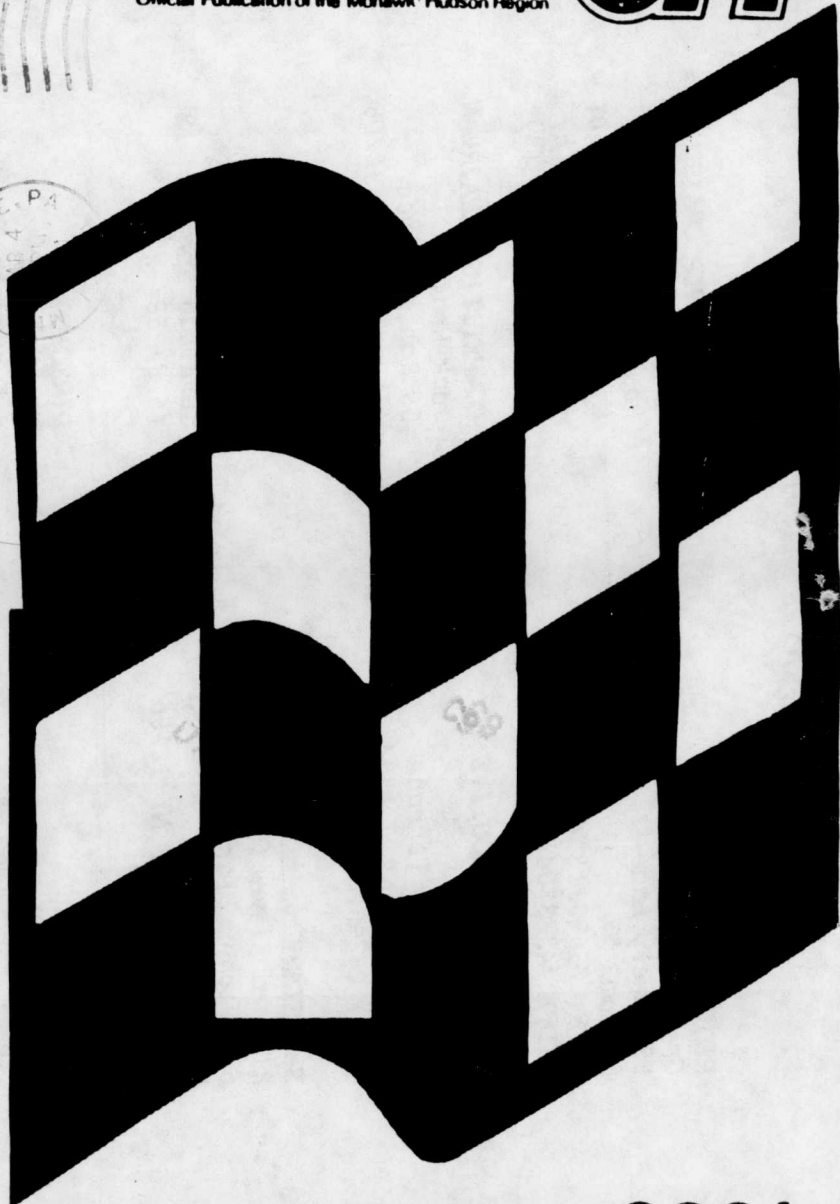


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## Regional Ramblings

### Buy or Build

If you read the minutes of the last several meetings in detail, you'll note that the region's expenses exceeded income by some \$7200 in 1990. The cash reserves of the organization are such that this did not, in and of itself, spell disaster, but it might be useful if probe the structural causes and possible solutions.

By examining cost centers we can see that our autocross series, though small in gross revenue, generated a slight cash surplus. The regional race, a major cash flow exercise, broke even. Our merchandise sales (rule books etc.) operates on a break-even principal: the region provides these as a service to members, not as a revenue stream.

What's left on the income side is dues, and on the expenses side are The Knock-Off, administrative costs, equipment and social events. In 1990 there was the one-time expense of purchasing a computer, but otherwise the costs are recurring and predictable. They also represent a financial cost about twice that of the revenue generated by dues. Now you can see why a profitable race is so crucial to the financial performance of the region.

In examining the race budget, there are some items, notably in the area of catering, where we pay a premium for services that in years gone by we provided through the efforts of the region's members.

In a similar vein, some effort has been devoted to examining the cost of The Knock-off. In response to higher postage rate, we might have to consider limiting the number of pages or mailing third class (with

its inevitable delivery delays). George Smith has been diligent and generous in his efforts as K-O publisher; I hope we can continue to count on him in the future. But I also go back far enough in this organization to remember the days when we did our own printing, and collating, on a strictly volunteer basis. I can also remember the days when there was enough member interest to generate several pages of paid advertising.

