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SCCA Runoffs to be held in Topeka, Kansas!

The SCCA National Runoffs are being held this year at Heartland Park, in Topeka, Kansas. Things get under way on Monday, Oct. 9th and run thru the entire week 'til Fri., the 15th. There are lots of great things expected at this facility aside from the fierce competition. Track preparation and construction has been under close scrutiny by a myriad of SCCA folks including some MoHud members. It hopefully will prove to be an event worth such a long trip.

MoHud will be represented by John Sheridan and Jack Hanifan in their official positions. They will be our representatives there. Also they'll be doing their best to bring MoHud members a blow-by-blow description of the many races and happenings out at Heartland.

NATIONAL NOTES:

In case you missed the September membership meeting, Area 10 Director John Sheridan gave a detailed update of the many issues facing National SCCA Board of Directors. John has been out in Topeka working diligently with others on the board attempting to formulate new policy decisions as well as amending old ones. These may affect all members of our regional club so make your views known to John. He is our MoHud conduit to national he

MoHud's history continues in this Issue!

Into the '70s!

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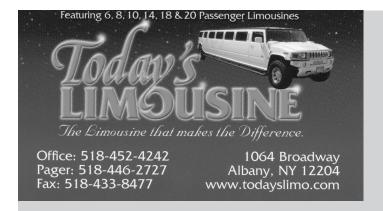


First, I would like to thank everyone who showed concern after my recent "cardiac incident". The cards, calls and visits were appreciated. I feel fine now and hope to be cleared for racing in a few months.

MoHud Regional Road Racing Championship:

It's that time of year again; we will be presenting T-shirts to every driver who enters. <u>The rules are:</u> you can count any 5 races; they can be Nationals, Regionals, Pro or Enduros. If you were in an Enduro you must have actually driven in the race. The MoHud race is a double points race; if you worked the MoHud race you may choose another race to count as double. Points are awarded for each race as follows: 1st 20pts, 2nd 15pts, 3rd 12pts, 4th 10pts, 5th 8pts, 6th 6pts, 7th 4pts, 8th 2pts, and 9th and higher 1pt. In addition, you get one point for every other car in your class that you beat. The other cars must start i.e. you can count a DNF but not a DNS. Your best 5 races should be totaled. Remember, you can win one race and finish 2nd in another but the 2nd place race could have more points if it was a larger field. The races must have been run in 2006 and you have until November 12th to submit your points. Send your points to me at JackHanifan@hotmail.com

MoHud will be hosting the NARRC banquet this year and the NYSRRC banquet will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25th.



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Into the '70s!

The UNABRIDGED History of the Mohawk-Hudson Region of the Sports Car Club of America

1970 – Beginning balance in the treasury is \$1,575.34. The region has 121 dues paying members @\$5.00. While negotiating for another Lime Rock event there's also discussion of a possible hillclimb at Prospect Mountain in Lake George.

Regional Exec Bill Morris does a survey of entry fees for SCCA racing events in the northeast and reports that National races are in the \$30-35 range, regionals and driver's schools \$25-35, and gymkhanas \$3-6. 61 cars turn out for April's season-opening gymkhana; FTD goes to Porsche-meister Pete Callaghan (1970 New York State Ice Racing Champion) of Burnt Hills, who borrows the Bill Morris Elan for his winning effort. He repeats the feat at the May event; Regional Exec Morris vows that its the last event at which he'll loan out his car.

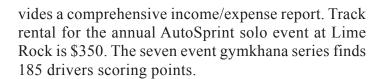
On the racing side MoHud gets a Regional race date at Lime Rock. It's the debut season for Bill Morris and his home-built B/Sports Racer dubbed The Screaming Yellow Zonker. Howard Geer still drives his 63 Corvette split-window coupe to the track and races it in B Production. Later in the year the car is advertised for sale in The Knock-Off, asking price \$2,400, including 4 Firestone racing tires on 7 inch rims, 4 Kelly-Spring-field street tires on 6 inch rims, and two snow tires on 5" rims, plus all the accoutrements (rollbar, seat belt/shoulder harness, flywheel scattershield).

Monthly meetings start at The Nite-Lite in Halfmoon, and then in April move to The Blue Apple,

on Upper Union Street in Schenectady.

Bill Morris and Pete Callaghan share the Driver of the Year award.

MoHud Treasurer Howard Geer pro-



1971 – Regional membership is up to 155. Gymkhanas get a new name; they're now called "auto slaloms". Car classes are now based on a mix of production car racing and engine displacement (A&B Production plus Jaguar XK-E, C prod, D prod plus Mini-Cooper S, E-F prod plus Mini-Cooper, G-H prod, sedans 0-1100cc plus VW1200, sedans 1101-1500 plus all other VWs, sedans 1501-3000, sedans over 3000cc, ladies, modified). All cars with "racing" tires go in the modified class.

