

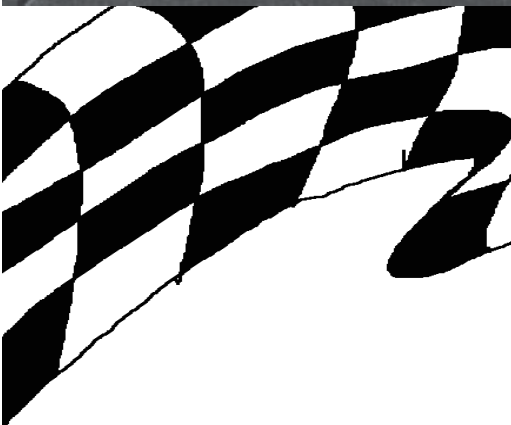
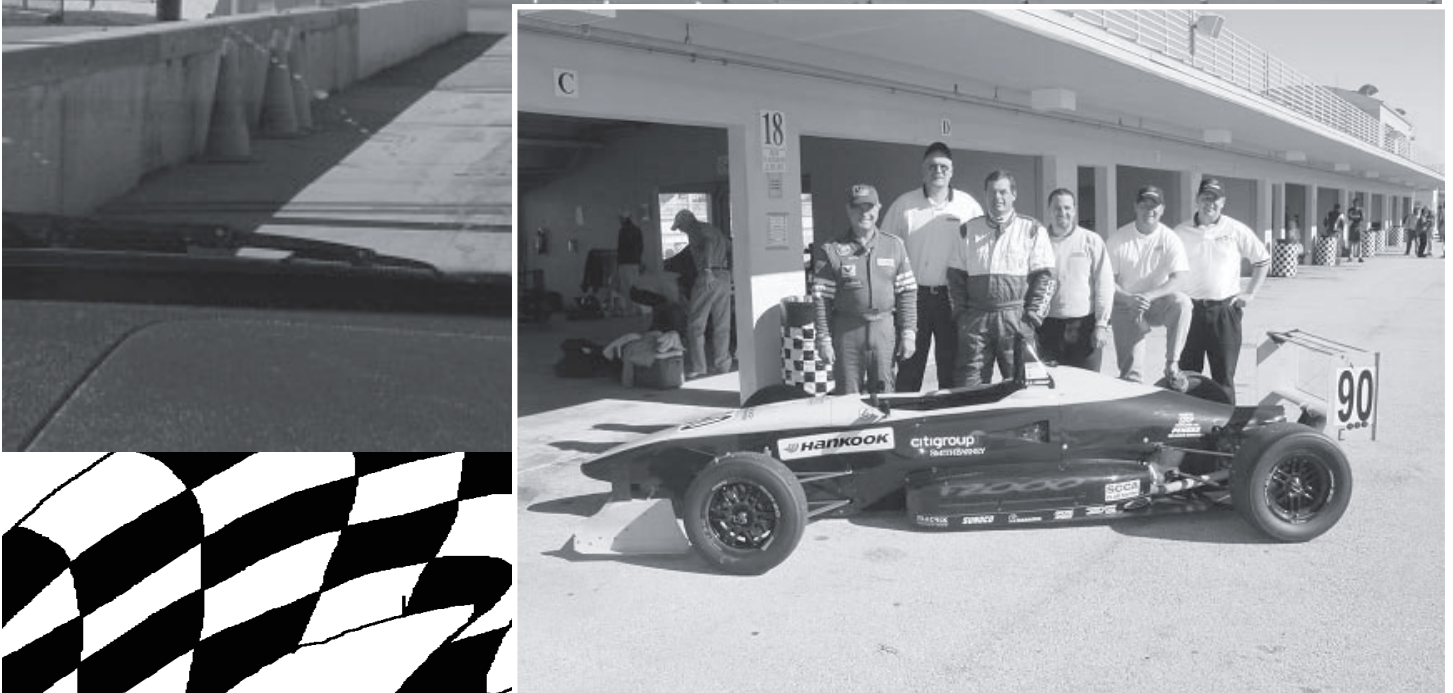
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Bob Wright, the Guibords and crew relax in the sun after their 3car team finished the Homestead National Race in Florida this past January.

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The **REport**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MO-HUD!!!!

The official date of incorporation was January 30, 1956. Dave McClumpha has agreed to chair a committee, along with Peter Kroth and Jim Bucci, to plan an anniversary event. Anyone interested in participating should contact Dave.

