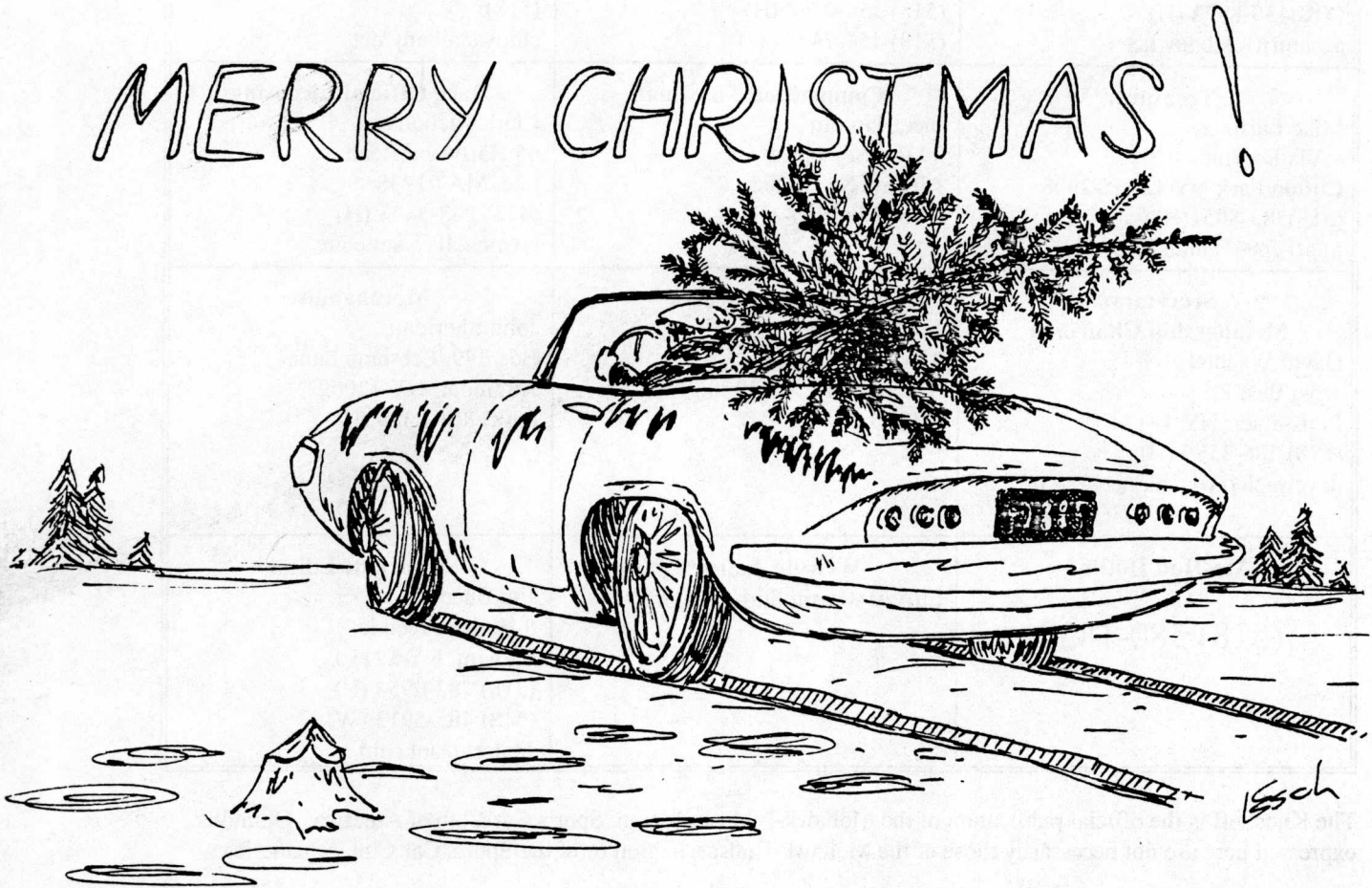


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December 1999



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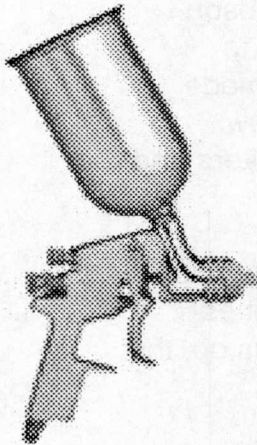
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Modern Paint Systems Clinic

February 2nd 7:30 PM

1. We will review the differences from the Lacquer and Enamel systems to the modern Base Coat Clear Coat systems.



2. High volume low pressure spray guns vs. conventional spray equipment.

3. Modern plastic repair and metal bonding vs. Bondo and welding.

4. Hands on color blending and clear Coating. Bring a respirator if you have one, some will be provided if you don't.

Directions to Todds House:

Northway to exit 13N, take Route 9 north to Saratoga left on Avenue Of The Pines, go straight through Park, 25 MPH!!! Cross Route 50 to Geyser Rd.

