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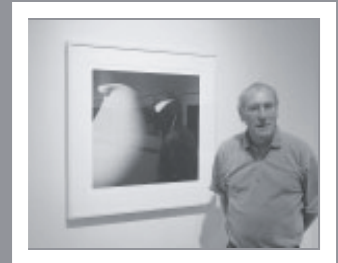
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The REport

2006 National Convention

The National Convention is a great opportunity to get together and exchange ideas with not only Nediv Regional Executives but also RE's from other areas of the country. Bruce Kosakoski and I arrived in Kansas City on Wednesday February 1st in order to get a fresh and early start on Thursday, the first day of the convention. After registering, I attended the first of several RE meetings. The first meeting was for new and returning RE's, to acquaint new RE's with what to expect and what is required, and as a refresher for returning RE's. The session gave an overview of the Region's structure, responsibilities to its members and National office. The National office stressed using them as a resource and a partner.

For the first time the National Board of Directors held a closed session with only the RE's attending. I felt this was a giant step forward for the Board to open the floor for us to question the Board and get a feel as to the direction SCCA would be heading. The session was tense, with the RE's asking pointed questions that the Board could not address at that time, but it was a move in the right direction to make the Board more accessible and make the RE's feel their input was important. Immediately after that session the Board held the annual Town Hall meeting where they answered questions from the attendees. The last session of the day, presented by Peter Lyon, addressed risk management, and covered safety concern.

Friday morning started early with Leadership Breakfast at 7:30, followed by keynote speaker Herb Fishel. Herb, the CEO of the Business of Motorsports, noted in his speech the importance of the SCCA within the Motorsports industry and the industries interest in SCCA. Herb also stressed the importance of name recognition relating to the Trans-Am series, that he suggested could be a viable series again with the rebirth

of old rivals such as the new Mustang, Camaro and Dodge Challenger.

The balance of the day was spent in RE meetings, from 10:15-6:00, it sounds worse than it was. The main emphasis was keeping the Regions healthy, increasing membership and keeping members interested and involved.

On Saturday I attended the Club Racing Board Town Hall meeting and the Safety Symposium.

Hubert Gramling gave an interesting session on his feasibility studies on the use of airbags in Formula 1. The findings he presented were interesting from the standpoint of stresses on the test dummies he used. The dummies were state of the art and the tests were conducted both with and without helmets. The dummies showed less strain when helmets were not used, which if you think about it with less weight on the head you would expect less strain. As in past years a CD of the Safety Symposium will be forwarded to all Regions.

The finale was the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. This years inductees were John Bornholdt, John Buffum, Mark Donohue, Denise McCluggage and Grant Reynolds. The guest speaker was Bobby Rahal who spoke fondly of his experiences in SCCA and his continuing involvement as he encourages his son's participation and National Championship win this past year.

Although it was a long Convention it was well worth the effort especially as RE, I had the opportunity to exchange notes with other RE's, which is always helpful.

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

2006 National Convention By Jack Hanifan

I have just returned from four busy days at the National Convention in KC. Thursday morning started with a working breakfast at 8am with the other Executive Stewards. At 10 am we had a fruitful meeting with the Board of Directors followed by a meeting at 11am with the Club Racing Board.

Much of our meetings are confidential but I can tell you that you can expect to see a new GCR in 2007. The new GCR will not have anymore rule changes than normal but will be edited to remove redundancy and everything on a particular subject will be in the same area of the publication.

The Convention officially started at 12:30 with a Region Academy for RE's. My first meeting was at 1:30 with a Club Racing Town Hall headed by the other Executive Stewards and myself. This was followed by the Annual Meeting/ and open Town Hall with the Directors.

At 5:00 the Exec Stewards hosted a "Hollywood Squares" open meeting. A lot of interesting answers were discussed.

Friday began with a Leadership Breakfast and a Keynote address by Herb Fisher, His advice to the Club was short and to the point, concentrating on what the SCCA has to do to create and enhance already existing relationships with the motorsports industry. His address was followed by the Leadership Awards for Regions. MoHud did not receive any awards but there is always next year.

I missed the Grassroots Motorsports Growth Panel, I was working on NeDiv issues, but other members of

the Region were there. Following the Solo and Rally Awards Luncheon there were several options, I chose the Club Racing meeting which detailed items such as sanctions, licensing etc. This was a two part session which lasted until 4:00. Kathy Barnes and I then met with one of the exhibitors who gave us a great deal on awards for the NARRC Banquet. NYR has finally scheduled the NARRC banquet for March 18th. Site to be determined.

