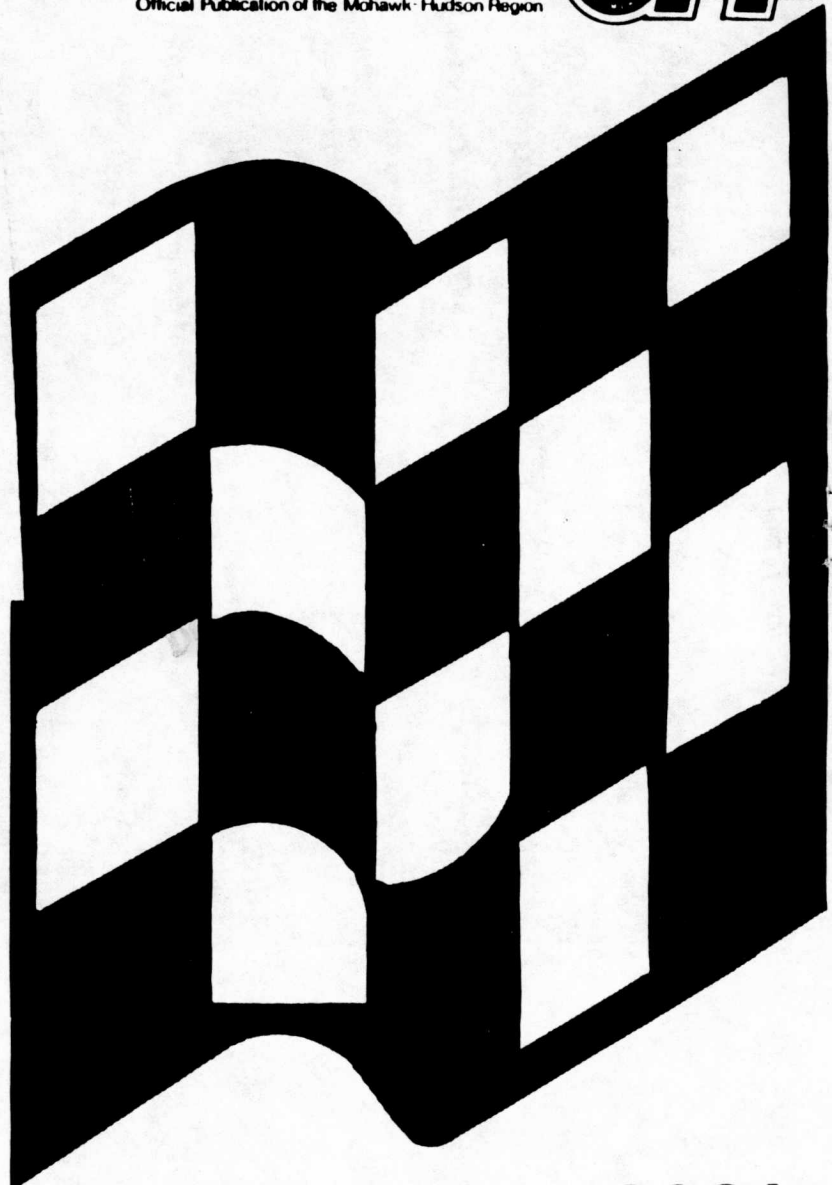




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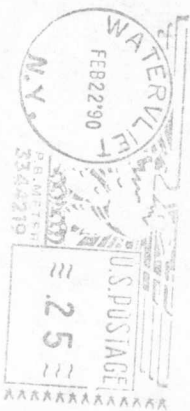
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Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA  
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting - 1/31/90

The meeting was held at Pete & Diane Smith's house. Thank you for the fine hospitality.

Attending the meeting were: Greg Rickes, Jim Bishop, Pete Smith, Tom Campbell, Jack Hanifan, Mike Weir and Dick Stewart.

Meeting was called to order at 7:46 p.m.