Follow Geyser past Saratoga County Airport 1st Right on Stone Church Rd. 1st left on Pheasant Run, Eagles Nest, bear to left 4th house on left #10 Grey contemporary large detached garage to left.

Phone number 885-0841

McDave Report

Well, boys and girls, here it is December already and time for me to put together my last Knock-Off column as R.E. of the Mohawk-Hudson Region. As I put pencil to paper (before I put fingers to keyboard to transmit this thing), I want to thank all of you out there who have made this year as easy as I hoped it would and could be -- from my fellow board members and appointed and volunteer officials, all our workers and drivers and crews and go-fers and the whole membership.

Our fin de siecle year (if you count your years that way) has been a very successful one -- solo events, our regional race, social activities and membership meetings were very good indeed. Membership is up, the treasury's in good shape and the K-O looks good. Thanks again.

Now, let's welcome our new Executive Board. As a result of diligent work by our crack nominating committee, led by Jack (I'll-do-anything-to-keep-off-the-board) Hanifan and John Sheridan, the Region was presented with and the duly elected (at the close of the November meeting) the following officers for 2000:

Regional Executive - Eric Kroth
Assistant Regional Executive - Harry Adalian
Treasurer - Mike Larimer
Secretary - David Wachtel
Activities Director - Chip VanSlyke
Director - John Sheridan
Director - David McClumpha

It's good to see some more young blood injected into our leadership brigade. I wish them all (and me) good luck.

Finally, I would be remiss (and ineligible to have my expenses reimbursed) if I did not report to you on my recent trip to the Northeast Division Mini-Convention on November 12-14, 1999. Hosted by the Philadelphia Region and held at the Desmond Great Valley in Malverne, PA, it was a well run and very informative affair. The notes I took (and those taken by Tom Campbell) are far too extensive to replicate here, but some of the highlights are as follows:

-- there will be new language re: fuels in the 2000 GCR

-- a report on transponders is due the Board of Directors; there will be a single standard nationwide; their use will not be mandatory in 2000; looks like it will be the ABM (or comparable) system

-- the January Sports Car goes back to a standard magazine size/format; FastTrack will be produced in-house

-- the Operations Manual will be reviewed in 2000 for potential changes in 2001

-- the NARRC and NYSRRC schedules are tentatively set (see me and/or the next Knock-Off for details)

-- "Dick Stewart's" Club V tire specs have been approved by NARRC for 2000; also approved by NARRC is a three-year trial class for Spec Miata (pending documentation of allowable specs by the time of the Round Table)

-- the 2000 Round Table will be hosted by the Northeast Pennsylvania Region on March 17-19, 2000 in Scranton, PA. [I have more info on that too.]

Much, much more than this was discussed so try to make the December meeting to learn much, much more. NESCCA trophies and awards were also handed out, much food and beverage was consumed and a good time was had by all (or at least almost all). Drivers - just be sure to follow the transponder issue closely, and race putter-ners too; I'm sure there's a lot more to come.

Anywho, thanks again for the support. It's been swell.

Ta ta,

Mr. Dave

It's that time again...

2000 Mohawk-Hudson SCCA Awards Banquet

Another great night of good food and bench racing.

Date: Saturday, January 15, 2000
Time: cocktail hour 6:30-7:30 p.m.
dinner 7:30 p.m.

Place: La Caravelle Restaurant
(Italian American Community Center)
257 Washington Ave. Extension
Albany, NY
518-456-0292

RSVP: by Jan. 9th to Eric or Maria Kroth
please send bottom form with your payment

Back by popular demand - (anyone want a SAAB book?) - The Chinese Auction!!!
Bring a wrapped, unlabeled gift to participate.

Yes I will be attending the 2000 Mo-Hud Awards Banquet

Name _____

Phone number _____

Number of people attending _____

For my/our entrees we would like: Stuffed Chicken Breast @ \$20.00 each

Grilled London Broil @ \$20.00 each

If you have special dietary needs, please let us know ASAP.

Make checks payable to Mohawk Hudson SCCA

Mail to: Eric and Maria Kroth
540 Huron Rd.
Delmar, NY 12054

518-439-8973 after 5:30 p.m.
518-487-5571 Maria from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Pittsfield Winter Carnival, under the auspices of the Pittsfield Department of Community Services, Parks and Recreation, presents...

Saturday Feb. 12, 2000 - ICE TRIALS - Sunday Feb. 13, 2000

Sanctioned by the Mohawk Hudson Region of the Sports Car Club of America as a **Rally Cross** on the frozen (12" minimum) surface of ONOTA LAKE, in PITTSFIELD Massachusetts
Runs start at 11:00 AM sharp! -- Be there early for drive around (9-10:30AM)

To be held on Onota Lake at the end of Lakeway Drive in Pittsfield Massachusetts. Registration & Headquarters at the Controy Pavilion on Lakeway Drive

That's right, it's another busy two-day, two events Ice Trials weekend. Classes for any type of 4 wheeled vehicle with any type of tires. 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. Jeeps and dune buggies must have roll bars or hard tops. Open vehicles such as dune buggies must have a roll bar and face protection for the driver and may not carry a passenger on course. All classes are duplicated for studded snow tires (standard commercial studding). All vehicles **MUST** have and drivers **MUST** use **SEATBELTS!** Helmets are also required (per GCR's) and must have the proper SNELL 90+ certification. A small number of loaner helmets will be available. Note the newer certification required than years past.

