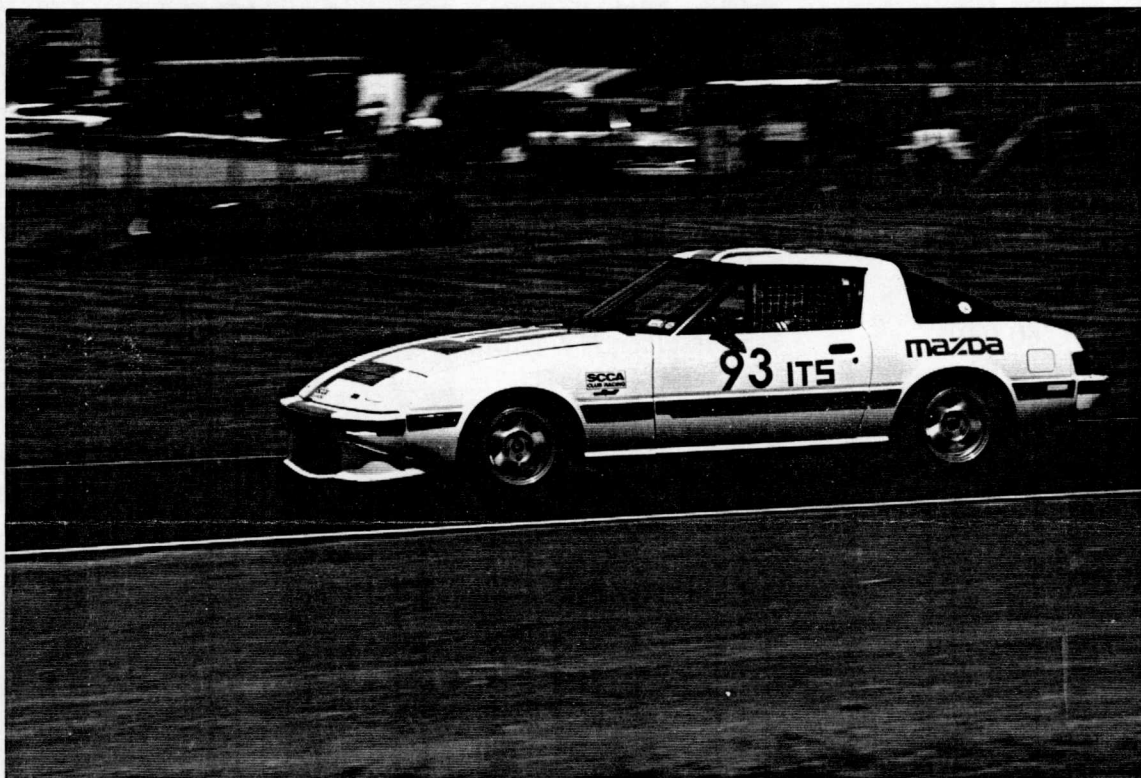




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RE port
Mike Larimer

Upcoming Events

As I'm sure most of you are aware, our annual banquet is rapidly approaching. This is to be held January 29, Saturday night, at the Marriott on Wolf Road. By the time you read this it will be too late to take advantage of the early signup discount but we'd still like to see you there. The early signup apparently worked because at the time of the January meeting we already had 55 in hand with a couple still in the mail. This is far greater than last year when it seemed everyone signed up the last week. I'm looking forward to a nice event which Allison Montgomery, our new Activities Chairperson, has been working very hard on. We'll have many awards to give out, some interesting guests, a gift auction and a few surprises. Hope to see you there. Please give Allison or Bob Bownes a call (numbers on the masthead) if you have any questions.

The next event is the SCCA National Convention on Febtuary 23 to 26 at the Westin Hotel / Copley Place in Boston. As was stated in the January KnockOff, we will subsidize some Region members who want to attend. The subsidy will be \$125 per person to help reduce the cost of registration (\$195 before 1/14, \$250 after). Obviously we can't give this subsidy to everyone so the Board agreed that those who regularly participated in Region activities would qualify. The measure of "regularly" is the old points system used for the annual worker awards. If you scored 100 or more points you are eligible for the subsidy. Larry Morton has compiled the list and can be contacted (number on masthead) if you're interested.

Because of the traffic, parking expense, etc. the Region will rent a 15 passenger van to take a bunch of people over on Wednesday. We'll have a hospitality room as well for you to use as a resting spot when the pace gets too hectic. I received the final event schedule the other day in the mail (included elsewhere in this issue) which has a number of interesting things planned. It is organized much like our semi-annual NEDIV conventions but far more extensive. There appears to be something for everyone. This is the closest any annual con-

vention will be for the foreseeable future so see if you can plan on being there.