The Region members got together for dinner and spent the evening in the hotel lobby conversing with other club members.

Saturday began with a Town Hall with the Club Racing Board. The CRB answered many questions from drivers and stewards alike. This was followed by Part 1 of the Safety Symposium, which featured the results of Airbags in Race Cars. There is no apparent increase in injuries when wearing a full face helmet in a sedan or sports car.

The Club Racing Awards Luncheon was highlighted by two presentations. Costa Dunias received the David Morell Award, the highest award a Steward can receive, and Kurt Weiss was given an award for his leadership on the CRB.

I spent the afternoon in a closed session with the other Execs. Saturday Evening was the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. Inducted into the hall of fame were John Bornholdt, John Buffum, Mark Donahue, Denise McCluggage and Grant Reynolds , all of them are or were NeDiv members.

Sunday at 7:30 saw the Exec Stewards taking a van to Topeka to inspect the new facility at Heartland Park. I only had 2 laps around the circuit but I think it is a driver's track with both power and handling sections. The track is making enormous improvements and will make a fine venue for our National Championships. After the inspection we went to SCCA headquarters lunch and more Exec meetings. We finished our meetings and were transported back to the hotel in KC, in time to see the end of the 1st quarter of the Super Bowl.

I have only been to five National Conventions, one in Boston, the rest in KC, but I can heartily recommend that any member attend. The Convention will be in San Antonio for the next three years so treat you to a warm February trip next year. You will enjoy it.



Exec Stewards and Staff inspecting new tech building at Heartland Park

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March 10th-12th

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Please see the next page for an overall event schedule, and the separate schedule of Saturday sessions.

Saturday sessions include tracks for Time Trials and Club Racing Drivers, along with off-site sessions on Hillclimbs and Tire Shaving/Tire Tech. As always, DA's of various specialties will present information as well.

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Report from the Sunny South on our Southernmost Member

Mohawk-Hudson's Southernmost Member

by Jack Hanifan

Yes, the Stewart family spends the winter in Punta Gorda and the Curley's can be found in West Palm but two of our members spend the entire year in Florida. Dave Dartt now lives in Lake Wales but about 7 miles south of him in Frostproof, Florida you can find Bob O'Hara. Bob came to Frostproof about 4 years ago and bought the old Ford dealership in town. He immediately restored the building to its 1950's appearance. He then moved his car restoration business there from Naples. Bob has done a fair amount of vintage racing but his forte is rallying. He has run rallies the length of South America – literally. He has also rallied the length of Africa. He recently sold his immaculate Ford Falcon rally car which he ran in the 2003 Pan Americana Carrera and is currently rebuilding the car he rolled in the Dakar to Capetown rally. Bob had a bout with throat cancer last year and was out of action but it looks like he has won that battle. Bob is entered in the 2007 Beijing to Paris Rally.

If you are ever near Frostproof (it is off Route 27 about 20 miles north of Sebring) you have to stop in and say hello to Bob and see his place. He is a gracious host and always willing to show people around.

Outside in front of the showroom, under a canopy, you will find several of the available vehicles and a slew of motorcycles. Bob started selling Chinese motorcycles last year and has picked up several lines including United and Vento. The newest motorcycle brand is Royal Enfield. Yes, these are the same motorcycles the British used in WWII. It seems they sold so many in India that, when they went out of business, some entrepreneurs bought the Enfield factory and shipped it to India where they continued to manufacture the bike. A few years ago they updated them with electronic ignition and electric start but basically they are the same as they were in 1945. They have that classic look and are available with a sidecar.

The side lot is where you can find some great bargains-good, unique, reasonably priced cars. I found



Bob O'Hara stands next to the car he will drive in the 2007 Beijing to Paris Rally.



Look under a tarp and this is what you may find.



Marilyn couldn't decide between the Jag and the Ferrari.



The Duke liked the '58 Caddy.



The side lot- Nash Metropolitan, T-Bird, MGB etc.



This Chinese one cylinder car has two gear shift levers, one for forward the other for reverse.

a Metropolitan, an MGB, a 65 Beetle and a number of other interesting cars.

The showroom inside has a number of great cars plus a collection of memorabilia from the 1950s. The week I was there the showroom included a 1958 Cadillac, a Ferrari, a 1964 Impala (6,000 original miles) and a couple of Jaguars among others. The shop in the back has at least six or eight cars in various stages of restoration.