While this event is designed for your everyday street car, a special class for modified vehicles also exists. This class is for any vehicle equipment such as ice racing vehicles, dune buggies, vehicles with locked differentials, and any vehicle with non-standard studs in the tires (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 event chairman or safety inspector. Go-carts, motorcycles and ATV's are **NOT** allowed to enter. Again, all vehicles Must have and drivers must use **SEATBELTS** and **HELMETS!**

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 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 the nearest thousandth of a second. 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 9:00 AM (or maybe earlier) (along with familiarization runs?) and continues throughout the event. Missed runs will not be made up. Timed runs will start at 11:00 AM sharp each day. Cars run in numerical and run order whenever possible. Entrants may enter more than one vehicle. The different vehicles may be in the same or 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 for the same vehicle will be issued at least 4 apart to allow for driver changes. Event entry fee is \$20.00 per day per entrant. Loaner cars are anticipated to be available for a gasoline fee.

Event status? PLEASE call Clark's answering machine Friday and Saturday nights immediately prior to events the following day to check status of that day's event. Each morning when I leave for the lake (~7AM) I will update the message. Please be aware that we may need to postpone or cancel the event, for whatever reason. If you are traveling any distance to this event, please call the answering machine for an update. I will most likely NOT be able to return messages due to a busy schedule. E-mailers: Please subscribe to the Ice-Trials mailer for up to the minute updates prior to the event. To do so, send a message "subscribe ice-trials" to majordomo@digest.net and read the instructions in the reply messages to authenticate your subscription! Pictures from previous events are on the web at: <http://members.xoom.com/CWNicholls/Carnival/ITpict.html> and the Pittsfield Winter Carnival website is at: <http://members.xoom.com/CWNicholls/Carnival> Capital letters count, watch out!

ICE TRIALS EVENT CHAIRMAN:

Dave Kosla DKosla1023@aol.com 50 Maryland Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201 413-443-6152 - or for info -
Clark W. Nicholls CWNicholls@aol.com 65 Hartwood Road, Lee, MA 01238 413-243-3433



2000 Mohawk-Hudson Region Solo II schedule

April 30 P-Lot, Albany, N.Y.

May 28 Stratton Air National Guard Base, Scotia, N.Y.

June 11 Griffiss

(dependant upon approval from Central NY Region)

July 16 Adirondack Community College

August 20 Stratton Air National Guard Base, Scotia,

September 17 P-Lot, Albany, N.Y.

October 15 Brodie Mtn, New Ashford, MA

(this is the only non points event of our season)

**SCCA NORTHEAST DIVISION
YEAR 2000
PRELIMINARY RACE SCHEDULE**

DATES	NATIONALS	REGIONALS	SCHOOLS
Mar 18 & 19	?ROUNDTABLE?	??LOCATION??	NEPA
Mar 25 & 26		SCCA/ITON 24	WDC/Summit Point
April 01 & 02			
April 08 & 09			
April 15 & 16	WDC/Summit Point	NER/NHIS (15)	Quad/NelsonLedges NER/NHIS (16)
April 22 & 23Easter			
April 29 & 30	NER/LRP (28-29)	WDC/Summit Point	
May 06 & 07		STCT/Nelson Dbl NER/NHIS (7)	NER/NHIS (6)
May 13 & 14Mother			
May 20 & 21	MVR-STCT/Nelson	NNJ/Pocono Dbl GLEN/Glen (20-21)	TRI/Pocono (19) GLEN/Glen (19-20)
May 27, 28 & 29			
June 03 & 04		WDC/Summit E/2-3	
June 10 & 11		NYR-NER/LRP(10)	NYR-NER/LRP(9)
June 17 & 18Father	FLR/Glen	WDC/Summit	
June 24 & 25	TRI/POCONO	TRI/Pocono	
July 01 & 02		NNJ/LRP 1 & 3 RR MoHud/LRP 4	
July 08 & 09		WDC/Summit FLR/Nelson Ledges	
July 15 & 16	GLEN/Glen	NER/LRP (14-15)	
July 22 & 23		NER/NHIS Dbl	
July 29 & 30		WDC/Summit GLEN/Glen (30)	
Aug 05 & 06	TRI/Pocono		
Aug 12 & 13		NNJ/LRP (11-12)	
Aug 19 & 20		MVR/Nelson Dbl	
Aug 26 & 27	NER/NHIS		
Sept 02, 03 & 04	WNY/Mosport 2-3	WDC/Summit Dbl	
Sept 09 & 10		NER/NHIS Dbl	
Sept 16 & 17		FLR/Glen 15-16-17	
Sept 23 & 24		WDC/Summit	
Sept 30 & Oct 01		NYR/LRP 29-30 NARRC Runoffs	
Oct 02 thru 08	2000 SCCA	VALVOLINE	RUNOFFS
Oct 07 & 08			
Oct 14 & 15		GLEN/Glen 14-15 NER/LRP 14-RR-IT/AS	GLEN/Glen 13-14
Oct 21 & 22		MVR/Nelson Dbl	
Oct 28 & 29		WNY/Nelson	WDC/Summit
Nov 04 & 05	CONVENTION	RACIPPINI	HILTON / NNJ