Items discussed were:

1. Clark Nichol has accepted Reg. Administrator/Worker Licensing Chairman)
2. Albany Car Show at New Scotland Ave. Armory 3/16/90-3/18/90
3. Saratoga Car Show at Saratoga City Center 3/30/90-3/31/90
4. A different race date for our race.
5. Defensive Driving Course by Jack Hanifan.
6. Nediv Roundtable
7. Area 10 meeting in Syracuse 2/3/90-2/4/90
8. National Convention - Greg Rickes will go
9. Budget - discussed package that was presented by Greg Rickes and Jim Bishop. A motion was made by Jack Hanifan , seconded by Pete Smith, to present the proposed budget at the next membership meeting. Motion carried.
10. Long range financial planning committee to be selected at the next membership meeting.
11. Mike Weir stressed how important it is for the club to support our members when they are attending events such as the conventions and area meetings.
12. It was agreed that the refreshments whould continue at the monthly meetings.
13. There was a discussion about a club photo yearbook.
14. There was a discussion about a Photo Show before a monthly meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Stewart, Secretary

Minutes of the February 7, 1990 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by R.E. Greg Rickes. 36 members and 12 guests present.

**Secretary's Report** - Motion by John Sheridan, seconded by Jack Hanifan, to accept the minutes as they appeared in the Knock-Off. Motion carried.

**Membership Committee** - Larry Morton reported no new activity. The membership remains at 222.

**Competition Committee** - Jack Hanifan reported member, Lester Pagarski, had a chance at \$10,000 if he could make the free throw at half time at the Patroon's basketball game. Unfortunately, Lester missed the apex and came up short. Sorry Lester. Jack went to the N.Y.S.R.R.C. meeting and reports these people are asking for help from all regions to assist Lori McAllister in running the series. If you are interested, please contact Jack.

Clark Nichols reported the Ice Trials in Pittsfield went well. There is another one scheduled for February 17 & 18. Clark encourages more members to come and join the fun.

**Solo Committee** - Jim Garry reports 11 people attended the Solo Safety Stewards class and now only need to attend 2 events to become stewards. Several events are scheduled and if you can help, contact Jim.

**Rally Report** - John Sheridan reports that rallying is not dead. Thom O'Connor just went to Canada with a K.T. Motorsports entry and was doing very well until the timing belt broke. Better luck next time, Thom.

**Car Shows** - Greg Rickes is asking for help with both car shows. They are scheduled for March 16, 17 & 18 at New Scotland Ave. Armory in Albany and March 30, 31, & April 1 at the Saratoga City Center. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Garry or Tom Campbell.

R.E. Greg Rickes reports the club's finances have never been better. Copies of the report are available to all members at all regular monthly meetings. Greg also discussed the budget. A motion was made by Tom Campbell, seconded by John Sheridan, to accept the 1990 budget as presented. Motion carried. A copy is available from Jim Bishop.

Greg Rickes is also working on pre-meeting entertainment such as Automotive Photography where we could all bring in our favorite photos and receive tips from photo experts. Greg also informed us of the death of a former member, John Petrella of Saratoga Springs. Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Petrella's family.

The R.E. is looking into the possibility of crediting members their region dues if they secure a full page ad for the Knock-Off. A Half-page ad is \$75.00 while a full-page one is \$150. Contact Greg Rickes for details.

Tom Campbell will discuss a long range plan at the next regular meeting. He would also like ideas on how to get more members involved in club activities.

Jack Hanifan will be setting up a Defensive Driving Class very soon. More info will be forthcoming.

Greg Rickes recommended the World Atlas of Motor Racing for all car buffs. It covers tracks all over the world. This book is available at the Paper Cutter stores.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening was Bobby Carville. Bobby gave all in attendance a ride through his career from 1974 to 1989. Bobby is young, wisely aggressive, bright, pleasant and an excellent driver as well. He was the 1989 SCCA National Champion in Formula Continental. Bobby is pursuing a career in racing and is on the path that leads to Indy cars. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Guest Speaker next month will be Mike Joy, the new manager at Lime Rock.

