking lot in Cobleskill. In addition, it looks like we'll be having a charity event for M.S. at one of the Corporate Woods parking lots on August 27.

I'm in the process of securing late September and/or October dates at Lebanon Valley. There will be Solo II events on the drag strip. I'd like to continue having members be on the look-out for good event sites. Call me if any locations look like possible sites.

Other local dates to note are June 11, July 9, and August 13 which will be the Empire events at the State Quad Parking Lot at SUNY-Albany, and May 21 at Brodie Mtn. The NYS Solo II Championships are being hosted by the Glen Region in Corning on July 9.

"Local" Pro-Solo events will be Pittsburgh, PA on June 10,11 and Harrisburg, PA on June 24 and 25. The Northeast Divisional Solo II Championships are also in Harrisburg on August 5,6. This is a change from its original date.

For further information, contact me at 439-3107 (h) or 457-7458 (w). Area code is 518.

A REMINDER: There will be a Solo II event on June 4 (Sunday) at the SUNY Cobleskill commuter parking lot. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members.

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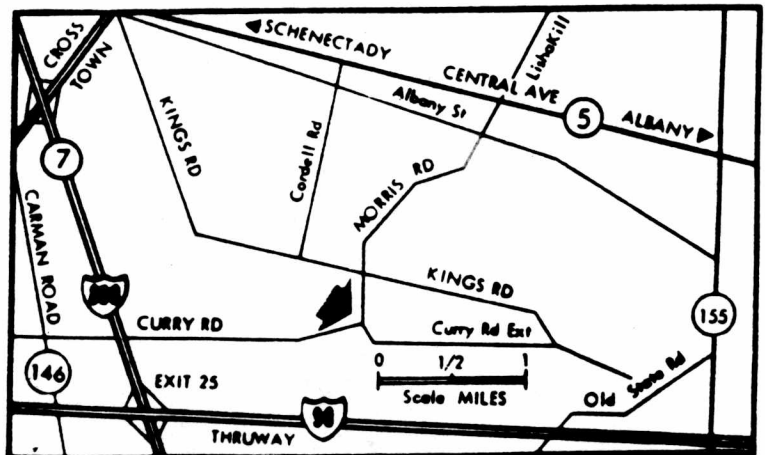
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A Lime Rock national race was held May 5,6 and the season started the way it ended last year-- raining! At least 215 cars were entered, nine of which were Mo-Hud members.

Don DeLapp, Jon Handy and Dave Riggi were entered in the FV class. The rains held off for their race and Jon finished his first race of the season with a new car; Dave's car broke half way through the race. Don qualified his new, self-designed FV, but did not race on Saturday.

Larry Morton entered his Spec Racer, and Rick LaPierre, Dave Wachtell and Robert Wright competed in the FF/FC event. George Smith and Tom Campbell competed in the GT1/GT2/GT3 class.

The first race in the NARRC/NYSRRC season was held at Pocono Raceway May 13 and 14. The double regional was preceded by a driver's school that had over 200 in attendance. Rain was definitely a factor again on Saturday, but Sunday was nicer.

There were so many entries that a listing of everyone registered was not available. I can report on only those Mo-Hud members I actually saw at the track! In the FV class, Dick Stewart finished 3rd on Saturday and Sunday. Jon Handy finished 11th on Saturday and 17th on Sunday (he will get those suspension problems worked out!).

In F production, Pete Smith took 1st in both races. Jack Hanifan, racing in the ITC class, finished in 2nd on Saturday and 3rd on Sunday. Sunday's ITC/ITS/ITA/ITB race was marred by a crash involving Sean O'Connor. Hope Sean is mending quickly. There was talk at the track that Jack Hanifan had set a track record for his Saturday race-- haven't heard if it was made "official."

Also at Pocono were John Broadhurst, Rick Pocock and Ian O'Connor.

Will appreciate (and print!) any information I get from Mo-Hud members who go to regional or national races...don't be bashful!

--- Sally Handy

Minutes of the May 5, 1989 Membership Meeting. 23 members present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by R.E. Mike Weir.

Motion was made by Jim Bishop and seconded by Jim Garry to accept the April minutes as they appeared in the Knock-Off. So carried.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Bishop reported the income and expense for April. Motion by Harold Cameron, seconded by A.J. Rinella to accept the report. So carried.