We are planning on having an annual tech session, maybe two, this year over at Consignment Auto on Central Avenue in Albany (home of the famous, infamous?, EP racing red MGB of Lester Figarsky). The tentative date is the weekend of April 22-23 just prior to the LRP national and Pocono regional. If there is enough interest we might be able to put one together in March before the driver's school regional at NHIS. Jack Hanifan is coordinating this.

Communications

There are several things I'd like to mention in this space concerning what we can do to make our club, region and events more well known and therefore better attended by non-members who potentially will join our region and be interested perpetuating the intent of the club. We've had a couple of good discussions in the last two meetings about the issues involved and I hope we can continue this dialog. At the January meeting we discussed, at some length, the publicity needs of the region with regard to event announcements, result publication, general interest articles and distribution of literature. It was generally agreed that beyond the KnockOff it is nearly impossible to get race / solo results in the newspaper. Event announcements are a different matter and much more can be done here. As with the event notices, articles, etc. what we need is the usual...more volunteers! Please give me a call if you want to pick up a small piece of this effort.

The Board has decided to begin more formal monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month beginning in January. The January 17th meeting will be held at the Holmes and Watson pub in Troy. This somehow seems like an appropriate setting for this august body! All of you are invited to attend and contribute. We'll pass on February's meeting because of the convention and continue in March.

All for now,
Mike Larimer

Minutes from the December 1, 1993 membership meeting

The slate of officers nominated and listed in the December 1993 KnockOff were unchallenged and therefore were voted in by a single vote cast by the secretary.

RE Mike Larimer and Tom Campbell gave a report on the mini-convention held in Pennsylvania last month. The report should be elsewhere in the KnockOff, but the highlights were, one National per track in 1994, race entries were down 11% in 1993, our race date at LRP is set for June 24/25. We were also asked to do a Mini Grand Prix this summer to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. The NEDivision would like someone to volunteer to be a Compuserve contact for the Division, anyone interested contact Mike. National Office is looking to reduce the SportsCar Magazine budget substantially and you can expect the format to change in the near future.

We approved the purchase of a Polaroid camera to go along with our laminator for registration.

The banquet date is all set but Bob Bownes still needs some volunteers to run the giveaways and auction. A mailing will take place this month to promote the affair. The secretary was asked to draft a letter to Bill Bradshaw extending an invitation to he and his wife to attend our banquet.

John Sheridan requested the executive board look into some form of reimbursement for those attending the National Convention in Boston this February.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to a discussion (lively) on the direction MoHud Region should take in promoting the region and soliciting more participation from those members we never see and eventually drop by the wayside. Many ideas surfaced and opinions vary, but it was obvious to me at least that many of us share the desire to see the club grow in terms of participation and quality of what we do. The executive board will meet on December 9 to discuss this item further and to present a mission statement to the membership for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Morton, Secretary

Minutes from the January 5th, 1994 Membership meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:59pm, January 5th.

The minutes from the last meeting and board meeting were MIA and readings waived.

Jim Bishop, soon-to-be-Ex-Treasurer gave a treasurer's report, covering Fiscal 1993. The club is in a healthy position for 1994. The finances are in order, the 1994 budget is drafted, and all race dollars are paid in or out as appropriate.

The Membership Chairperson was absent.

The Activities director, Allison Montgomery, discussed the banquet briefly, citing a good pre-registration, with attendance expected at about 60 people.

The Knock Off editor reported that another issue went out, however the announcement of the Ice Trials did not make it into the issue. Caption contest entries continue to roll in.

The Competition Chair, Jack Hannifan, read a Thank You letter from Last Minute Racing. A Coningency program for the new Chrysler Neon is in the works for both Solo and Road Racing. Local dealer support from Village Dodge may be available, interested parties should see Jack for details.

There will be a Tech Party at Consignment Auto, date TBA at the next meeting.

Don Davies' son Brian will be attending school this summer in Dick Stewarts former FV.

The Solo Chairperson was absent.

No Rally business to report.

Old business - There will be no second banquet announcement due to the good reception of the first announcement.

January Minutes (continued)

There is no lapel pin news.

The publication of a regional directory was discussed, parties who wish to not have information published should see the questionnaire/notice in the Knock Off. It will be published in the March/April time frame.

