

The Knockoff

THE EDITOR'S DESK



Well, I guess it's getting to be that time of the year again. Better put the cover on the pool and get out the leaf rakes. Even though the racing season is winding down, it certainly isn't over yet. There are still some important happenings to be aware of here in the northeast in the next couple of months.

The first important date to mark on your calendars is Columbus Day weekend. The excitement starts on Saturday with a trip to Lime Rock Park for the traditional season finale for the Busch Grand National North racers. Also on the schedule for that day will be the Northeast Super trucks and SCCA classes of racing. The SCCA will be represented that day with races in Improved Touring, Showroom Stock, Touring and the big muscle pony-cars from the American Sedan class.

The excitement of Columbus Day weekend continues on Sunday, October

12 with the 4th Annual ALBANK Benefit Road Rally for the Clifton Park YMCA Barracuda Swim Team. It's only \$10.00 for advanced registration and there is even going to be a special class for minivans! MoHud member Brian McGlinchey is the organizer and the Rallymaster will be Jim Bishop. Check out the flyer in this issue for complete details on the rally.

The New York region will host the 1997 NEDiv Mini Convention November 7-9 at the Westchester Marriott. Highlights include the NARRC awards banquet on Friday and the NESCCA awards on Saturday. For further information call David or Susan Lapham at 914-337-1827.

-Jim-

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Plus... all the usual "stuff"

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4th Annual



Benefit Road Rally
for the
Clifton Park YMCA Barracuda Swim Team

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Solo II Update

What a summer!

I've done 13 Solo Events this year! By the time this is read, I will have been to my first National Championship- so be looking for an article on that.

Since my last writing, we've had a P-lot event and the Berkshire Mall. Both rousing successes with 67 and 46 entrants respectively. We made the most of a small lot at Berkshire and everyone got four runs and went home happy. Most of the New Englanders who attend are glad to get an event there because most NER events are a long way.

Mo-Hud sanctioned an impromptu nationals warmup at Griffiss AFB on August 23rd. It was thinly attended because of the short notice and threat of rain. But everyone drove as much as they wanted on a very good nationals type course. Some as many as 20 runs! Griffiss has been very receptive to Solo II, so look for some more of our events to be held out there. It may be 2 hours away, but it's worth it.

The Solo program is looking for an equipment chair for '98 and the rest of '97. All that's required is to bring the equipment to each event. For this, the chair will be exempt from work assignments and there will be some financial remuneration for expenses. I can continue to hold the timing equipment. I will be actively seeking someone for this role so if you see me coming, you might want to run the other way!

Look for Jim Garry and myself in a Formula Ford at upcoming Mo-Hud events. We're buying one at Nationals and will be campaigning it for at least the next couple years. It's a no-excuses car, it's already won four championships!

See you in between pylons!

Chip

The top ten in the four Mo-Hud Solo II Championship classes are:

*= MoHud member

Name	Points	Class	Car
Diane Palmer	100	I	84 VW GTI
Nancy Farinas	54	I	84 VW Rabbit
*Bill Hudson	50	p	79 Chev Camaro
*DJ McArdle	46	p	87 VW Buggy
*Scott Stickle	33	p	66 Lotus Elan
*Jeff Lloyd	32	p	97 RPI SAE
Chris Bernard	20	p	90 Caterham S-7
Kate Hughes	20	p	Zink Z10-C
John Peterson	20	p	82 VW Scirocco
John Greathead	18	p	Ford Mustang
Paul Krysiak	18	p	85 Honda Civic
Brett Timm	18	p	87 VW GTI 16V
*Bill Bennett	55	sp	87 Mazda RX-7
Glen Watkins	50	sp	82 Chevy
Greg layton	46	sp	84 VW GTI
David McBurnie	44	sp	82 Chevy Camaro
*John Aulisio	41	sp	86 Chevy IROC
*Arn Beebe	34	sp	87 Ford Mustang
John Stanwood	34	sp	82 VW Rabbit
Raymond Palmer	33	sp	84 Volks GTI
Bob Tatterson	29	sp	88 BMW M3
Carmine Russo	26	sp	84 VW GTI
*Dave Kosla	72	s	87 Toyota MR2
*Chip VanSlyke	69	s	95 Plym Neon
*Russ Burckhard	64	s	88 Ford Ranger
*Mike McMullen	54	s	84 Mazda RX-7
*Jim Garry	45	s	84 Mazda GSL-SE
*Harry Adalian	40	s	83 BMW 320
*Andy Furlong	35	s	86 Mazda RX-7
*Brian Tyburski	34	s	89 Ford Probe
Bruce Bellom	33	s	96 Chevy Camaro
*Eric Kroth	29	s	93 Saturn SL2

there in the Mohawk-Hudson Region. Mark your calendars for this weekend of racing activities, in door style! And of course there are still a couple of chances remaining to come out and play before that. The Vintage Sports Car Club of America will be holding their finale at Lime Rock the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd. This is a **LOW KEY** event with a lot of very neat older race cars! And the NASCAR North Busch Series Race scheduled for the weekend of October 15th and 16th (if by chance you are reading this prior to that event) which includes our IT cars in support races, yeah that means Rick Pocock gets another chance to sign autographs!

At any rate I whole heartedly invite one and all to come out and spend some time with us on the track and investigate for yourself exactly what it is all about. If you cannot make one of the remaining competition events then I hope you can make it to the Westchester Marriott in early November, and Join us "ON STATION" at that time.

