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**When MoHud racers go south...
trophies don't always get bigger!**



L to r: Bob Henderson, Thom O'Connor with his 1st place trophy, Pete Smith and Geoff Stim enjoying Sebring in Florida in February. They all did very well and the report on their finishes is in the minutes of the March meeting. It looks a bit chilly since they're all wearing jackets. STILL warmer than it has here in the northeast.



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The **REport**

This past weekend I attended the NEDiv Roundtable in Reading PA. There were many excellent seminars and some interesting meetings. It was great to get together with members of other regions and discuss what was going on and any upcoming changes. It was very encouraging to hear the progress the New England Region is making on their track acquisition. The track will be called Palmer Motorsports Park, and be situated on a 658-acre parcel that NER has signed a purchase contract for. NER has applied for a special use permit and a site plan review. The plan calls for a 2-mile road course as well as a 1,000 X 500 foot paved area for driver training, product demonstrations, & autocrosses. I will keep everyone informed as to any new developments.

Ed Zebrowski, RE of the Glen Region, hosted a seminar on driving the Glen and also told us of changes at the track. The two most interesting changes are the move of race control to an area behind the new grand stands on the front straight,

and subsequently the move of start finish line further down the straight.

There was a tire shaving demonstration held at CJ's Tire and Auto. The shaving demo was on a Toyo R-1 for a Spec Miata, what a surprise. It was interesting & very well done.

In addition to these there were many other areas of interest, that I would encourage anyone interested to consider attending future events.

As far as changes to Lime Rock Park, I think everyone is aware of the addition of safety barriers that will protect the workers and drivers.

The plans for our 50th anniversary party are coming together as well as the Special Edition KO. Stay tuned for updates as we move forward.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**PLEASE PUT THIS ON YOUR PDA &/or BLACKBERRY
FOR IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!**

MoHud is looking for volunteers to help increase the club membership. If you have suggestions or a sure-fire method to do this, please contact one of our committee members. The committee is headed by Dave Wachtel. Dave Canavan is also assisting Dave in this effort. We need to give them our support. Contact Dave Wachtel at dwachtel@acmenet.net or at webmaster@mohud-scca.org

Monthly Membership Report 03/14/2006

New member report from: 02/02/06 to 03/14/06.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State	Comm.
William Better	02/21/06	Valatie	NY	betterlaw@berk.com
Erica Centola	02/28/06	Webster	NY	
William R. Gumaer	02/14/06	Schodack Landing	NY	(518)470-8799(H)
Kevin M. O'Connor	02/20/06	Gansevoort	NY	(518)581-2346(H) coconnor1999@nycap.rr.com

Anniversary Report generated on 03/14/06

Name	Joined on	Years
	April	
R. Linda Stewart	04/30/85	21
Doug Garrison	04/22/91	15
Kim Graff	04/10/91	5
Colleen Garrison	04/08/96	10
Debra Garrison	04/08/96	10
Victoria Garrison	04/08/96	10

There are 368 members in the region.

Membership Committee

Last issue I proposed some proactive steps that the region should take to grow the region and called for volunteers. Please re-read the article and consider joining the effort. Feel free to e-mail me with suggestions.

I can be reached at dwachtel@acmenet.net or webmaster@mohud-scca.org. Please consider volunteering! Lisa has completed the new 50th anniversary logo and it is very attractive indeed. Thanks Lisa.

webmaster's report

I've received loads of photos from Greg Rickes to use for the 50th anniversary web pages. Thanks Greg! If you have photos scan them in and e-mail them to me for the web site and to Lisa for the special KO edition that is in the works. If you have slides or prints and don't have a scanner (or your scanner won't do slides) get them to either Greg or me and we will scan them in. The material will be in safe hands and we will return them when done as well as the scanned in files. It would help to include a SASE to expedite returning the prints or slides though. Make sure you let us know any changes to your address otherwise.

Work will be starting very soon on the 50th anniversary web pages. I'll have plenty of time to work on them as yet another company I was consulting/working for has downsized/merged/moved out of the area. This makes the fifth so far. (Sigh)

BTW – If you missed the F1 opener, you missed quite a good race. This F1 season looks like it will be the most competitive one in years that is if Kimi doesn't run away with the whole thing.

That's it for now.