The other neat place to look is out back behind the shop. You never know what you might find. Last year Bob mounted a helicopter on a truck frame so some locals could drive it to Sebring for the 12 hour. Last week I pulled back a tarp and found a gorgeous Model A Speedster.

It is really impossible to describe this place with any great accuracy. You really need to go to the website at Ohararestorations.com. The site shows the prices for cars on the lot as well as info on all his other interests and connections. You never know, you might find your self traveling south for a bargain at Bob's or just to see for yourself this MoHud member's unique place of business.

March 2006



BETWEEN THE CONES

With not a lot of news to report on the Solo news front other than FMCC is asking for some help in an upcoming event in June. As details come about we will be able to fill you in.

Returning to the SCCA Convention in Kansas City, Kansas was yet another exercise in education into the safety and building of race equipment. Gene Tricozzi, Jack Hanifan, John Sheridan and myself were MoHud Regions impact of representatives to the convention. Though the trip out was uneventful we all have our stories to tell. Starting Thursday, although I am the assistant RE... I attended the RE meeting with Gene T., to get the lowdown on RE forum website. Presented by Mike Dickerson and Barb Lundquist, the first session had to do with running the Regions, duties and responsibilities of the Regions administrators and of SCCA being the backbone of American Road Racing.

The second session was Regions "Solo Best Practices". Jerry Lamb of the Northwest Region handed out material and explained the importance of having structure in a program. Having a different color wrist ban between entrant and competitor seem like a good idea. With the importance of insurance all to familiar, the idea of to have a chief of insurance waivers also raised my eyebrow. Pete Lyon contiguously stresses the point of signed waivers. Jennifer Merideth of the Detroit Region presented a session on registration. Many of the larger Regions now have online registration with payment and all. Some Regions have more than two hundred entrants per event. They obviously have great sites with lots a help. That being said most only run three or four passes and the day in done. We get 6 passes usually and if the event is run smooth we get fun runs. Timing was presented by Paula Baker and once again from a larger Region they had the pleasure of using Scanning tools for registration, lining up cars, and drivers

Gary Pitts, the outgoing Chairman to the board of Directors introduced the new incoming Chairman Bob Introne of NER. Bob Introne introduced the new President/CEO Jim Julow. Jim kept his speech short and will take over SCCA's helm in March. He has many challenges, and has said that he will bring the club to its next level. Gary Pitts gave the "state of the club" report stating that membership is down slightly but club racing numbers is expanding. Solo National Tour attendance is up, 1129 attended. Next year the Solo Nationals will be at Heartland Park as will the Runoffs. The convention for the next three years will be in San Antonio, Texas.....ahhh warm weather. Garret Mudd is leaving to work with former President Steve Johnson. Garret's marketing skills took SCCA to the level that it is today and I only hope the his shoes can be filled as well by his successor. For sixty years or so the dynamics of the club and the auto industry leads me to believe the only thing consistent is change.

Friday started out with Herb Fishel, an engineer, and CEO of the Business of Motorsports presenting ideas to SCCA for it's future. With the reintroduction of the Chevrolet Camaro, Ford Mustang, and Challenger he cannot help but feel that SCCA should take a good look into reintroducing a Tran-Am Series. We have to keep up with the auto industry and there platform technology. We may have to create new venues.

Next was the "Grassroots Growth Panel". Scott Hollingsworth from AMA Pro Racing, Graham Light from NHRA and our Howard Duncan headed the panel that dealt with common issues in different motorsports organizations. In the above organizations the total membership is down for each with no clear or apparent reason. Economics and cost of membership was discussed.

Bryan Nemy from San Fran Region and Tina Reeves from Central New York Region presented a session on site acquisition. Development and insurance and liability are always at issue. Sound is becoming and issue.

Next a session on "online registration" present by Donovan Brown was on order. He presented his online version but there are others that have been developed also. It is the future for the motor sports community and we have to see what is best tailored for our SCCA needs.

On Saturday Kathy Barnes and John Lieberman provided Safety Steward Training. Once again it cannot be emphasized enough, one of the most important people on a site is the Safety Steward. I did get my Safety Instructors license and hope to do a school this spring for any /and or all interested people.