11/8/99 Northeast Division Scheduling, Donna P. McDonough

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA

NYSRRC POINTS AS OF 11/1/99
 This list includes all drivers that have
 NYSRRC stickers as of 9/19/1999
 @ indicates event and track
 requirements met

ITA

276	Kurt Thiel	FLR @
167	Michael Frost	NNJ @
143	Brian Blizzard	MoHud @
133	Andrew King	NNJ @
77	Dave Adams	ATL
71	Mark Cefalo	NePa @
67	Nick DiMeo	SNJ
64	Anthony Serra	NER
63	Don Jurusik	MoHud
51	Jennifer Argyle	NER @
49	Scott Critchett	NNJ
49	Philippe Manuel	NYR
48	Bill Zick	NNJ
48	Bruce Perry	FLR
47	Rich Kicenuik	NNJ
43	Don Vigliotti	NYR
43	Richard Smith	FLR
41	Larry Hebeler	WNY
40	George Morris	FLR @
19	Shawn Dewey	WDC
10	Wendell Holmes	NYR
8	Daniel Hall	CenPa
7	Matthew Yip	WDC
4	Marvin Johnson	NER
4	Gerald Matlin	NYR
2	Robert Reid	NER

ITB

203	David Zaslow	NYR @
155	Rick Pocock	MoHud @
127	Daniel Thiel	FLR
101	Alejandro Anduze	NER @
100	Joel High	NNJ @
97	Denis Schembri	Glen @
71	John Weaver	Phila
69	Greg Subtelny	Glen
65	Todd Boice	MoHud @

59	Patrick Pegues	WDC
49	Robert Byers	WNY
36	Mike Ciansiosi	FLR
35	Marty Raguckas	Phila
31	Ed Tucker	CNY
28	Dan Wiltsie	MoHud
27	Eric Pederson	NER @
24	David Toy	WDC
23	Stephannie Furst	NER
22	Nathan Hamlich	Glen
20	Tom Burke	ONT
19	Paul Sedia	NYR
19	David Reulet	MoHud
17	Paul Mandell	NYR
13	Al Perotti	NER
13	Johannes Larsen	NER
11	Eric Hiltner	NeOh
11	Richard Gleason	NER
10	Susan May	NER
10	Butch O'Connor	NNJ
6	Jerry Stewart	OVR
1	Steve Hedderton	NNJ

ITC

193	Johannes Krauss	NYR @
75	Andrew Appleton	NER @
69	Scott McAllister	FLR @
68	Ed Heffron	CNY
57	T. J. Hanifan	MoHud @
48	Joe Gumkowski	WNY @
47	Tom O'connor	Glen @
46	Herb Minor	CNY @
34	Jeff Haines	NNJ
32	Meg Meyer	WNY
28	Roger LaVine	NER @
28	Bob Mac Donald	FLR
16	Mary Britton	WNY
12	David English	WNY
8	Steve Heddeston	NNJ
6	Gary Ernst	FLR

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ITS

247	Jim Nichols	NER @
119	Alex Krugman	NYR @
82	Steve Baxter	FLR
65	Karl Bocchieri	NYR @
58	Laurence Oliva	NER @
54	Eric King	SJR @
48	Bob Roraback	NYR
41	Russell Strate Jr.	WNY @
34	Brian Reilly	NER
32	Richard Madia	Glen
27	Jay Hughes	FLR
20	Mike Maites	NER
16	Douglas Holmes	NER
3	Kirk Dohne	WDC
1	Taimor Afshar	NYR

ITE

175	Woodie Weiss	NER @
53	Jim Thompson	Glen
34	Will Dannert	NePa
29	Jon Valentine	NePa
28	Vic Franzese	Glen
21	Don Jaffe	NER

SSASSB

110	Brian Cooper	Glen @
50	Larry Tribble	NER @
34	Lew Giesy	FLR

SSC

169	Joel Lipperini	NePa @
74	Edwin Robinson	CNY @
40	Alan Dukes	NePa
36	Jack Keller	NNJ
33	John Williamson	FLR
29	Mary Hartman	FLR @
20	George Bloeser	Phila
15	John Boloni	NYR

AS

71	Darin Kreiss	Susq
67	Jeffrey Philips	CNY
67	Harris Topel	WNY @
55	Mike Fantacone	CNY
33	James Sheridan	MoHud @
26	Bruce Barletta	FLR
26	Kent Johnson	FLR
21	Chuck Fernandez	NER
15	John Sherican	MoHud
13	John Masters	NER
11	Travis Stevens	MoHud
7	Tom Brown	Glen @