On the club business side, I have received the contracts from Lime Rock for our July 4th Regional race. I received a call from Steve Potter; the general manager of Lime Rock Park, to let me know Lime Rock/Skip Barber has petitioned the town to amend the injunction governing the track. This will have huge repercussions for Mo-Hud as well as SCCA. One change being requested is moving Test and Tune days from Tuesday to Thursday, which would be a good change to racers who want to dial in their cars before a race and not have to tow their car home before race day. Another change, that I don't think would affect us, is to allow motorcycle racing. The change that most concerns me is the request to allow Sunday afternoon racing when July 4th

falls on a weekday. Mo-Hud's Race day has historically been on July 4th. This would mean Mo-Hud, and just as importantly SCCA, will lose an unmuffled race day. This would occur because the Sunday afternoon time would be given to the GrandAm or Bush North Series. I am very disappointed given our history over many years supporting Lime Rock that it has now come to a point where SCCA is being shut out. Steve Potter told me we would know by May 1st as to the outcome of the hearing. This will leave us in limbo until that time. If the injunction changes are granted, our July 4th race day will be limited to a muffled event, which would restrict race classes and overall participation. We will have to sit tight and hope for the best for this year, but the direction this is heading is not encouraging for future dates at Lime Rock. I will keep you informed of any new developments.

I will be attending the National Convention in Kansas City February 2-5 and will report on all the activities.

As a reminder, submissions to the KO should now be e-mailed to Lisa Hanifan and the deadline is the 15th of the month. I do look forward to any input.
Gene



Latest News from the **COMPETITION CORNER** ...*Jack Hanifan*

As reported last month, the John Stim Memorial Race is scheduled for the Fourth of July, 2006. This is a Tuesday and we plan to have a one-day NYSRRC/NARRC Regional. The track is not giving us a firm commitment until May, so there might be a change.

The 2006 GCRs are in the mail, you should have received it by the time you read this. Take the opportunity to read through it and note any changes. There is a black bar in the margins when there is a change from last year. The new wording is in *Italics*. One important change is on starts. On page 47 Section 7.5.4, clarifies the starting procedure and the obligations of the front row. *"Once the pace car pulls off for the start, the pole car shall maintain the speed of the pace car just prior to the pace car pulling off."*

This means the front row drivers may not pass the pace car until the Green Flag has been displayed.

If you have any questions about the expiration of your safety belts, you will find the answers on pages 122 and 123 of the GCR.

Although not a change, remember GCR page 91-**effective 1/1/07, Snell SA95 helmets will no longer be permitted (e.g.) SA2000 minimum**), so if you find a good deal on a helmet buy it for 2007.

Racing continued through the winter with MoHud Drivers going south. Bob Wright ran his FC at the Sebring and Homestead Nationals; Pete Smith qualified well with his SM but had mechanical difficulties and did not run the race. MoHud members Dave and Lenore Panas and my self worked both races.

*Dave Panas works at
Homestead, FL race.*



Jack Hanifan

Winter Racing

I hope to do some ice racing this year but early January found us in Florida visiting the Smith's and going racing. I drove Lisa's car to Lake Wales where I met Pete (Smith), Thom O'Connor and the Argyles. Bill and Jennifer Argyle are from NER and run a FC. We all convoyed the 20 miles to Sebring and went through Registration. Joyce Hayward, formerly of WNY Region, was Registration Chief. She did an excellent job.

Racing was not the best for us. Pete had problems with the SM and didn't race although he qualified well. Thom was frustrated with the long tech lines and decided not to race--they did over 300 annuals. Bob Wright was there, doing well with the FC. Bob, the Guibord's and Mike Rand are testing both the Zetec engine and Hankook tires for the new series. Bob and his team should be thanked for investing a lot of time, money, and energy for the good of the sport.

I was Chairman of the Stewards for the event and we had 29 actions keeping us at the track until 8:30pm on Sunday night. I didn't get to see a lot of racing so my report is very limited.

Tuesday, after the race, found the Hanifan's and Smith's driving to Homestead where we left Pete's SUV and trailer then continued back up the east coast to Palm City where we spent the night with Bob Henderson an old friend, driver and steward from Geneva, NY. Bob had invited us to go with him to the Homestead Race on his 46 foot Sea Ray boat. We left his home and went out into the Atlantic following the coast south to South Beach Miami where we spent the night at the Miami Marina. There are rumors that certain members of the crew became seasick because of the rough weather. South Beach was a fun time with great food. Thursday morning we departed for Homestead via Biscayne Bay. The weather and sea were much more delightful. That evening Bob took us to the Capri Restaurant in Homestead where surprisingly we were seated next to Dave and Lenore Panas, dining with Pete Magnuson, Chief Steward for the event. During dinner we were

greeted by a number of familiar people including Joe Stimola and Steve Lewis.