The highlight of the convention was the safety symposium. Once again Dr. John Melvin President of Tandelta Inc: Hubert Gramling FIA Research consultant for FIA Foundation gave their presentations to the SCCA audience there is way to much information to even highlight their information. These two experts will have from the SCCA Convention a DVD to watch I believe that the region already has the first one from two years ago and I believe we could purchased this last one. Bob Hubbard ,the inventor of the Hans Device was also there for technical support. Part two of the symposium was from Lincoln Electric Welders. Carl

Occhialini, a forty year veteran of the welding trade, presented us with an experts insight into the world of welding. Once again it will be on the DVD video ...to much information ...and to much important information to leave out. What I thought was most significant was that after his presentation Dr. Melvin and Hubert Grambling stood in line with us to ask Carl question. He was GOOD!

Last but not least was the Banquet with "Hall of Fame" inductees. Bobby Rahal of CART Indy Car fame was guess speaker. I did spend a few minutes talking with the famed racer and as Harry A. will attest Bobby was my favorite driver. There is always one incident that stand out or something that is said. To me, it was when John Bornholdt gave his "Hall of Fame" inductee speech. He reminisced about his trials and tribulations how he tried his hand at racing but found that his true calling was Stewarding and was chief steward at most all the major SCCA Pro Series racing. To paraphrase John "that it is better to be inconspicuously competent that be conspicuously incompetent". Thank you John, that made my day. Much more information can be seen on the DVD, and many other incidentals did take place. I have a lot of literature and these are my notes. I did have an uneventful flight home, however I do have a story to tell John Sheridan.

The Solo Board will have met on Sunday, February 12, to set up a schedule for 2006
Until next month
Bruce

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Member Spotlight

Thom &
Linda O'Connor



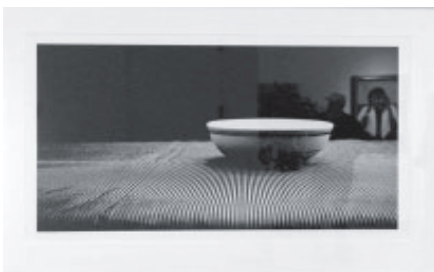
Thom is shown below at his show in Lake Wales, FL this past January where he gave a personal tour of his show.

Thom and Linda O'Connor have been involved in MoHud racing and rallies for many years with great successes. Their two sons, Sean and Ian, both grown with families have followed in their footsteps and are also active in club racing.

What many members may not know are the outstanding accomplishments Thom and Linda have in their professional lives. Thom, a retired professor of art from SUNY

Albany, is a world-renowned artist/lithographer who continues to show his art throughout the world. He is the ultimate "renaissance man". His interests and skills run the gamut in motorsports and the arts as well as out on the golf courses in Florida. He and Linda bought a place a few years ago on a golf course near Lake Wales. They spend several of the winter months there where Thom runs races at Sebring and gets to work on his car. In the past running pro rallies in the US and Canada, Thom made a mark in that field. Over the years, he has had shows of his art throughout the US and in many foreign countries as well.

Linda too is an accomplished fiber artist who has displayed her art and quilt works throughout the coun-



try. She is active in a great many arts organizations both here in the northeast and down south as well. She teaches at Helderberg Workshop in the summer months.

Both Thom and Linda have brought their many talents to bear in club involvement. Thom has been racing his SSC Honda of late. He also owns a Sentra (SSC) he's converting to an IT and a Rabbit (GProd) that he uses.

Linda can usually be seen sitting in the paddock reading or working on a creation until race time when she is up at the fence cheering Thom on. She has participated in racing in the past, as shown in the ice race photo above. When one or both of their boys race, it becomes a true family affair with grandkids and daughters-in-law getting into the swing of the races also.

Make sure to keep your eyes open for Thom's shows and aslo for Linda's quilts and hangings. Worth your time.

Linda is shown here with one of her quilt works at their home in FL. In an ice race years ago, Linda was seen driving their Saab 96.





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

Jack Hanifan



I had the opportunity to visit Heartland Park and I can honestly say that the facility will be an excellent venue for our National Championships.

The first NeDiv chance to qualify for the Runoffs will be at Summit Point on April 8, 9, 2006. The first NeDiv Regional Race is at NHIS on April 23, following a Drivers School held on April 21 & 22.

The MoHud annual Tech Party will be held on Sunday April 2nd, starting at noon. All drivers should have received their GCR by now, if you have not please let me know.

Racearama which has normally been held at the Big E in Springfield has moved. This year it will be March 3, 4, 5 at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA.

Steward Training is scheduled for March 4th in South Williamsport, Pa. and March 25th in Vernon, Ct.

Bryan Deane spent Valentines Day at Lime Rock inspecting the changes to the track and reports that from the flagger's point of view he is happy.