National Convention: Feb 23rd - 27th in Boston. Jack checked into renting a van for the duration to pool transport to the convention. Expected departure time is Noon on Wed the 23rd. A motion to underwrite members who have more than 100 worker/participation points and wish to attend the convention was made. Attendees may receive \$125 towards the registration fee. Motined by John Sheridan, second R.M. Bownes. Passed by acclimation.

Board Meetings: Mike Larimer requested that the board meet on a more regular basis, the third Monday of each month was settled on.

Equipment — Budgets for Equipment are expected to be presented at the Feb. meeting.

IRS Status — Mike Larimer is attempting to determine our exact IRS status. He will continue to look at this.

A discussion of commercial status and legal requirements of racing trailers followed. There will be an attempt to solicit a speaker on this topic.

Car Shows - No real word.

Publicity - Mike Larimer discussed the publicity job and the possibility of splitting the task up. A discussion of publicity and advertising strategies followed. The possibility of creating and having a trifold brochure printed was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. M. Bownes III, Sec.

Filler from the Editor

Directory due in March

The next issue of the Knockoff will contain the 1994 MoHud membership directory. We will be printing names, home addresses, phone numbers, and SCCA licenses held unless we receive direction from members that their directory entries be altered. You've got about two weeks to let the editor know if you want your entry changed. **The March Knockoff Will Not Be Delayed for Any Reason!** If your article is late, you lose!

Meetings

Some confusion has arisen about meetings; if there is no notice in the Knockoff, some are assuming that there is no meeting. **There is always a meeting!** I have amended the masthead to contain this information on a quasi-permanent basis; you can always check there for information about the current time and place.

Note also that the board is now meeting on a semi-regular basis; the next meeting will be Monday March 21st at Holmes & Watsons in Troy, at 7:30pm. Although it is a board meeting, members who are interested in club business are welcome to attend. Call Mike Larimer to double check; board meetings may be cancelled due to natural disasters or the outbreak of nuclear war.

Postage

We've switched back to First Class mailing for this issue. Legitimate concerns have been expressed about the timeliness of the Knockoff; I've been getting them out the door as quickly as I can, but certain materials simply cannot be rushed. The switch to First Class is unfortunate, as my back-of-envelope computation suggest that it will cost MoHud about \$800 per year to go back, but unless event flyers get to me early enough (that is, early enough that they can go into two issues before the event), we have no choice (note that the omission of the Ice Trials flyer from the previous issue was my mistake, not that of Clark Nicholls, Bruce Taylor, or Pete Nixon.)

Cover Photo

Mohud member Steve Wold at Lime Rock;
Photo by Roz Rosintoski.



ICE TRIALS



Solo 2 On Onota Lake

Runs Start At 11:00 Am Sharp!! — Be There Early For Drive-Arounds
Saturday February 12, 1994 -&- Sunday February 13, 1994

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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 MUST use SEATBELTS! Helmets are also required (per GCR's) and must have a SNELL 1980 or newer certification. A small number of loaner helmets will be available.

While this event is designed for your everyday 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 chairmen or safety inspector. The GREEN MACHINE (a specially prepared 1970 Chevrolet station wagon that's painted, of all colors, green) will have it's own class. An additional fee of \$10 per driver per day will be collected for use of the GREEN MACHINE to cover expenses (we use over 25 gallons of gasoline per day for this event). Go-Carts, motorcycles and ATVs are NOT allowed. Again, all vehicles MUST have and the drivers must use SEATBELTS and HELMETS! Remember, all helmets must have a SNELL 1980 or newer certification sticker! A limited number of loaner helmets will be available. Passengers are not allowed during timed runs.

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 (3) 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 chairmen.

REGISTRATION: Saturday and Sunday opens at 9:30 A.M. (along with course familiarization runs) and continues 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. Entry fee is \$15.00 per day per entrant.

Event status? PLEASE call Bruce's answering machine starting Wednesday prior to the event, 24 hours a day is A-OK. Please be aware that we may need to postpone the event, for whatever reason. If you are traveling any distance to this event, please call the answering machine for an update. The latest status will be recorded the morning of each event prior to leaving the house.

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Albany Information:

Keith Martens	(518)782-0646	48 Bridgewood Lane	Watervliet, NY 12189
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TO THE ICE TRIALS: There are two ways to get to the pavilion on the lake. Take Peck's Road to Lakeway Drive to the pavilion -OR- turn onto Lakeway Drive from Valentine Road. Follow Lakeway to the right at the fork and follow the road to the pavilion or take the left fork to the boat ramp and drive along the lake to the pavilion.