The Homestead facility is gorgeous, a mile track with the road racing circuit completely inside the oval. I only had six or so laps on the course with the pace car but it looks like a great course to drive and if you get the opportunity do not pass on it. The transition from the road course to the oval is great. This was the first weekend they used NASCAR 3 & 4 for road racing and it was well received. The facilities are almost as nice as NHIS but there are definitely a lot more palm trees. I was a Pit Steward for the race and got to see a lot of great racing. The Wright team did well with their testing and John Heinrecy was the star of SS with the Aquilante SSC Cobalt. On Monday after the race, "Captain Bob" and I returned to Palm City with his boat making it in six hours with great weather and calm seas.

Tuesday our "gang" headed to Punta Gorda on the west coast for lunch with Dick & Linda Stewart and Frank & Debbie Zalucki. More good times!

I hope to stop by Bob O'Hara's shop in Frostproof before I leave to take some photos for an article on our "southern most" MoHud member.

Left to right: Debbie Zalucki, Diane and Pete Smith, Lisa Hanifan, Frank Zalucki, and Dick & Linda Stewart at "Nav-a-Gator's" in Punta Gorda. Photo: Jack Hanifan





BETWEEN THE CONES

February 2006 Report:

With Mo-Hud Region just about in the middle of the off-season there is not much to report. That being said that does not mean that the club is inactive. Some are looking to the possibility of ice racing. Some are heading or have headed south to avoid the cold weather, and most are weathering the weather up here.

In this month of February the Solo Board will be meeting to set up the 2006 schedule with have some pokers in the fire and if everything plays out we should have a good Solo season. I thing we can expect to be helping out NESEA this May along with entering a variety of our competition cars in the Saratoga Auto Museum Car Show on the same weekend.

I got an email from the new site manager Lori Rothman of Monticello Raceway a week or two ago. She seems to be as enthusiastic as the previous manager Dali Roosa. They have expressed interest in having SCCA come back this year to do more Solo events at their site. I have forwarded this information down state to the Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club.

According to Joe Austin they are going to schedule five events at the Monticello Site. This is great news for our down state sister club members. As for us, a little

over a two-hour drive, to a decent and smooth site to run on.

Jeff Baker and Amy Tyler, both from Fulton-Montgomery Community College are asking Mo-Hud if we could do some type of event this year to help out their Alumni. We will be meeting to see what could be feasible to help out one of our supporting Solo 2 sites.

John Sheridan area 10 Director, Jack Hanifan, Gene Tricozzi and myself will be heading to Kansas City for the SCCA Convention from the 2nd to the 4th of February. The Safety Symposiums of the past two conventions have been excellent. It has been an experience for me to having been given the opportunity to go to the Convention and represent our Club. The Convention goers will be giving a report when they come back. I believe Jack and Gene will be covering what is happening in Racing and I will what is going on in Solo.

Other than that not much has been happening. If there is not much to report I will be writing Lisa in bigger letters for next months' Knock-Off.

'Til next month
Bruce

Preview for next month...

Your editor, *shown here*, worked hard this January to dig up stories for the KO. I visited the sunny south with hubby, Jack and other MoHud members to enjoy the racing season there as well as get away from our weather here in the north. Look for my report next month.



Monthly Membership Report 01/22/2006

NEW MEMBER REPORT 01/22/06.

From: 12/06/05 to: 01/22/06.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comm.</u>	
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Rosemary Filkins	12/20/05	Schenectady	NY	(518)356-7932(H)	

ANNIVERSARY REPORT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
Eleanor L. Morris	February 02/01/66	40
Tara L. Stevens	02/26/01	5

There are 381 members in the region.

webmaster's report

I continue to update the site as I get content. Russ has given me some photos from last years solo season. Look for them on the web site in the next week or so. Unfortunately, the message board is still down.

On a personal note, Mr. Two has finally been retired to a place of honor in front of the barn. It still runs like a clock, but the rust had finally gotten so bad that it became impossible to keep it road worthy. I'm now driving a '95 Ford Escort, my first front wheel drive car and a lot different from Mr. Two.

I had some experience with a Honda Accord, but the Escort is quite different. It's tippy and has a fair amount of torque steer compared with the Honda. Surprisingly and even though the car has rear drum brakes, the thing stops really well. The motor is peppy, but has developed a stumble that I think is probably electrical in nature. Shades of the Capri II that I had in the '70's. Is this an endemic Ford problem?

When we had that cold snap the other day, the

handling improved a lot, which leads me to believe that the problem is nothing that some good dampers and stiffer springs wouldn't fix.

I now have a steady consulting gig so sometime during the summer I'll be looking for an MR2 Mk I without rust or perhaps a Mk II. If anyone knows if either car becomes available in the area please let me know. A Mk I without rust would be ideal as most of the mechanicals on Mr. Two are just fine and I could use it as a parts car. A Mk II would be nice for the increased power that that model provides as well as better brakes.