A motion was made by Jack Hanifan, seconded by Dave McClumpha to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Stewart, Secretary

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 1990 PITTSFIELD WINTER CARNEVAL ICE TRIALS RESULTS

POS	Car #	DRIVER	VEHICLE	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	RUN 4	RUN 5
GREEN MACHINE:								
1T	0	MARK MAJCHER	GREEN MACHINE	2:37.36	2:38.27	B2:14.40	(D.N.F.)	2:19.47
2T	12	STEVEN SPRAGUE	GREEN MACHINE	2:22.53	2:32.98	2:18.59	B2:15.79	2:20.22
3T	24	DAVID COOK	GREEN MACHINE	2:37.49	2:26.95	2:16.50	2:17.14	B2:16.07
4	21	ROBERT T CLAFFIE	GREEN MACHINE	2:24.44	2:23.34	B2:17.43	(D.N.R.)	(D.N.R.)
5	15	JOHN DAGESSE	GREEN MACHINE	2:23.00	3:03.91	B2:18.01	2:18.41	2:23.67
6	6	CLARK W NICHOLLS	GREEN MACHINE	2:36.36	2:32.35	B2:22.44	2:26.84	2:28.47
7	3	KEITH MARTENS	GREEN MACHINE	2:32.16	2:34.26	2:31.96	B2:23.96	2:28.59
8	9	PETE NIXON	GREEN MACHINE	2:37.27	2:47.89	2:39.73	B2:26.08	2:46.67

FRONT ENGINE FRONT WHEEL DRIVE - BOLTS IN TIRES:

1 FTD	13	WARREN WETHERELL	SUBARU WAGON	2:15.38	2:16.69	B2:08.83	2:12.79	2:12.27
2	7	ROBERT MOSER	SUBARU WAGON	2:13.19	2:17.50	B2:10.71	2:13.82	2:13.11

COMBINED CLASS:

1T	4	VICTOR M HOPKINS	71 BUICK SKYLARK	2:30.00	2:27.64	B2:20.38	2:24.42	2:22.49
2	2	ALAN J CLAFFIE	77 HONDA CIVIC	2:37.96	2:34.48	B2:26.36	2:30.14	2:34.56
3	8	JOHN FAIRWEATHER	75 CHEVY MALIBU	2:45.94	2:50.35	B2:33.89	2:36.43	2:40.85

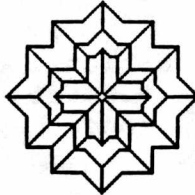
FOUR WHEEL DRIVE - UNSTUDED:

1T	18	BILL FOSHAY	1977 BRONCO	2:44.82	2:31.91	2:25.98	B2:23.64	2:26.39
2	1	CHUCK FULLER	1977 BRONCO	2:36.13	2:30.82	2:29.86	B2:25.78	2:26.21
3	5	MARK FULLER	1977 BRONCO	2:45.25	2:39.93	2:39.25	B2:38.08	2:49.91

FRONT ENGINE FRONT WHEEL DRIVE - STUDED:

1T	16	ROBERT T CLAFFIE	78 FORD FIESTA	(D.N.R.)	(D.N.R.)	B2:09.97	2:11.36	(D.N.R.)
2	11	DAVID COOK	78 FORD FIESTA	2:17.30	2:16.77	2:12.63	B2:11.29	2:12.03
3	14	TONY J RIED	78 FORD FIESTA	2:26.97	2:38.15	2:19.45	2:19.65	B2:17.87
4	10	JAMES TRUMPS	78 FORD FIESTA	2:27.92	2:29.52	2:25.02	2:20.68	B2:18.04

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MARCH 23, 24 & 25, 1990

Program: An "After the National Convention" working session....  
Meetings aimed towards better Region Administration...  
Ask those questions that need answers...Companionship!  
Stimulating discussion about our future and our past..

Tentative Schedule:

Friday 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm Registration & Welcome Party!