GT1

68	Charles Baylor	NePa @
67	Jim Brown	Glen @
48	Jeanette Udway	MOHUD
38	Alan Friedman	NER

GT2

61	Keith Bauer	Glen
20	Roy Delonga	NER

GT3

40	Marc Cefalo	NePa
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GT4

35	Todd Walrich	NYR
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GT5EP

96	William Smith	WDC @
59	Robert Smart	MoHud @
52	Bob Jones	BIMt
35	Brian Zukawski	NePa
20	Walter Michael	SJR

FP

56	David Kicak	Glen
21	David Sklarz	NER
15	William Leitner	NER

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GP

82 Mark Dennis FLR @

HP

20 Ken Franke Fla

CSR

77 Michael A. Jacobs MOHUD @

14 Bruce Pogue FLR

DSRS2000

136 Chuck Krueger FLR @

99 Darryl Shoff NePa @

75 Gerhard Zimmerman NePa

55 Bo Hammarling NYR @

47 Jack Little NER @

FA

84 Doug Spranger NYR

12 Wilbur Dowdle Glen

FC

197 Matt Pullano Glen @

168 Oscar Rossini NNJ @

86 Douglas Kniffin NYR @

65 Dennis Hanratty Susq

59 Chris Brown SNJ

37 Sam Collier NYR @

36 Paul Sweeney NER

25 Bob Stafford NER @

22 Brian Scotti Glen

18 Nick Clark NER

12 Vincent R. Zarate Phila

10 Jim Little NYR

6 Colin Murphy NER

CF

93 Mark Loucks FLR @

30 Thor Zaluckyj NYR

21 Glen Brooks Phil

FF

99 Bob Buono Glen @

95 Steve Stas NNJ @

91 Bryan Pacelli CenFl @

73 John Reggio NYR

60 Kent Sawyer Glen

45 James Quaile MOHUD @

34 Dave Petzo Phila

22 Eddie Callo NER

20 Al Ragukas NePa

20 Rob Craig Glen

17 Stefan Nikolof NNJ

8 Charles Cook NYR

SRF

232 Ian Prout NER @

184 Mark Fickenscher MaVal @

149 Michael Feno NNJ @

85 Bob DeVol NER @

80 Vic Kicera Susq

73 James Liu NYR @

71 Geoff Pinello NER @

67 Dale Furnia NYR

61 Adam Zimmerman Phila @

52 Karl Burke NYR @

51 Peter Phillips, Jr. Susq

48 Donald Kahn NER

44 John Walsh FLR @

34 Ellis Shafer Phila

33 Anthony Karzen WDC

24 Art Scheurer NNJ

20 Tim Masters NNJ

15 Don MacCluskie Susq

9 Hans Angping SJR

8 Michael Cohen Phila

4 Ray Gilman MoHud

1 Jim Aranda NNJ

F500

99 Ademir Fedumenti NER @

61 Chris Mosley NNJ @

39 Bart Golinkiewicz NER

32 Harry Krakenburg MoHud @

11 Jack Eastwood NER

FV

- 214 Bruce McIntosh Phila @
- 204 Timothy Remmers NER @
- 113 Richard Stewart MOHUD @
- 95 James Klinklaus CNY @
- 77 Arnold Carbaugh, JR. Glen
- 56 Dennis Potocki WNY
- 52 David Riggi MOHUD
- 38 Gary Viccaro Glen
- 38 Grant Reynolds WDC @
- 32 Robert Swinehart FLR @
- 31 Bruce Rodman NER
- 27 Gary Britton WNY
- 21 Tammy Oswald BluMtn
- 18 James Thomas NePa
- 17 James Knab FLR
- 15 Fred Capper SJR
- 12 Bill Connery Phila
- 9 Bobby Basso Glen
- 7 John Maloney NePa
- Bob Browne MoHud

WANTED: Energetic, devoted racing fan to administer to the best regional racing series in the northeast. Duties include distributing points to interested parties. Party planning skills a must. Must be organized with at least 4 hours a week to spend on this project. Need not have experience or license to apply. SCCA membership required.

I need to turn the series over to some new blood. What keeps this series going is the involvement of the membership. My 3 years are almost up and I need to find someone to take my place. Please let me know if you or anyone you know is interested.

Meridith



Monthly Membership Report 11/16/99**New member report**

From: 09/24/99 to: 11/16/99.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comm</u>
Richard C. Burnley Sr (518) 383-2357 (H)	10/19/99	Clifton Park	NY	
Michael Copolla	10/28/99	E Nassau	NY	
Daniel Shafer (914) 471-5760 (H)	10/05/99	Hyde Park	NY	

Interests update generated on: 11/16/99.

Club Racing

Kelly Beaulac (518) 664-4962 (H)	Mechanicville	NY
David Ferguson (518) 674-2382 (H)	Sand Lake	NY

Pro Racing

Kelly Beaulac (518) 664-4962 (H)	Mechanicville	NY
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Solo

David Ferguson (518) 674-2382 (H)	Sand Lake	NY
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Anniversary Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
Nancy Dolin	12/14/94	5.0

There are 372 members in the region.