One of the things that the '86 lacked was the power to match the superb handling of the chassis. The other was the sort of iffy brakes. It's a bit of a shame that neither quite measured up to it's exq1uiste handling.

Anyway, that's it for this month.

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Sad News

The wife of one of MoHud's Pit Marshals, Carlton Foster, passed away. Joan, died the morning of Dec. 26th. On Dec 30th a memorial service was held as per Joan's wishes. Linda Louie & Bart Carlevaro drove up from NNJR. Carlton has had a long association with SCCA but Joan was never a member. She was supportive of our ventures to Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, Pro Rally, Formula I Events, etc. over the years. Carlton is getting his life back together. We send our heartfelt condolences to him and his family.



Mohawk Hudson Region SCCA MINUTES 1/4/05 January Membership Meeting

Bob Karl, Jr. works on

Meeting called to order at 7:39.

REPORTS

TREASURY REPORT:

- December Revenue from banquet was \$2470
- December Net was loss of (\$2578)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- No official updates out of national
- Looking to Solo program to help build interest and new members
- \$5.00 increase in individual membership fee
- \$10.00 increase in family memberships
- Increase is due to cost of doing business expenses (less than cost of living increase)
- January issue of knockoff on web, contacts and officers page is updated
- Need help to fix bulletin board

GENE'S COMMENTS:

- National has issued and sent us a new brochure
- No charge to region, just \$20.00 per 1000 brochures

SOLO REPORT:

- Northeast Sustainable Energy Ass. Has asked for our help setting up and coordinating a course at SPAC
- 2006 Awards Banquet is scheduled for Dec. 1st
- Montecello Raceway has contacted Bruce about holding more events there. There may be issues because they are located within another regions territory
- Fulton Montgomery College contacted us about putting on some type of event at their car day, possibly even an exhibition
- Solo board met in December
- Solo insurance fees will not go up
- May 13th will be the Tour de Sol Mohud Autocross

COMPETITION REPORT:

- Knockoff will be a bit late
- First 2 national events of the year in Sebring
- 2006 schedule is online at NESCCA
- Tuesday, July 4th is the Mohud Race at Limerock
- 95 SAE helmets are good until 2007
- Driving Impressions is having a sale on Helmets
- Enterprise has added some area championship events for formula SCCA cars
- 2006 GCR's should be here next week, also available on line
- Tech party either 4/2 or 4/9
- NEW has put a down payment on a property on the other side of Springfield

MERCHANDISE REPORT

- Need to buy helmet stickers and log books

AREA 10 DIRECTOR – John Sheridan

- John asked the club racing board to review GCR to come up with a mechanism to have only top 24 classes able to compete in runoffs
- Need to look at the structure of the national racing due to the addition of new classes
- Possible street touring concept on table
- Schematic for car progression
- Ideas are out for member comments
- Fast track will no longer be published in Sportscar Mag.
- Can sign up online for an email version or for \$12.00 they can mail you a copy each month
- Lifetime SCCA memberships being proposed
- New tow fund structure will increase amounts being paid out
- 2006 Budget – need to raise revenue – membership and license fees raised
- No solo fees raised
- Pro/National tour raised \$3.00
- Runoff entry raised from \$300 to \$350
- Goal is to have best runoffs ever
- Road rally increases
- Insurance rates increased for road racing about 5%, but solo remained flat
- Search committee still looking for CEO of SCCA
- Bob Introne is new chairmen of board
- John is on budget / finance committee

Fast Track format needs to be changed to be more web friendly

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Questions about when MoHud will turn 50 years old
- Dave will head up committee for a 50 year celebration
- Mohud race at Limerock in flux
- Limerock test days are going from Tuesday to Thursday
- Limerock working to change the injunction on them
- If injunction changed, SCCA will lose an unmuffled day
- Busch North will run no road courses in 2006
- Busch North may go away completely as Nascar restructures
- Need to be sure rental fee is different for an unmuffled day versus muffled day
- Racing at Glen is moved up due to track paving at end of the year

Dave Burman here to talk about Ice Racing. Good Videos

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Who, What, When, Where? Join the fun!



Historic Trivia Contest



Guess the “**who, what, when, where**” of the month. **A prize will be given** to the winner who correctly identifies each of the four questions on this month’s quiz at the next membership meeting. Each entry could be submitted to KO editor at Ihanifa1@nycap.rr.com no later than the next membership meeting. If this issue does not arrive before the February 1st meeting, the March 1st meeting will be the deadline. The various entries, as well as the winning entry, will be published in the KO the following month. Good luck to all entrants!!