Solo Report - Jim Garry reported on the solo dates and these will all appear in this Knock-Off. Jim said he is coming very close to getting a solo at Lebanon Valley Speedway and Corporate Woods in Albany. He will report on this when more information is available.

Membership Report - It was reported that 6 members have not renewed.

Competition Committee - Jack Hanifan reported the pre-Tech at Yankee Dodge went very well with the exception of Don DeLapp's new designed car. Don's car looks fantastic, but will need more paper work before it can be accepted. Three novice permits have been issued and Jack expects to go out soon.

Arthritis Rally Report - Jim Bishop reported 22 cars turned out in spite of the poor weather. The rally managed to raise \$438 for the Arthritis Foundation. Nice job! Jim also reported that there will be another rally on September 17 with more details available soon in the Knock-Off.

Old Business - Mike Weir thanked Sally Handy and George Smith for the fine job they did getting the Knock-Off out on schedule last month. Mike also reported on trying to get a new addition to the Knock-Off. He will be trying to get different points of interest covered by having people like Goodyear, Bridgestone, Koni, and maybe some machine shop people write about what to look for on your track to successful racing. These should be very good for everyone.

Mike also reported that he will be attending a NARRC rules committee meeting on Friday, May 6th. Much discussion followed on some of the rules with quite a few different opinions surfacing. A vote was taken with those in attendance on the double points races and the decision was unanimous AGAINST double points. Mike will also try to get a published number list for the NARRC series so people can see what is still available. He will also check to see why many people have not received their confirmation letter back on their request for an assigned number. There is also suppose to be a flaggers school very soon. Keep looking for the information in this Knock-Off.

Harold Cameron reports the roster for our August race has been prepared. Mike Weir is looking for volunteers to help take on some responsibility in much needed areas for our race. Please, if you are interested, come forward and give some help. It sure would be appreciated.

Dave McClumpha still has the old mimeograph machine used for the Knock-Off. He would like to get it out of his house. If you are interested call Dave or Mike Weir. It will be advertised in the Knock-Off.

One of our new members, A.J. Rinella just came back from Sebring where he participated in a Skip Barber Driving School. He spoke about his experience. Good Luck in the future, A.J.

Our illustrious R.E., Mike Weir, also shared his driving school experience at Pocono with the Bertil Roos people, with us. I don't know for sure, but I think Mike should be doing the teaching.

Jack Hanifan drew Pocono Speedway on the board and proceeded to enlighten us on how to drive to and at Pocono. Some very interesting thoughts were placed in the competitors heads. Jack will try to pick a different track at each meeting. This was a great new concept to keep us all informed.

The June membership meeting will be at the Checkerboard Go-Kart Track in Schenectady. Look for details in the Knock-Off. Motion to adjourn by Jack Hanifan, 2nd by A.J. Rinella.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Stewart

THE RE SAYS,

This has been a busy time, and I expect it will become more so, with solo and rally gearing up for the summer, and with race planning. In this issue, I will begin what I hope to make a regular feature...the RE's mailbox. An RE gets all kinds of mail from people who want to reach the region's members. I usually display these at the membership meetings, but they are far too voluminous to expect the secretary to note everything that is discussed. Therefore, I'll list what I receive, but you still have to come to the meetings to see them (that's a hint).

This month I attended the area 10 meeting in Syracuse. A good set of minutes was provided by the secretary, a copy of which appears later in this issue, along with the 1989 schedule. A 1988 balance sheet is available. Several extensive travel brochures were passed out, which will be of interest to those of you going to any of the races (both regional and national) in Canada this year. I have an action item: **SOMEBODY PLEASE VOLUNTEER** to serve on the New York track development committee! The first step will be to find out what the first steps are, and you will have a chance to make a real difference to amateur racing in NYS.

Finally, a matter of some importance: we have to have a race chairperson for our regional in August, and that's not so far off. It needn't be a guy: other regions often have ladies who do a fine job. Most of our previous chairmen have agreed to be as much help as they can, but for various reasons (business, competing in the event, etc) can't hold the official position. Please, somebody volunteer?

Yr Obt Svt,

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