Though this is sounding entirely too much like a discussion of the state budget, I hope you will join me in efforts to reduce costs and generate some new revenue for Mohawk-Hudson in 1991.

### Road Show

We're trying to put together a group to visit the annual Race-a-rama show in Springfield Mass on Saturday March 2. The plan is to spend the afternoon there.

The Race-a-rama features over 200 racing cars, representing tracks from all over the northeast; New England Region always has a big display. Bring your money for the trade show section, which will include Mo-Hud's Tom Campbell and Dragonslayer Safety Equipment.

Give me a call if you'd like to sign on.

### March Meeting

Hope to see you at the March 6 meeting, when our guests speakers are scheduled to be Lime Rock Park's Phil Rosette, VP for Marketing, and Dave Hall, VP for Operations. Starting time is 7:30 at the Albany Ramada, 1228 Western.

SUPPORT THE SPORT

Greg Rickes

## Mohawk-Hudson Region Motorsports Calendar

Feb 21 -23 Thu - Sat	SCCA National Convention Stouffers Harborplace, Baltimore
Feb 24 Sun	Ice Race, Location TBA AMEC
Mar 1,2,3 Fri Sat Sun	ADAP/Auto Palaca Race-a-rama racing car exhibition and trade show, Big E, Springfield (MA)
Mar 3 Sun	Ice Race, Warners Lake, East Berne NY NYSIRA (518) 797-3610
Mar 6 Wed	<b>Mohawk-Hudson Region membership meeting guest speakers - Dave Hall, VP/Operations and Phil Rosette, VP/Marketing, Lime Rock Park Albany Ramada, 1228 Western Ave. 7:30 p.m.</b>
Mar 8 -10 Fri- Sun	<b>SCCA Northeast Division Roundtable hosted by Mohawk-Hudson Region, Colonie</b>
Mar 22,23,24 Fri Sat Sun	MotoRacing Mania racing car exhibition and trade show presented by the New York State Stock Car Assoc. City Center, Saratoga (NY)
Mar 23-24. Sat Sun	SCCA Drivers School, Summit Point (WV) Washington DC Region
Mar 26 Tuesday	Lime Rock Park Test Day info: (203) 435-2571
April 3 Wed	<b>Mohawk-Hudson Region membership meeting Albany Ramada, 1228 Western Ave. Albany</b>
April 9 Tuesday	Lime Rock Park Test Day info: (203) 435-2571
April 14 Sun	SCCA Annual Racing Car Technical Inspection Village Autoworks, Route 17M Monroe NY New York Region SCCA info: (914) 782-7011
Apr 19-20 Fri Sat	SCCA Drivers School, New Hampshire Intl. New England Region
Apr 21 Sun	North Atlantic Road Racing Championship #1 New Hampshire Intl. New England Region
April 23 Tuesday	Lime Rock Park Test Day info: (203) 435-2571

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

by  
A.M. Other

### **Formula Vee, Over and Under**

Though eclipsed in some ways by Formula Ford as the "universal" formula, Volkswagen powered single-seaters have widespread popularity.

Though all based on U.S. rules, there's always seems to be a local dialect. Canada has its F1200. In England (where Citation will market its cars in '91) they run highly modified 1300cc engines, good for 90 hp. Across the sea in Ireland, the rules allow 1600cc, but must be very stock. And down under, in New Zealand they go for 1200cc engines, but allow dual carbs (one per bank or on a common plenum), while rolling on Dunlop LeMans steel belted radials.

### **A Run for the Money**

Speaking of Vees, following last season's successful Formula Vee money race at Heartland Park and the Northern California H&H series, efforts in this realm look to expand in '91.

The Topeka race is already on the schedule for August 17; Pro Vee Promotions hopes to add East and West Coast events. For more info write PVP at 1529 Burgundy Parkway, Streamwood IL 60107.

### **Enduring the Great White North**

Perhaps reflecting the near constant state in turmoil in the national political arena,

Canadian motorsport will see new rival series this season.

Reportedly the Canadian edition of the Firestone Firehawk Endurance series will consist of two each races at Shannonville and Mosport; cars conform to IMSA specs. The rival will be a CANSPAN organized series for a wide range of street stock cars, including Escort Challenge, turbo 944 Porsches from the now-defunct Rothman's series, and a cast of thousands.