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1994 Ice Racing Schedule

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February 5th&6th:	Lake Placid	AMEC
February 13th:	Warners Lake	NYSIRA
February 20th:	(Lake TBA)	AMEC
February 26th&27th:	Lake George	NYSIRA

MoHud Brunch at Lake George!

February 27th, 1994

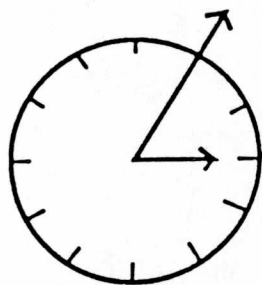
If you're not ice racing yourself, and you're not going to the SCCA National Meeting in Boston, at least come to brunch with us and then go spectate at the Ice Races associated with the Lake George Winter Carnival.

Prices: \$5/person, free for children under 10.

Brunch will be at East Cove, east of Lake George on NY 9L (on the south end of the Lake.) A caravan will be leaving from Exit 12 (Malta) of the Northway, meeting at the (now defunct) Saratoga Outlet Mall.

The caravan will leave at 10:30am sharp; brunch starts at 11:00am.

Call Allison Montgomery if you plan to attend, at 518-237-6307.



LAST MINUTE RACING

ENDURANCE RACING CHAMPIONS

December 19, 1993

Open letter to NYSRRC officials and the workers and officials of the SCCA regions conducting the NYSRRC series:

The drivers of the Last Minute Racing team would like to thank all of the people involved in the New York State Road Racing Championship series in 1993. We greatly appreciate the recognition we received, in the form of a dozen trophies, at the annual awards banquet. With or without the trophies, we also appreciate the opportunity for the fun and enjoyment we had during a season of highly competitive and very well organized races.

While the drivers tend to get the bulk of the recognition, it is the workers and officials who deserve the praise. Without the countless volunteers who work registration, timing and scoring, flag stations, etc., we would not have the opportunity to have our fun on the track. The dedication of the workers was perhaps most evident at the last race of the year at Nelson Ledges. The workers endured a day of cold, damp, snowy weather on Saturday so the drivers who were crazy enough to run in these conditions could get in one last race. We also appreciate the very difficult decision that the officials had in cancelling Sunday's races in the interest of both safety and worker comfort, knowing full well that this decision could affect many drivers' final standings for the year.

We are looking forward to the 1994 season, and we know that we can count on the SCCA regions in New York and New Jersey to provide us with another year of safe, fun, fair, well organized, and competitive racing.

Sincerely,

Rick Kiceniuk

Gary Bossert

Rick Rainey

John Weaver

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This is a complete turn-key car.

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For Sale: 1963 Ford 427 Center Oiler Block. Needs work. \$500. Tom 284-2690 Evenings.

For Sale: 1985 VW Golf Cup Car. Has been raced competitively in the SCCA ITB class. Ready for School or Race. Excellent, must sell. \$3700 or best offer. Call Ira at 518-234-7778 evenings or leave message.

For Sale: Bell XFM-1 full-face helmet. Size 7 1/8. Snell SA85 sticker. Extra shield. I've only worn this helmet a few times. Would like to replace it because the shield opening is too tight to get my glasses through. Make me an offer. ^{53/100}
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News & Events

Upcoming Meetings

General Membership — March 2nd, Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Colonie, 7:30pm

Board — March 21st, Holmes & Watson, Broadway, Troy, 7:30pm

Ride in Jack's Party van to the National Meeting!

The Region-sponsored Van leaves from the Holiday Inn Turf, Noon, Wednesday February 23rd, returning Sunday. Contact Jack Hanifan ASAP to reserve your spot!

Tech Parties

At Consignment Auto, on Central Avenue in Albany. The first date is March 26th, and arrangements for this date must be made with Jack Hanifan (518-438-3754) in advance. The second is April 22nd & 23rd. In any case, contact Jack Hanifan for further information.

Lime Rock/Lebanon Valley Car Show at Latham Circle Mall

Lime Rock is doing it again! The encore to last year's show at Latham Circle Mall will be March 26th & 27th; entrants will receive a free test day at Lime Rock Park. Call Bob Bownes at 518-274-1280 if you're interested.

Ugly Rumor Department

World famous golfer Nigel Mansell was recently observed purchasing a package of Duracell batteries, a Hoover vacuum, and a case of Valvoline at a Target store. Mansell was wearing a rubber Carl Haas mask in order to hide his identity, but nothing can be kept hidden from the **KnockOff's** crack investigative reporting staff!!!



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