Dave Wachtel

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"Pig in a Poke" CORRAL

FOR SALE 1983 VW GTI in original condition. Never driven in the winter or in the last 2 years. Comes with 10 spare wheels, which includes a set of 13" Ronal wheels. Car in very good condition. Asking \$6000.00 Call Dave at 413-443-4670 or e-mail xkeracer61@aol.com

HELP WANTED: someone who'd like to help write a chronicle of the region's history. I've already started on a format, and would like to recruit someone who'd be interested in covering the period 1996-2006. Contact Greg Rickes, 786-3118 or gr743@albany.edu

MoHud members may submit items either "for sale" or "in search of" in the KnockOff free of charge for a period of three months. It is the responsibility of the member to inform KO staff if the item is sold/bought before the end of the period or is no longer to appear in the next issue.



BETWEEN THE CONES

April 2006 Report:

April is here and so is the start of the 2006 Solo season. Mark on your calendars April 29 & 30. The 29th will be a Solo Car Control Clinic and School. On Sunday the 30th our first points event at Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, NY. The dates for our season have been confirmed by ACC. The dates for FMCC (Fulton Montgomery Community College) are still tentative as of this writing.

Well this looks like the season so far but do not rule out another possible date if something comes along. We are still working on sites for the Albany area.

Let's not forget the Club is fifty years old this year, and there will be a big to do at the Saratoga Auto Museum on July 16th of July. Our Region's Race is on the Fourth of July weekend we can always use help at the races.

I am looking forward to another season hopefully bigger and better. So it's time to get the iron out of storage for repair, tweak and running.

Don't miss the April Tech Party at the Karl's shop in Troy this year on April 2nd.

Until Next month, Bruce

2006 SOLO SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	EVENT	LOCATION
April 29 th	Saturday	Solo Clinic	ACC
April 30 th	Sunday	Points event	ACC
May 21 st	Sunday	Points event	ACC
June 10 th & 11 th	Sat.& Sun.	National Tour	Devens, MA
June 24 th	Saturday	Non-points	FMCC
June 25 th	Sunday	Points event	FMCC
July 23 rd	Sunday	Points event	FMCC
Aug. 20 th	Sunday	Points event	ACC
Sept. 10 th	Sunday	Points event	ACC
Sept. 25 th - 29 th	Mon.-Fri.	Solo Nationals	Heartland Park, KS
Oct. 15 th	Sunday	Points event	FMCC

ON STATION

By Bryan Deane, Chief F&C

Well the season is nigh and it's time to begin planning our racing activities for 2006. For those of you who haven't heard, our region is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year. Happy 50th MoHud! So if you haven't volunteered before for the region, now is the time! Get involved! Our Golden Anniversary is only going to be as good as we make it.

Almost as important are the safety changes that are taking place at our beloved Lime Rock, and I might add long over due changes. Clark Nicholls first brought the changes to light via photos taken in November. I met with Mike Rand, Special Events Co-Ordinator at the track on February 14th for 2 ½ hours to review what has transpired and what the "game plan" is for the track regarding these changes.

Here's what is fact regarding the changes. First, these changes were mandated by IMSA as a continuation for their contract to visit the track. Second, Lime Rock has been very sensitive to our (the workers) needs and concerns. In my meeting with Mike we discussed each flag station in detail while visiting each station. I pointed out what I felt (based upon my experience) should be done against what they had changed. We agreed on several changes to the changes for each station. Along the way I made a suggestion for Station 5A (Driver's Left exit of the esses) that no one had thought of regarding workers being able to abandon station. The net result is that our suggestions are being worked into the safety improvements. My observations and suggestions overall were right in line with what others who have toured the facility to view the changes has already commented on.

Perhaps the single most noticeable change, besides 4 rows of armco surrounding almost the entire track, will be the "re-configuration" of the uphill. For almost 50 years the uphill has had no runoff area driver's left, a cause for great concern to many. Well there will now be some 40 feet of paved runoff

area driver's left at the uphill! Trust me when I say that this is not an "alternative" line to get up the hill faster. So if your're thinking good I've now got that nailed...forget it! Another considerable change is Pit In, which is now going to be what IMSA uses. That means False Grid has been relocated into B Paddock. Sorry Jack & Pete you're going to have to find new places to park "Camp MoHud." False Grid has claimed eminent domain on your motorhome spots. And no more mud hole in A Paddock behind the control tower. The entire area in A Paddock that has 95 feet of continuous space longitudinally (as we park our rigs) will be paved. So not all of A Paddock will go black.