Saturday 8:00 am - 10:00 am Registration  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Meetings - Including!  
Scheduling, Rally, Solo, Region Management, Worker  
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Plus an in depth seminar on what to do at the  
scene of a racing medical emergency (less CPR) during  
that 1st 4 minutes before the trained ambulance crew  
arrives, pointing out what key facts the EMT's really  
need to know as they prepare for transport!

6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Glenora Wine Cellars Tasting!  
7:15 pm - Til???? Dinner Party & Entertainment

Sunday 8:30 am - 9:00 am Coffee and Danish  
9:00 am - 10:15 am Discussion with the Directors  
10:30 am - NOON! NEDiv Meeting  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Stewards Training Meeting

Registration Fee: \$40.00 per person - Full Registration!  
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In the Spirit of the Sport



## **The (Motor) Sporting Life**

by  
A.N. Other

Somber news is not the ideal way to start off a journalistic (ad)venture. Nonetheless it is our sad duty to record the passing of John Petrella, former Mo-Hud Activities Director and one of principals in the Racemark International. John was 46.

Jim Winkleman, previous owner of the Caldwell FVee now raced by Dick Stewart, is working for Ford in Michigan. He's designing active suspension systems, an endeavour which often takes him to a number of exotic locales.

Bill Morris, former RE, innovator, and racer, is among the growing list of M-H members (past and present) to earn his pilot's license. Also joining the high fliers is ex Chief Scruntineer and MGB devotee Dan Egy, now a pilot with Midway Airlines.

Tony LeBoutillier, one of the original DragonSlayers, is now resident in Nokomis, Florida. He's going back to the oval track wars with a 4 cylinder Mustang, and also continues the restoration of the ex Petrella, ex Jack Fantelli/ B.Morris Mini Marcos.

Phil Panos, leading the squire's life in suburban

Virginia, stays in touch with the road-racing scene via his cousin who races a FVee in the Rock Mountain Division. She just missed an invitation to The Runoffs last year, and with some of the inimitable Panos encouragement she just might make it in 1990.

Doug Kelly will be sporting a new "bow tie" come racing season. He's the proud owner of Tom Campbell's older GT1 Corvette.

Joining the list of Great White North explorers is John Sheridan. He recently got his first taste of European style rallying as Thom O'Connor's navigator.

If you think the only proper sporting motor cars are English in origin, Mike Rand, former Barber/SAAB chief and SCCA National Champion, can fulfill your hopes and dreams. He now locates and imports vintage and historic racers from Old Blighty. Call (813) 886-5374 (that's Tampa FL).

Word is that Chuck Callis, who put together Jumpin' Jack Hanifan's all-conquering ITC FIAT, has scoped out a couple of powerful combinations for '90. If you like to hear the rumble of American engines ask Jumpin' Jack for details.

All for now. Cheers !

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA

Mar 30,31, Apr.1 NYSSCA MotoRacing Mania Racing Show  
Fri Sat Sun Saratoga (NY) City Center

March 31 North Atlantic Road Racing Championship  
Saturday (NARRC) 1989 Awards Banquet, details to  
follow

Mar 31, Apr.1 IMSA Camel GT & Firehawk, Road Atlanta  
Sat Sun

April 4 Mohawk-Hudson Region meeting - guest  
Wednesday speaker Tom Boggie, motorsports columnist  
for The Daily Gazette - Albany Ramada, 1228  
Western Ave. 7:30 p.m.

April 21, 22 SCCA Drivers School, New Hampshire  
Sat Sun Int.Speedway, Loudon NH, New England Region

April 28, 29 SCCA Drivers School, Nelson Ledges (Ohio)  
Sat Sun Steel Cities, Finger Lakes, Mahoning Valley

Mid-Atlantic Road Racing Series, Summit  
Point (WV) DC Region

May 2 Mohawk-Hudson Region meeting - Albany  
Wed Ramada, 1228 Western Ave. 7:30 p.m.