### **Empire Stakes**

Following on the Firehawk theme, you'll be able to get a lot of track time even if you stay close to home. With three races at Watkins Glen plus one at Birdgehampton, Sports & Touring class drivers will have 36 hours of racing, GS runners 34, right here in New York, including being part of the Watkins Glen Winston Cup extravaganza.

### **Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming**

Following up on the note which appeared several months ago, hope you've been sending your motorsports publications on to the troops assigned to Operation Desert Storm:

Any Service Member  
Army/Air Force  
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APO, NY 09848-0006

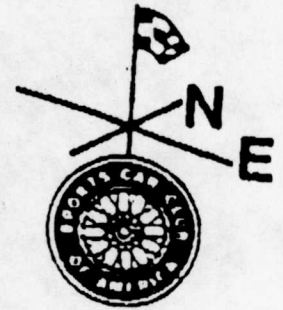
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**All for Now. Cheers**



1991 NoDiv ROUNDTABLE  
MARCH 8,9,10.

Jack Hanifan, Chairman  
Mary Cameron, Registrar



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Complete Registration	\$45	_____
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Sat. Lunch	\$15	_____
Sat. Dinner	\$20	_____
Sunday Breakfast	\$5	_____
Total Amount	\$	_____

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COMPLETE REGISTRATION INCLUDES ALL  
SEMINARS, MEALS AND PARTIES.

Region of Record \_\_\_\_\_

Office(s) Held \_\_\_\_\_

I Have made reservations with the Hotel Yes/No

I would like to be picked up at Albany Co. Airport Flt# \_\_\_\_\_ Arriving \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be picked up at the Amtrak Station Train # \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

We would be interested in a Shopping excursion Yes/No #? \_\_\_\_\_

We would be interested in attending Garden Show Yes/No #? \_\_\_\_\_

We would be interested in Child Care provided by responsible High Schoolers  
during the weekend (no charge if sufficient interest.) Yes/NO



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**TUNING AND TESTING SESSIONS 1991**

1. **Driver Eligibility:** Drivers must be currently licensed by SCCA, IMSA, VSCCA, SVRA, Vintage National License, RCCA, Pro-Rally, NASCAR, CART, FIA, EMRA, CASC or have accredited driver school certificate (within past 12 months). You must bring proof with you to the track. All drivers will be issued a non-transferrable identification armband. You must show the armband to be allowed on the track.
2. **Safety Equipment for Driver:** All Drivers must be equipped as follows:
  - (a) Driving suits that effectively cover the body from neck to ankles to wrist manufactured of fire resistant material and worn with underwear and socks of fire resistant material. Multi-layer (3 layer plus) suits may be worn without the underwear.
  - (b) Crash helmets approved by Snell with 1980 or later Snell Stickers. The back of each helmet must be labeled as follows: drivers name, date of birth, blood type and allergies to medication.
  - (c) Gloves and shoes of leather or fire resistant material.
  - (d) Drivers with beards/mustaches must wear face shields of fire resistant material. Hair protruding from a driver's helmet must be completely covered by fire resistant material.
  - (e) Drivers of open cars must wear goggles or full face shields preferably made of new impact resistant material.
  - (f) Cars must be equipped and drivers must use seat belts and shoulder harnesses meeting SCCA and/or FIA standards.
3. **Race Vehicle Requirements:** All race cars will be judged based on current SCCA GCR's and must be equipped with: Quality tires in good shape; Brakes in perfect working order; Body parts fastened securely; Exhaust systems in good shape; Suspension & steering in good shape; Adequate mirrors; Functioning brake lights on all cars except open wheel; Seats securely mounted with seat belts and shoulder harnesses conforming to specifications; Roll bars/roll cage to specification; On board fire bottles and/or fire systems; Master switch on all cars except Showroom Stocks; Window nets in all closed cars; Batteries secured properly; Fuel cells in all cars except Showroom Stock and Vintage. Wooden steering wheels are permitted in Vintage cars only.
4. **Flags, Hand Signals, and On Track Demeanor:** It is expected that every driver meeting the eligibility requirements for these Tuning and Testing Sessions is trained in the meaning of all flags and hand signals. We expect absolute compliance with any flag displayed at any corner. A driver who fails to observe the flag signals will be expelled from the event. There are no refunds! If you are unclear about the meaning of any flag, consult with the Lime Rock Park representative at Start/Finish. If you go off-course, it is expected that you will signal a Lime Rock Park corner worker to indicate that you are all right. Anyone engaging in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct will be prohibited from participating in any further activities at the Park for the remainder of the day.