Advice for renewing membership

There was a mix up with a membership renewal that was submitted at an event held during the late summer. This resulted in the member being dropped! I've contacted him and the National office and he will be renewing, hopefully with his member number, licenses and so on intact.

If a participant wishes to renew at an event, workers are reminded to advise the member to either renew through the National office in the usual way or to call or e mail me for guidance should there be a problem.

Members should be aware that if they are late with their renewals, they aren't dropped immediately. There is a grace period of indeterminate length, generally a couple of months. You should renew as soon as possible upon receiving your notice, however. If you are too late, you will be dropped and lose your tenure, license privileges and possibly your current membership number.

If your renewal notice from National has not been received when expected, contact me so I can find out what happened.

Member Information - Membership Directory

A preliminary version of the membership directory has been e-mailed to members for review. If you have new e-mail address, phone number or address change, please let me know. Also inform the national office of the changes. Let me know of any changes as soon as possible as we want to publish before the end of November.

Given the number of replies to correct bad data, there seems to be a lot of inaccurate information in the database.

Since I get all of the membership information from National except for e-mail addresses and URL's, it is important that if any of your information changes you inform Membership Services at the National Office. I can change your information locally, but unless National is informed, they will have inaccurate information in their database. Some confusion can therefore arise when I get my member updates from National. Phone numbers and zip codes are particularly prone to getting "out of sync".

Thanks

Submitted by:

Dave Wachtel
Secretary/Membership chairman

C.A. FOSTER

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(518) 677-3057

Minutes of the November 1999 General Membership Meeting

The general membership meeting for November, held at The Orchard Restaurant, was called to order by Dave McClumpha, R.E., on 11/03/99 at 7:27 PM.

Reports from Officers, committees

Membership

Dave Wachtel reported that the membership stands at 370 members. This represents a loss of seven members. (Two of which were made up after the meeting for a net loss of five.)

A report on the number of members having significant anniversaries was given.

There are seventy three members with over five years continuous membership, forty five with ten years, thirteen with fifteen years, ten with twenty years, eight with twenty five years, five with thirty years, two with thirty-five years, forty and forty-five years. One hundred and fifty nine members have been in the region for over five years. The top three are: John Barber (otherwise know as Skip) at forty years, Henry W. Desormeau and S. Morrow Decker at forty five years each, with S.Morrow winning by one month!

Treasurer

Mike Larimer reported the current financial state of the Region. The payment for the Volvo race have been received. This was the largest source of income at \$100.00 per entry. The fee for putting on the Volvo race party has not been received, but it is a relatively small amount. All other expenses and income for the race have been settled.

Assistant R.E.

Eric Kroth reported that the awards banquet has been scheduled for Jan 15, 2000 and will be at the Italian American Community Center as usual. *(Please confirm the date. There should be an application elsewhere in this issue of the KO)*

Competition

Competition Chairman Jack Hanifan reported the finishing positions achieved by MoHud competitors who raced during the Bush Weekend at the Glen.

Jack urged the regions drivers to get information about their racing exploits to him so that the recipients of the various drivers awards can be selected. These awards will be presented at the annual banquet.

The NARRC banquet will be held at Parsippany, New Jersey on November sixth.

Region member Kurt Weiss went to the National Championship Runoffs this year and finished fifteenth.

Solo

Chip VanSlyke presented a summary of the recent Brodie Mountain Ski area solo event. He was amused that some competitors arrived at seven thirty in the morning, well before any of the officials had arrived. He thanked Harry Adalian for his efficient organization of tech inspection. Due to the small size of the parking lot the limit for entries was placed at fifty. There were forty five to forty seven entries.

Merchandise

John Sheridan has rule books and etc. available at deep discounts. He has also received the membership tenure list from the membership chairman and he and R.E. Dave McClumpha will be deciding how many pins to order from National.

Old Business

Membership Directory

Dave Wachtel announced that there will be a new membership directory released in November. A preliminary version will be been emailed to members for correction.

Banquet

The banquet will be held at the Italian American community center on Saturday, January 15, 2000. A "Chinese" auction will be held.

Driver result summaries

The region's racing drivers should submit a synopsis of their season or of their best event of the year to be considered for appropriate awards at the banquet. Please send them to Competition Director Jack Hanifan.

Radios

Local volunteer fire departments will be changing over to a different radio system. Current radios are similar to the ones that the region uses. Harry Adialan will look into the possibility of purchasing some of these used radios for the region. There is an informal cap on the price per radio of fifty dollars. He will check with various sources for used radios and report back to the board.

Racetrack Sites

Dave McClumpha reported on the status of the New England Region's racetrack committee. It seems that the progress in identifying a site and identifying the procedures necessary for contracting and funding is proceeding slowly.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is being chaired by Jack Hanifan.

Jack announced the nominations as follows.

Regional Executive: Eric Kroth; Assistant R.E.: Harry Adialan; Secretary: Dave Wachtel; Treasurer: Mile Larimar; Activities Director: Chip VanSlyke; Directors at large: Dave McClumpha and John Sheridan.