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Competition

According to Jack Hanifan, Dave Cook has been issued a new Log Book. John Sheridan has made major improvements in his American Sedan Mustang and did his best times yet. He had a big mechanical problem, however, and will spend a lot of time on repairs before running again.

Mike Weir attended the Mosport race on a cold and rainy weekend. He said that the race was organized at the last minute and there were some organizational difficulties that were apparent. Larry and Lynn Morton attended the event as part of their summer vacation and crewed for Mike. A good time was had by all.

Larry suggests scheduling the Thousand Islands State Park in is you are working or attending a race at Mosport.

Jack Hanifan described his birthday present, a trip to the Charlotte, NC IRL race.

Upcoming events rounding out this year's racing season include the Fun One at the Glen and the Twenty Seventh running of the NARRC Runoffs at Lime Rock Park. on September twenty seventh. There is also a one day regional race at New Hampshire I. S. being held on October twenty sixth.

Rich Welty tagged the wall at NHIS but was able to continue and get quicker during his weekend.

New Business

Banquet

Eric Kroth reported on the ongoing preparations for the Awards Banquet scheduled for next January seventieth. There is general satisfaction with the arrangements so they will remain as they were last year.

Nominating Committee and elections

Larry Morton called for three volunteers for this years nominating committee. Jim Bucci has agreed to be the chairman of the committee and Mary Cameron will serve as well.

He then polled the current board members that were present at the meeting as to whether they would be willing to run for their current positions. Treasurer Dave McClumpha will definitely not be running again. Eric Kroth would consider running again for assistant RE, but has not made a decision. All of the other board members that were in attendance said that they will run for their present positions this election.

John Sheridan summed it up. We will need at least one candidate for the following positions: Assistant RE and Activities Director, (possibly) and definitely for Treasurer. It has not been determined if some of the Directors at Large will run again.

Miscellaneous

Larry Morton brought up the possibility of using some of the region's surplus funds for new capitol expenses. Discussed were the possibility of obtaining an equipment van and new computer equipment.

Mike Weir suggested that the regions should consider obtaining a computer that would (also) be used to backstop the Timing and Scoring computer.

The Knock Off computer needs further upgrading to be able to used the scanner effectively.

The November meeting will be devoted to discussing the capitol equipment needs of the region. If you want input as to how your dues are being spent, be sure to be at this meeting.

NARRC Committee

Dick Stewart brought up the scheduling of race groups during two day events. This year he encountered a change that resulted in FV being the first group on the first day and the last group on the second. Larry Morton, our representative to NARRC, will bring up scheduling concerns at their next meeting.

John Sheridan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave McClumpha and the motion was carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Submitted by Dave Wachtel, Secretary

R REGIONAL AMBLINGS

from
Uncle Gene

The INEC Area 11 Championship Gymkhana Run Off at Syracuse turned out to be a real championship event with members from our region being well represented.

We are having difficulty getting on the calendar for 1968 at Lime Rock Park the M-H Drivers' School and Race. This has resulted mainly from the uncertain future of Sports Car racing at Thompson and Bryar. We firmly hope that the basic fundamentals which formed the Sports Car Club of America will provide a basis for a satisfactory solution.

We urge all members to vote in the Club election of 1968 officers. The election and seating of the 1968 officers will be at the Annual Meeting in December 1967. We would like as many members as possible to attend the Annual Meeting, details of which will be in the next Knock-Off. An official ballot will be mailed to all members. This is your only means of voting. No replacement ballots will be available. You may mail the ballot or bring it to the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Governors have appointed committees to investigate the possibility of a Hill Climb license and also a committee to review the insurance problem.

WSNY recently broadcast the Watkins Glen Grand Prix. This was sponsored by our own Bill Kane who recently opened a Sports Car Garage & Lotus dealership on Broadway in Schenectady. Thanks for an afternoon of fine entertainment, Bill.

The following I stole from Sports Car Graphic who stole it from some unnamed Club:

"The membership of Sports Car Clubs are made from 4 Bones.
BACK BONES - are those who get behind every project and do all the work.
WISH BONES - are those who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.
JAW BONES - are those who do all the talking and contribute little of anything more.
KNUCKLE BONES - are those who knock everything that everybody else tries to accomplish.

See you at the next event.

1.2.3.4.5... ARRGH!?

by FLO.T. VALVES

Repairing a car can be a traumatic experience if you're an apartment dweller. All the world, it seems, is curious about automobiles and apartment living means you've gotta work in public.

A while back I was in the enviable position of being flat on my back 'neath a clapped out Chevy trying to coax a few more miles out of the beast. Oil dripping in my face, my head resting demurely in a pool of goo, I couldn't reach anything with a wrench; you know, the whole bag.

After I had successfully resisted, for several hours, the urge to make a huge 4-wheel'd Molotov cocktail, a retired gent happens by.

"Lovely day." "Unnnh." "What's the problem?"
"Unnnhh!" "Pardon me?" "Go soak your head!"

Then the landlady comes down and blows her mind about the crud on the driveway.

Evidently, as long as you're under a car, folks just assume it's OK to "borrow" your tools - particularly S-K $\frac{1}{2}$ " socket sets. Worst of all are kids. I had to chase a rubber hammer for 3 blocks, once.

However, the unkindest, worst, most miserable-awful-terrible thing of all is the scene where you're pooped; you've exhausted your imagination and it still won't work. And you're standing there dragging on a greasy cigarette trying to come up with a new idea when the slinky one from down the hall struts by in short shorts and halter, smiles, and says, "Still at it, huh?"

Arrrrrgghh!

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