5. **Entering and Exiting the Pits:** All cars will enter and exit the pits in a safe and orderly manner. This means NO heavy acceleration in the pit lane. Pit lane speed limit is 30 MPH from entry to exit.
6. **Gassing Procedure:** Cam 2 107 octane Racing gas and Premium Unleaded gas is available for sale during posted hours. When refueling in the paddock or pits a fire extinguisher is required, by state law.
7. **Manned Stations:** Lime Rock Park provides EMT's and corner workers. EMT's will be stationed with the ambulances at pit out. Corner workers are at station #2 first turn, station #4 at the beginning of esses, station #6 at middle of back straight, station #8 at the top of uphill and station #10 at the bridge on top of down hill and at start/finish. Any car that becomes disabled should be driven off the track to a safe place and driver must exit the car and wait for the flat tow or wrecker for assistance.
8. **Support Crew:** Support crew people are responsible for their own safety while at the Park on Tuesday practice days. They should pay attention to traffic in the paddock and pits. The paddock speed limit is 15 MPH for all vehicles. No person under 18 years of age is permitted in the pits or corners at any time. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the pits or paddock until after the last practice session.
9. **Tuning and Testing Charges:** Every person who comes to Tuning and Testing must pay a \$3.00 water, trash and sewage surcharge. Every car that goes on the race track must pay \$100.00. Any number of eligible drivers may drive one car, but all must display the proper armband.
10. **Test Time:** Competitors will be admitted after 10:00 AM on scheduled Tuesdays. No race engines may be started before noon or run after 6:00 PM. Normal open practice hours are from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The Lime Rock Park Track Manager will announce the afternoons schedule based on the number, and type of vehicles present. In the interest of safety, Lime Rock Park reserves the right to limit the number of competitors on the track at any time. All competitors must leave the facility by 6:30 PM.
11. **Recycling:** All cans and bottles must be separated for recycling purposes. Labeled green drums are located throughout the grounds for this purpose. Please, no garbage or trash in the green drums. Red drums are readily available for wrappers, trash and garbage.
12. **Waste Fluid:** Please make use of the special, blue 55 gallon drums located in the paddock area which are marked for the dumping of waste fluids. Do not pour any oil, gasoline, antifreeze, or other automotive fluids on the ground.
13. **Vehicle Parts:** Take all tires, broken fiberglass, scrap metal, batteries, and any other parts that may have broken or fallen off your car, home with you.

NOTE: Schedule is subject to change. Call the Track Office to confirm.

**SCHEDULE OF 1991 TUNING AND TESTING SESSIONS**

March 26	June 25
April 9	July 16
April 23	Aug. 27
April 30	Sept. 24
May 14	
May 21	Limited to cars entered in IMSA Memorial Day weekend events





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The Northern New Jersey Region of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc.

NARRC COMMITTEE MEETING held in Pittsburgh, PA - November 17th, 1990 at the Mini-Convention, 2pm. Minutes recorded by Diane Miller (NNJR)

PRESENT: Henryk Szamota, Chairman and RE (NYR) Dave Lapham, (NYR) Walter Huber, RE (NNJR) Diane Miller, Assistant RE & Secretary (NNJR) Bette French, RE (NER) Lynne Dignan, Registration Chief (NER) Larry Dignan, Assistant RE and Competition Chairman (NER) Greg Rickes, RE (MoHud) Jack Hanifan, Competition Chairman (MoHud)

This meeting was called to order at 2pm by Henryk Szamota, Chairman. This committee consists of 4 regions in the Northeast. Northern New Jersey, New York, Mohawk Hudson and New England. Each region has at least 2 representatives present but only one person is allowed to vote. In other words, 1 vote per region represented. Representing the regions is either the RE, Assistant RE or Competition Board Chairman and the treasurer should be in attendance also. (pointskeeper?) Note: Diane Miller (NNJR) was appointed as official secretary for the committee.

For the first part of the meeting Phil Rosette and Dave Hall, both representing Lime Rock Park were also present. The discussion started with Dave Hall regarding camping at LRP. There is a possibility of Saturday night camping in 1991, but a fee may be imposed in order to cover the expenses of the hiring of additional security people (guards) to work extra hours into Sunday. This would be available to those wishing to stay over after Saturday racing (workers only?) and most important, after the beer party. LRP is also pushing a "Promotion for Sponsors" for both national and regional races. They are trying to get sponsorship back and are working on some ideas to encourage this. As soon as they work out the details, the regions will be notified. The approximate cost per sponsor is to be \$1,500.00. But as to what this will get them is still in the talking stages.