New Business

Election of officers for 2000

Dave McClumpha called for petitions for proposed candidates from the members present at the meeting. Since there were none. Since the slate of candidates proposed by the nominating committee was unopposed, a motion was put forth for a vote as follows:

Clark Nicholls proposed the following motion, to wit:

Motion : To authorize the Secretary to cast a single vote on behalf of the membership at large to elect the slate of candidates for the Mohawk Hudson Board of Directors as put forward by the official nominating committee.

Second: Jack Hanifan

Vote: A voice vote of the membership in attendance was taken and the motion was carried..

Pursuant to the motion, the secretary cast a single vote thereby electing the slate of candidates as described above.

The board of directors for the year 2000 is composed as follows:

Regional Executive: Eric Kroth; Assistant R.E.: Harry Adialan; Secretary: Dave Wachtel; Treasurer: Mile Larimar; Activities Director: Chip VanSlyke; Directors at large: Dave McClumpha and John Sheridan.

Race

Our Tuesday, July 4, 2000 Race date has been accepted. Just what events are occurring before our date is in a state of flux, however.

National Run Off reimbursement

As is customary, MoHud members competing at the National Championships are eligible for "tow money".

John Sheridan proposed the following motion, to wit:

Motion : Upon receipt of an article to be published in the Knock Off, an amount of money sufficient to cover the registration fee for the National Championship Runoffs will be awarded to any MoHud member that attended the event as a competitor.

Second: Lee Shallar

Vote: A voice vote of the membership in attendance was taken and the motion was carried..

National Runoff tapes

John Sheridan proposed the following motion, to wit:

Motion : To authorize the purchase of a set of video tapes of the 1999 Runoffs from Speed Vision.

Second: Dick Stewart

Vote: A voice vote of the membership in attendance was taken and the motion was carried..

"Minicon" expense reimbursement

Jack Hanifan proposed the following motion, to wit:

Motion : To authorize the payment of expenses incurred by an official MoHud representative to this years MiniCon.

Second: Eric Kroth

Vote: A voice vote of the membership in attendance was taken and the motion was carried..

Misc.

Virginia International Speedway

Greg Rickes updated the members on the status of VIR which is now managed by Mike Rand. He reports that the track paving has been completed and the resurrection of the facility is going well. Members are welcome to drop in and see VIR and visit with Mike if they are in the area.

Tom Campbell National BOD Report

Tom recounted his experiences at the Runoffs. He was able to view some of the event from the Speed Vision production trailer. They covered the event with thirteen cameras. Dorsey Schroeder and Tom Kendall lent their expertise as announcers for the event. Tom said that the teamwork involved in coordinating the coverage was "amazing".

There were over six hundred and fifty competitors and about one thousand workers at the event.

The relationship between SCCA and Speed Vision is good and they are committed to televising the Runoffs in the future.

In response to a question, Tom reported that the drive to Mid Ohio is an easy drive of about nine hours.

The management of SCCA is working on the presidential succession issue should Nick Craw not continue in the position.

There was some discussion of engine protest procedures and fees as well as illegal fuel detection. Dick Stewart was particularly concerned with these issues. Tom reported that SCCA will be using a fuel tester at least at the Runoffs. This is the same equipment that is use buy the NHRA and is reliable and simple to use.

John Sheridan asked about the status of the Trans Am series. Tom replied that the club has hired a professional marketing firm to find sponsorship for the various SCCA pro series, including the Trans Am. The Pro Racing program lost money this year.

Tom related the events leading up the Chrysler decision to cease supporting SCCA programs and classes. The main issue was perceived inequalities involving balancing of performance potential via the so-called "trunk kits".

Tom described the situation with respect to transponders that will be used eventually for timing and scoring at SCCA races. Recommendations regarding systems and procedures (rent/purchase by competitors, etc.) should be communicated to the National Board. This will be a "big topic" at the NEDIV convention and at the National Convention next year.

Next Membership Meeting

The next general membership meeting will be held at the Orchard on December 1. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Dave McClumpha adjourned the meeting at 9:38 PM

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HOW TO QUIT RACING in 19 simple steps by Mickey LeVan

This is a story that needs telling. All of us have read many articles on how to get started racing, "Guide to Competition Driving" or "Race Your MG", etc. That's fine... but.. now that we are racing, how do we stop? Let's consider the various methods of quitting racing.