News from Saratoga Auto Museum

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Monthly Membership Report 02/18/2006

New member report 02/18/06

From: 12/13/05 to: 02/18/06.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comm.</u>
Robert E. Filkins	12/20/05	Schenectady	NY	(518)356-7932(H) rfilkins2@nycap.rr.com
Rosemary Filkins	12/20/05	Schenectady	NY	(518)356-7932(H)
William R. Gumaer	02/14/06	Schodack Landing	NY	(518)470-8799(H)
Robert C. Huiest	02/01/06	Latham	NY	(518)879-9825(H) HUIESS@HOTMAIL.COM

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
	February	
Carol Campbell	03/03/86	20
Robert Beierlein	03/19/96	10

There are 382 members in the region (an increase of two from last month).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FORMING

During the January board meeting, the topic of membership growth, or lack of it, was a lively topic of discussion. The National growth of SCCA has not been great and in the last few years Mo-Hud has either stayed even or lost membership. The contrast is particularly striking when we compare our growth with that of some of the Marque car clubs. These have shown remarkable growth over the last few years. It is time to become more proactive.

We need to address at least the following issues:

- Membership Retention – What do we need to do to encourage membership renewal;
- Recruiting new members – Lots of things have been tried, we need new ideas;
- Club Visibility – Still in some sense, the “Secret Car Club of America”, how do we raise our club’s visibility in the community.

In order to do this the club needs some help. So I would like to form an actual membership committee that would address these and other important issues related to growing the membership.

Anyone who would be interested in helping are welcome.

The first step is be to define the issues. For example, why don’t some members renew? Why do people join

other car clubs rather than Mo-Hud? Why do so many people when they hear “SCCA” ask “what’s that?” To answer these questions, some research would be involved; contacting lapsed members, other car club members and so on.

The second step is be identify actions and programs that Mo-Hud could take to increase retention, recruit new members and to increase the visibility of the club.

The third step is to implement these programs.

And The fourth step is to measure the effectiveness of the programs and concentrate our efforts on those that have the greatest pay off.

Very little of this can happen without you, the membership, getting involved. Please think seriously about joining this effort.

I had to be “volunteered” by Greg Rickes when he was R.E. c.a. 1993 and I’ve never regretted it. As current membership chairman and webmaster and past Secretary and Activities Director I can truthfully say it’s been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the membership.

Don’t be shy, volunteer. You will enjoy it more than you know.

If you are interested, send me an e-mail either at dwachtel@acmenet.net or webmaster@mohud-scca.org

webmaster's report

50th Anniversary News

We are now planning for our 50th Anniversary festivities. We will have several web pages on our website devoted to the history and activities of MoHud SCCA through the years. As a part of this, we would like to obtain photos of any events, participants, members, and social events as well as any stories/reminiscences of days gone by. We are also thinking of including some selected contents of "vintage" Knock Off's. So go ahead and dig out that old box in the attic and see what you have. We would appreciate it. Remember your next chance to celebrate will not occur for 2056!

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Monthly Meeting Minutes 2/1/06

Mohawk Hudson Region (#65) SCCA Orchard Tavern, Albany, NY

Treasurer Chip Van Slyke brought the meeting to order

RE's Report

- None (RE at convention)

Treasurers report by Chip VanSlyke

- Chip noted January 30th 1956 was the date of MoHud's incorporation making this year our 50th Anniversary
- Income for January 06
 - None (\$0)
- Expenses for January 06
 - *Purchase of SCCA Brochures*
 - *Deposit to Malozzi's for 2006 Banquet*

Solo Report

- None (Solo chair at convention)

Membership Report by Dave Wachtel

- Dave reported that MoHud's membership numbers are decreasing
- Discussed possible ways of retaining/gaining membership
 - *Advertising*
 - *Utilization of WWW*
 - *Knock OFF*
- Currently 381 Members
- Harry Adalian compared to Patroon Chapter of the BMWCCA
- Since 1995 Patroon has doubled their membership, now around 700
- General discussion on success of BMW Club vs. MoHud which centered around the viability and the affordability for its members of 'Track Days' vs. Road Racing. This discussion raised the question of would MoHud be better off putting its efforts into Track Days. The consensus was that this would provide similar services to the membership of the Marquee clubs (BMW, Porche, Audi, Nissan, etc). It was also mentioned that this provided more opportunities at LRP because 'Track Days' do not have to be muffled.
- Dave Wachtel presented Dave McClumpha with his 45 year pin to much applause

Competition Report

- Officially – None (Competition chair at convention)
- Unofficially – Nancy Boice reported that Todd and Dan have ice raced with AMEC the past two weekends at Lake Algonquin. Everybody did well and had a good time.