As someone who can be considered a "track rat" of Lime Rock this is really the third "major" change to the facility in 50 years. The other 2 being mainly cosmetic. And definitely the first real serious major safety change that affects every competitor at the track since the initial installation of double row guard rail back in the late 70's/ early 80's. It is really way over due.

In other news, I've joined the ranks of "car owner/driver" having just purchased a Caldwell D13 out of Wisconsin. As I sit here writing this article Fred Fox and I are planning to drive out this weekend to retrieve said purchase. Watch out Libbie! Fred's car is being readied for his return to the track after the completion of the "garage mahal" so this ought to be interesting. Crew Chief turned driver and driver turned crew chief. Oh, the humanity of it all....

By the time you read this Rich Alexander and I will either be in Sebring for the 12 hour or on our way back. This ought to be interesting as this year we're driving down instead of our traditional fly down. People are already taking bets on whether or not we wind up in jail someplace south of the Mason/Dixon for some untoward reason. No one is saying in which direction we're travelling though! Stay tuned this ought to be a classic!

Well, that's all I have for now, stay tuned and I hope to see you "On Station"

Minutes from March 1, 2006 Meeting:

Committee Reports:

Dave just flew in from Berlin with some special news: date confirmed for anniversary reception on July 16, 2006 at Saratoga Auto Museum, 5:00pm – midnight. Schedule: 5:30pm registration, cash bar 6:00-9:00pm, hor d'horves 6:00-9:00pm, program 7:00pm-?, Q&A, story telling, slide shows, tables with pictures, memento's, old KO's, etc. Member & spouses free, guests charged nominal fee TBA. Gifts for all, maybe mug with anniversary logo. Registration form on website and in KnockOff. Longfellows possible caterer. May need to rent table & chairs. Not "Lawn-Show", 3 cars max. on display. FYI–Car Show @ Museum on May 13, 2006.

Anniversary Knock-Off Edition

Full color on some if not all pages. Thinking front and rear pages on gloss stock w/4 page gloss centerfold. Rest B&W pages. Contain stories, pics, etc. Last page, thank you page for all sponsorship levels. Sponsorship levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze & Patron. Give levels ?# ads in future KnockOffs. Exact info to be determined: size, cost, etc. Looking for old photos. Projected \$3,000 budget cost for KO Anniversary edition. Dominic K. motioned to pass that amount into the budget. Roly seconded. Dominic mentioned a silent auction as great revenue generator. Dominic to head committee selling ads for Anniv. edition and obtaining silent auction items. Photo Deadline May 1st. Sales committee: Dominic, Geoff, Lisa, Jack, Dave & Gene. Lisa needs better quality pictures for KnockOff.

Housekeeping

Motion To Accept Minutes From Last Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Found corporation papers. Filing date January 20, 1956. Discussion; original board members, some

past club history, rules, etc. **February Money Report:** Outflows: \$1,800 for insurance on van; \$11,000 deposit to Lime Rock for track rental; \$500 deposit on Saratoga Auto Museum. Inflows: \$365

Membership Report

4 new members– total members 382. Anniversary Report 1–20 Year Anniversary, 1–10 Year Anniversary. Dave Canavan wants to sit on committee to help boost membership.

Solo Report

Schedule: 4-29-06 Solo School @ ACC (Adirondack Community College), 4-30-06 Solo Event @ ACC, 5-13-06 Monitor & Design Course @ Saratoga Auto Museum For Nesa: Nesa Carries Their Own Insurance, 5-21-06 Solo Event @ ACC, 6-24-06 Fundraising non-point event for staff of Fulton Montgomery Community College, 6-25-06 Solo Event @ Fulton Montgomery Community College, 7-16-06 Solo Event @ Fulton Montgomery Community College, 8-20-06 Solo Event @ ACC, 9-10-06 Solo Event @ ACC, 10-15-06 Solo Event @ Fulton Montgomery Community College. Bruce is currently working on obtaining several new sites for solo. Solo discussion ensued on going down and taking time, energy, etc and helping New York Region make money on their Solo Events. It seems a better use of our time, energy and resources would be spent here growing our own hometown Solo Program!!