May 5,6 SCCA National Race, Lime Rock Park (Conn.)  
Fri Sat New England Region

May 10 SCCA Drivers School, Pocono Intl, Raceway  
Tri-Region

May 11 12 North Atlantic Road Racing Championship/  
New York State Road Racing Championship  
Northern New Jersey Region  
Pocono Intl Raceway

## Mohawk-Hudson Region Motorsports Calendar

- February 17 -18 Mohawk-Hudson Region/Berkshire Motor  
Sat Sun Sports Club Ice Trial Solo II  
Onota Lake, Pittsfield MA  
info: Clark Nichols (413) 243-3433
- February 18 AMEC Ice Race, Location To Be Announced  
Sunday info: (518) 875-6956
- February 24 -25 IMSA Camel GT & Firehawk, Miami  
Sat Sun
- February 25 NYSIRA Ice Race, Warner's Lake  
Sunday info: (518) 797-3610 or (518) 797-3034
- February 26 Mohawk-Hudson Region Executive Meeting  
Monday Mike Weir's house. All members are welcome,  
but please call ahead.
- Feb 28 - Mar 4 SCCA National Convention, Indianapolis Ind.  
Wed - Sun
- March 2,3,4, ADAP Race-a-rama Racing Show, Better Living  
Fri Sat Sun Center, Big E, W. Springfield (MA)  
info: (508) 238-7016
- March 4 AMEC Enduro Ice Race, Location to be  
Sunday announced. Info: (518) 875-6956
- March 7 Mohawk-Hudson Region meeting - guest  
Wednesday speaker Mike Joy, Lime Rock Park's Vice-  
President for Marketing & Promotion -  
Albany Ramada, 1228 Western Ave. 7:30 p.m.
- March 11 NYSIRA Fun Run Ice race, Location to be  
Sunday announced. Info: (518) 797-3610
- Mar 15, 16, 17 IMSA Camel GT & Firehawk, Sebring FL  
Thur, Fri, Sat
- Mar 16, 17, 18 Motorsports World '90 Racing Show  
Fri Sat Sun New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany  
info: (518) 899-2685 (d), (518) 885-9816(n)
- March 23-25 SCCA Northeast Division Roundtable  
Fri Sat Sun Corning NY, hosted by Glen Region
- March 24 ,25 SCCA Drivers School, Summit Pt (WV)  
Sat Sun Washington DC Region

## **Regional Ramblings**

Your indulgence please if this seems a rather disjointed effort, press deadline looms over me like a dark cloud, and there seem to be too many topics to cover.

The good news is that the region is in excellent shape financially, due largely to our annual race at Lime Rock. The board hopes to develop a number of new programs and events for the upcoming year. As always if you'd like to help we'll be sure to find something for you to do.

Among the ideas proposed were production of a photo annual/yearbook type publication, presentation of one-person art exhibitions as a preliminary to the regular monthly meetings, continuation of our guest speaker program, and several community service type events. In addition we've proposed increasing the budget for our solo II program so that we can pay for renting a site as a means of getting this potentially popular program to the forefront of regional events.

Modest success has been achieved in getting publicity for the region's events. Every member can help in a small way on this. It used to be that the "sports car" in SCCA was more obvious. Most of the members owned cars that fit the classic definition. Nowadays its not easy to tell who is an SCCA member. How about showing your colors a bit. Put a Mo-Hud or SCCA sticker on your street car. You'd be surprised at the number of people who'll seek you out for all kinds of automotive insight. Jim Bishop, our treasurer, has a supply of Mo-Hud stickers if you want to stock up.

A sub-committe on long-range financial planning for the region was established some time ago, and while their work is not finsihed there has been some interest in broadening their scope to define future goals and objectives for the region that go beyond matters financial.

Looks like the page has about run out. Hope to see you at our March meeting when Mike Joy, well-recognized motorsports television commentator and now Lime Rock's VP for Marketing will be our guest, and don't forget the two upcoming local racing car shows listed in the calendar. Its a great way to keep up on what's going elsewhere in the wide world of motorsports.

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**Greg Rickes**