Activities Report

- No Report

50th Anniversary Committee Report

- Dave McClumpha chair, with Peter Kroth, Jim Bucci and Greg Ricks (not present) as members
- Dave reported that the committee would like to hold an event at the Saratoga Auto Museum (SAM) on Sunday July 16, 2006
- This would basically be a big party where we invite current and ex-members.
- A five-hour event at SAM has a cost of approx \$1200
- The event would be no cost to members and guests
- The budget would be \$6000
- There would be a slide show presentation similar to the annual banquet
- The committee would like to invite some old members and have them at the party to talk about the old days of MoHud
- The committee recommended a plaque to commemorate the event to be kept at the SAM
- Harry Adalian brought up the idea of having a special 50th Anniversary Color Knock Off that was discussed at the last board meeting. BK Jr. and Dominic to help coordinate sponsorship and funding of this.

New Business

- Chip handed out the 2006 Budget (attach Chips budget here)
- Chip noted that the board opted to remove the phone line and answering machine to save the cost as they were not being used and were currently inoperable
- Chip had allowed for \$5K in the budget for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Based on the

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- discussion of the 50th Anniversary Committee, the budget line item for the event at the SAM was raised from \$5k to \$6k. Motion passed.
- McClumpha moved to solidify the date of 7/16 at the SAM. Motion passed. Dave will call Allen at the SAM and make arrangements.

- Budget acceptance motion passed
- Todd Boice reported that Randy from Carbon Concepts would like to attend a spring meeting to show off and discuss his products. This would take place at the orchard.

Motion to adjourn – passed 9:00pm

Trip south to Homestead Race-One to Remember!

By Lisa Hanifan

I was looking forward to a day's ride on Bob Henderson's beautiful 46ft. Sea Ray. Bright sunshine, a good book, and relaxing aboard ship sipping some wine was just what I was dreaming of.

We left Wednesday morning Jan. 11th from Bob's home in Palm City taking the intercoastal waterway out to the ocean for the trip down the FL eastcoast to Miami and South Beach. Then onto Homestead Thurs. morning for the weekend race at the track.

Reality hit hard though the minute we moved from bay waters to the ocean, crossing over currents that catapulted the boat onto waves of gigantic portions, reaching well above the top of the canopy. This was just the beginning of a day proving to be a 2-Dramamine day for me, eventually causing my sitting position to go horizontal for the remainder of the journey, finally finding some solace in deep sleep.

To say seasick is a mild description for what I felt. If you've ever felt it you know. Had not Pete and Diane Smith also been aboard and having the same reaction, I'm sure Jack and Bob would have described me as a "wimpy landlubber". Black clouds, some pelting rain, and constant crashing against the waves made this trip my last ocean voyage for a while. I *will* make sure when I go out again it will be with fair skies, smooth seas and guarantees from the captain to turn back at the first sight of darkening sky.

Truthfully though, the rest of our journey was much more pleasurable. Bob's hospitality was great. His "Road Runner" is extremely luxurious and our accommodations wonderful. As you can see from the photo, the boat is large and well appointed with all creature comforts supplied, satellite TV, right? Although Captain

Bob had to be put in line a few times by the first mate's wife, all went well. No man-overboard, mutiny, or sea battles occurred. We toasted our arrival with hors d'ouvres, and liquid refreshments. The company of Pete, Diane and Bob was as always extremely enjoyable. We had a wonderful dinner at a restaurant near the Miami Beach Marina, sitting at an outside table on a balmy night. Later we went for an evening stroll to "people watch" over on the South Beach avenues. Lots of fun and laughter.

Thursday morning we moved along to Homestead with much better weather. Jack and Bob went to work at the race at Homestead. Pete, Diane and I returned to Lily Lake. On Monday, Jack and Bob to Palm City in more favorable weather conditions than our trip down.

All in all, we enjoyed the journey, the company and warmth. Thanks, Bob, for a great experience aboard!

On the "Road Runner" in Miami I finally got to relax aboard ship while Pete Smith spots our cameraman,



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All information on our celebration plans for MoHud SCCA's **50th Anniversary** will be in forthcoming issues of the KnockOff & on MoHud's website.

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*Pete Magnuson, and Lenore & Dave Panas
enjoy some sun at Homestead during the race weekend.*