Jack H. - NARRC Series - suggested we not count 1 race (drop it) from the series. In other words, you could run 12 events but only count 11.

Bette F. - Answered - in order to protect the double at Pocono, Bridgehampton, and NER we must count all races. Bette feels "this series does not motivate itself"

Henryk S. - Asked the committee to decide and the majority felt the series should remain "as is"

Larry D. - will do a questionnaire to see what the drivers want and Dave Lapham agreed. He felt it necessary to pole all drivers. Henryk then made a motion that we continue to race the series as we are currently doing. Seconded by Bette and carried.

Greg R. - brought up the idea of changing the point system - giving 2 choices.

- 1) 1 point on how many cars you beat or
- 2) 1 point for running.

Bette F. - Reminded Greg that we (the committee) represent the drivers of this series and their best interest.

Greg R. - Said we should try to promote the success of the series and make it a tough class vs. and easier class to get points. Maybe this is a better way. Add 1 point for starting. Bette pointed out that you need 20 points minimum to get \$\$\$\$ anyway.

A motion was made by Larry D. to give 1 point to all who start and the rest of the points remain as in the current point schedule as previously stated. Seconded by Walter and carried.

Walter H. - noted some facts taken from the letter written by Larry Calabrese stating that Rob Sturgis ran several events without his NARRC stickers. Larry said because Mr. Sturgis didn't have these on his car, he was surprised to find out he was competing against him in the "Runoffs" Walt said it seems as though the wording of the rules was changed from "should have" stickers on to "must have" (stickers)

Larry D. - said Larry C. should have protested immediately instead of waiting so long. The wording in the rules will go back to original wording. "should have" NOT "must have"

Henryk S. - told the committee that he has received word that Pat Gillespi has resigned after several years as treasurer for the NARRC series. It was decided that Henryk replace Pat with someone he feels is qualified, since he works the closest with the treasurer.

Track rental fees - As of this date no one knows how much yet. But entry fees will have to be increased since we do know that Insurance is up and track rentals will be also. There is fear we may have a lean year due to the recession and rising costs in '91. How much can drivers pay? or will pay? Henryk is concerned on how we are going to come up with the \$\$\$ fro this series. If we charge \$135.00 registration fee, we will need 200 cars just to break even.

Lynne D. - would like to conform all the NARRC entry forms will all registrars and uniformity on minor ID forms. We could use a Photo ID on a card that states that a minor form has been filled out and in already on file (where and date signed) Parents or guardians would keep them with them to show when they register. This will save tons of time at registration. On the ID card used, all 4 regions logos could be imprinted.

Scheduling - A copy of the requested race dates is attached to the minutes. The only questionable date is that of MoHud's. Lime Rock may be having a Ferrari Festival on July 4th weekend. If that does become a reality, MoHud will co-host (with NNJR) the Aug. 2-3 date at LRP. The traditional NARRC/NYSSRC date was moved to June 14-15. That date puts them a week after a NYR race at LRP but was preferable to the first draft, which also happened to represent the 6th race in 5 weeks. This does not make for happy campers.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Miller, NNJR-SCCA



# LIME ROCK PARK

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MEMO

TO: All Regional Executives  
FROM: Phil Rosette, Lime Rock Park  
DATE: January 28, 1991  
REGARDING: Sponsorship of your event

Dear Race Fans:

For years, companies and corporations who wanted to sponsor a motorsports event had to dig deep into their budgets to do so. Ten's, sometimes thousand's, of dollars were being demanded — and gotten — for title sponsorship, precluding many smaller companies. Now, that's about to change.

Lime Rock Park will, for the 1991 season only, open its doors to corporate America to title sponsor one of our National, Regional or VSCCA amateur events for just \$1,500.

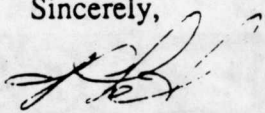
That's right, one thousand, five hundred.

We will include 100 general admission tickets and 100 paddock passes for that price, and we'll offer the Lime Rock Park Chalet for their exclusive use. What's more, we'll help them promote the event with advertising, marketing and merchandising.

So now, these smaller companies — some who may have sponsored a local team and yearned to use that sponsorship as a basis to entertain clients or reward employees — can get involved at the event level. There are many such companies, and some of them have very good and unique promotional ideas. . . But they've never been able to implement those ideas due to the sheer costs involved. Well now here's their chance — and yours.

There are some category restrictions, so please call me first with your intended sponsor's name and product line before you extend this offer to any company.

Sincerely,



Phil Rosette

Vice President, Marketing

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## SPRING SPECIALS

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