Competition Report

Sebring double regional in Florida!! Test day: Pete & Geoff Stim both did testing. 1st regional SM race: Pete Smith had a DNF due to overheating issue; repaired, set to race! 1st regional ITA race: Geoff Stim, 7th out of 17 cars. 2nd regional SM race; Pete Smith, 3rd out of 35 cars! 2nd regional ITA race; Geoff Stim, 6th out of 17 cars. Thom O'Connor won 1st place in the rain

and came in 2nd in 2nd race! Excellent job ALL! Dave Dart had technical difficulties; never started.

Ice racing in February '06: Caroga Lake, 9 Degrees and the wind was blowing. Paul Hacker leads points!

April 2nd Tech Party at Bob Karl's Sales & Service (home of BK Motorsports) See directions on p.2.

There was a give away of a NHJ Region XXL Denim Shirt: Winner: Dominic Karl.

\$100 wager was put on the table between Jack and Dave Canavan: the topic: whether or not, when Dave did his first school, was Jack Hanifan a steward and was Banana Photo there?

SCCA paid us \$100 for showing up at the National Convention

Old Business

None

New Business

Gene was asking for input about the use of credit cards at our Mohud SCCA Race. 60% of racers paid with credit cards last year. We are getting hit with different fees which are making the credit card option look very undesirable to the bottom line. NESCCA is eating a monthly \$19.99 fee but there is still a \$35.00 monthly fee just to use them. Looking into this. Verisign – Internet Authorization Company suggested to cut out the middleman and go straight through a bank. Tabled for now. Will research and revisit!!!

Randy from Competition Concepts is rescheduling his presentation for May's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned At 9:05pm

Bring your
helmet &
drivers suit

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The 2006 Roundtable

By Jack Hanifan

The 2006 Roundtable was hosted by Blue Mountain Region in Reading, Pa. The Roundtable is our traditional training meeting for the division and all of the Road Racing Divisional Administrators held training sessions. The NARRC meeting was interesting as NYR finally announced the date and location for the 2005 NARRC Banquet. It will be Saturday April 1, 2006. It will be held at Lime Rock Park between noon and 6pm. The

NARRC Regions also agreed on a new method of deciding how regions will split up the available dates at LRP.

A highlight of the Sunday business meeting was a funding of a fund for Divisional Administrators to use for training.



MoHud members share a table with NER members



Our Directors listen to the members



Latest News from the COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan



March Competition report

Our Annual tech party will be held April 2nd at Bob Karl's Garage in Troy, NY. It will start at noon and Greg Rickes will be there to cook his famous hamburgers and dogs. Remember to check the dates on your belts and to bring your helmet and suit. The Stewards have already had one training session in Williamsport, Pa. and are planning another on April 1st. in Vernon, CT.

Heartland Park continues to make rapid improvements at the track in preparation for the 2006 Runoffs. Wyndi McCormack from the national office made a presentation at the Road Racing Town Hall in Reading and the construction completed since I was there in February is amazing. It will be a fantastic facility.



Cat's in a row: Jim Taylor shared his passion for automobile collecting in "Driving Passion...The Jim Taylor Collection". This exhibit will feature vintage Jaguars (pictured), Aston Martin, Maseratti, Allard a Shelby and "The Boss".



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Driving Passion... The Jim Taylor Collection

April 1, 2006- June 30, 2006
Saratoga Automobile Museum

Jim Taylor shares his eclectic collection of automobiles in "Driving Passion...The Jim Taylor Collection" this spring at the Saratoga Automobile Museum. This exhibit will feature vintage Jaguars, Aston Martin, Maserati, Allards, a Shelby and "The Boss".

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Saratoga Auto Museum

Needs Volunteers

The **SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM** is LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. Our volunteers range from regulars who work on a set schedule to those who only do car shows or particular special events that interest them. Contact Ron Hedger at 885-7481, Holly Hulfish at the auto museum at 587-1935 or MoHud's Tom Campbell, who is helping me out as an Advisory Board member and certainly familiar to all the SCCA members.



*Celebrate
a
half-century
of great cars & great people!*

To mark this very special occasion
MoHud members and friends will gather at the
Saratoga Automobile Museum
Sunday July 16 at 5 p.m.
for a very festive reception, come join the party!

Registration forms will be available
in this newsletter in following months.

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*News on the upcoming Anniversary celebration
as well as plans for a special*

Collector's Edition of the Knock Off

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