First, there is what is commonly known as COLD TURKEY. This is accomplished in two basic manners. The first and most common is usually involuntary, caused generally by the total destruction of a piece of uninsured machinery worth many thousands of dollars. Occasionally the driver is destroyed also, in which case it is not necessary for him to read this article. Among the other reasons under this heading are the various forms of bankruptcy which seem to be a result of excessive engine blowups. Perhaps the least of valuable reasons is the threat of divorce. It is an unwise wife that would force the choice between racing and marriage. There seems to be a correlation between the number of "pit lizards" accompanying a car and how well the driver does (racing, of course). There are withdrawal symptoms to this form of quitting. Among these are putting Castrol R in the martinis, Abarth mufflers on the Nash Ramblers, and worst of all coming to a complete shuddering halt each time a red flag is observed on a construction barricade. Ex-competition drivers will occasionally display unusual symptoms when they hear the loud or open exhausts on sports cars. Great care should be taken to prevent this. Should this happen the ex-driver will go into a glassy-eyed trance with his arms stretched forward holding an imaginary steering wheel, while making motor sounds deep in his throat. The most common treatment is to pull the poor chap's wallet out of his pocket for him and show him he really has money in it. A great deal of scientific data indicates this is the best remedy.

Second, there is what some call the STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL. Most commonly the driver has his car up on jacks for some apparently serious modifications. On race weekends the driver might let it be known that he is passing up this race because the car isn't ready or a critical part is still enroute from overseas. This ruse is good for years if worked right. Some of the better exponents of this system have told this author in unguarded statements that they don't even have engines in their cars. In fact, one car was welded to the jacks. This brings to mind the strategy called PASSIVE WITHDRAWAL. The basic philosophy is the same as the strategic withdrawal with the exception that the driver actually tows his car to the races only to explain to all within earshot that the car blew a valve or the giggeling pin hung up on the canoting valve, and he has to sit this race out. This takes a great deal of mastery, but the rewards are greater than any other system. A really keen practicer of this can have a pit full of admirers to console our would-be hero driver. A final touch is to carry the helmet around all day lamenting the woes of broken engines (that in some cases don't exist).

Were these two basic systems in some form or other to fail and the desire to compete in Sports Car Racing still remains, stronger measures are indicated. I suggest then that the driver be sent to Quitter's School. Many of these formal schools are conducted by SCCA regions throughout the country. The student must first be a driver, then upon recommendation of his Psychiatrist or his banker he is enrolled.

HOW TO QUIT RACING - continued

The first segment of the quitter's school is a blackboard session showing how money could be used to pay bills, feed his family, and even invest. Next films are shown of people actually buying automobiles with back seats, driving these cars for years and then GOD FORBID trading them for newer cars before they are worn out. Finally a long talk is given on gardening, collecting stamps or coins and playing championship bridge. A refresher course is optional in lawn cutting, house painting and garden weeding. If these pointers are followed, they will help reduce the withdrawal symptoms.

Upon graduation from this course the ex-driver is given a certificate attesting to his sanity and a great banquet is held during which time the ex-hero is introduced to a lovely woman who is his wife. Following this tearful reunion a warning is given that he is not to even ride a bicycle with wire wheels or over-rev the lawn mower. In case there is a temporary remission or temptation to return to the old ways a phone number is given for him to call. This number is known as CDA.....COMPETITION DRIVERS ANONYMOUS.

RESULTS OF FOUR CLUB RALLY

	<u>Driver-Navigator</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Placed</u>
1.	Chas Smithlen-Eleanor Smithlen	10	16	12	3	8
2.	Mickey LeVan-Steve Donachie	9	9	9	14	8
3.	Al Nash - Marilyn Nash	6	24	3	7	7
4.	Wm VanAlstine- Philip VanAlstine	23	21	23	24	24
5.	G.Luther Jones - H. W. Jacobs	12	1	14	1	5
6.	Geo Calamai - Michael Dailey	2	4	25	9	7
7.	Stan Bubar - Judy Bubar	21	7	16	9	10
8.	Butch Sciarra - Lil Sciarra	3	3	4	8	1
9.	Leon Provost - Ruth Provost	13	4	29	29	18
10.	Connie LeVan - Betty Cleiss	16	10	7	5	6
11.	Warren Larrabee - Irene Guarino	22	13	14	9	11
12.	Harry Barnes - Marjorie Barnes	14	23	29	29	22
13.	J. Michael Brennan - ML Brennan	27	20	20	17	19
14.	Ronnie Bedard - John Lazarczyk	18	14	6	22	12
15.	Roly Heacox - Gene Birdsey	11	10	8	5	5
16.	Ron Lilly - Bob Claffie	1	4	13	15	4
17.	Victor D'Aniello - Robert Fern	5	18	21	23	15
18.	Bob Brown - Bob Marty	4	27	10	29	16
19.	Adah Sanderson - Jean Sanderson	8	26	19	9	14
20.	Joe Livecchi - Mary Bushika	25	25	1	16	15
21.	B. R. Stepp - C. A. Winsor	20	14	11	13	11
22.	Ronald Taylor - Edward Sikora	24	1	22	3	9
23.	Ron Schongar - Mary Abbott	26	22	24	21	21
24.	Gordon Nichols - Harry Neunder	19	17	18	19	17
25.	Ed Hopkins - Don Bennett	15	7	1	18	8
26.	Howard Hayes - Melba Hayes	7	10	5	1	2
27.	James Hawley - Jackie Collins	29	19	17	20	20
28.	John Weber - Dorothy Weber	17	28	29	29	23
29.	John Lusher - Helen Lusher	28	29	29	29	25

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