Tom Dutton takes another stab at the CanAm, this time with a McLaren. He scores four top ten finishes in ten starts. The region's other star in the Sports/Racer ranks, Bill Morris, earns an invitation to the SCCA National Championship Run-Offs at Road Atlanta, with his Screaming Yellow Zonker B/SR.

Auto-slalom class champions for the year include: Carl Corrin (Corvette), Art Frederick (Lotus Elan), Jack Fantelli (Lotus Europa), Campbell O'Keefe (MGB), Howard Geer (Sprite), Greg Rickes (Mini 850), Jack Burns (VW SuperBeetle), Bill Getz (BMW 2002), Bill Ruschetti (Plymouth Duster), Nancy Geer (Sprite)

The club treasury closes the year with a balance of \$2,746.07

1972 – To start a new year the monthly meeting moves to The Pub (Plaza 7, Troy-Schenectady Road); by May we're on the road again, to The Vittles and Grog on Menands Road

31 cars contest the annual Snowflake Rallye. Competition Chairman Bill Morris reports the region will start the year with 12 drivers holding National competi-



An October trip to Watkins Glen was on many MoHud members schedule to see world class F1 drivers like David Hobbs, seen here. Stories abound about the heavy partying at this annual event. Many might remember "the bog". Then again, maybe you won't want to remember.

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tion licenses, 8 with regional tickets, and 7 on novice logbooks. Preliminary schedule for the region shows 8 gymkhanas and 5 rallyes.

It's a benchmark year. Mohawk-Region sanctions two races, one at Lime Rock and one at Thompson (CT); the latter is also the first-ever race for the SCCA's most famous driver, Paul Newman. For the first time Mohawk-Hudson Region races are included in the North Atlantic Road Racing Championship. The region also tries another hillclimb, this time at Mount Cathalia in Ellenville NY, to a disappointing turnout.

SCCA introduces Showroom Stock Sedan as a regional-racing class. Car & Driver magazine embraces the concept and promotes an end-of-season finale (including free Schaefer beer) at Lime Rock Park. Voorheesville's Bruce Cargill takes home the win, and more prize money than the list price (\$2,095) of his Ken Goewey-sponsored Dodge Colt. Entry fee for the Car & Driver race is One Dollar.

Bill Morris again earns an invite to the Run-Offs at Road Atlanta. He's joined by Corvette driver Al Anderson wheeling the Yankee Racing entry. Anderson also garners Driver of the Year

Autoslalom series champs are: Carl Corrin (Corvette), John Boyd (Datsun 240Z), Bernie Cognon (SAAB Sonnett V4), Butch Sciarra (SAAB Sonnett 850), Jon Griffin (FIAT 124), Paul Hacker (BMW 2002), Bill Ruschetti (Plymouth Duster), Howard Geer (Lotus Elan), Donna Fisher (Chevy Camaro).



▲ Jack Burns takes his Beetle through the paces at the 1976 Solo II National Championships.

Back in the 70's, at Autosprint, Lee Beauregard is seen waiting in the paddock in his Lotus 7 at Lime Rock Park for his turn on the race track. ▼



1973 – Meeting place moves again; next stop is the Monticello Restaurant at the Rown-Towner Motel on Wolf Road. Treasury balance is a healthy \$6,452.19 to start the year.

Ninth annual Snowflake Rallye starts from Cotrofeld Sunoco in Clifton Park, entry fee is (still) \$3.00. Finish point is the Cambridge Hotel. SCCA National rallyists Norm deCarteret and Mike Cirello win the event, followed by Art Frederick/Howard Geer (SAAB) and John Stim/Doug Jones (Datsun). Not only will there be a regional rallye championship, the region will also sanction the Déjà vu SCCA National Rallye. This event will attract 70 entries and cover over 400 miles of eastern New York roads. A bit later in the year Dave and Martha Hathaway win the Heldeberg Hassle, a MoHud series event. Nancy and Howard Geer win the season championship for driver and navigator respectively. MoHud member Norm DeCarteret ends up in a 3 way tie for the SCCA Class B National Rallye Championship.

It's another double race season for MoHud, fixtures again split between Thompson and Lime Rock. Thompson draws 130 entries and the entry fee is \$40. That's topped by 220 cars at Lime Rock.

Novice racer Paul Hacker wins a two-hour show-room stock endurance race at Bryar Motorsports Park (New Hampshire) in his Dodge Colt; later in the year he'll become the first MoHud driver to win a NARRC championship. Ed Holeva wins F Production in the Area 11 New York State Road Racing Championship

Following his pattern of strong performances in oddnumbered years Tom Dutton's CanAm season shows 4 top tens in eight starts. Bill Morris (D/Sports Racing OCTOBER 2006 KnockOff Page 7

MiniMarcos, Phil Raeder Formula C, and Doug Jones, C Sedan Datsun) all earn invitations to Road Atlanta.

Jack Hanifan (FIAT 124) is a class winner at the season's first gymkhana.

Series champs are: Greg Rickes (Autodynamics Formula Vee), Lee Beauregard (Lotus 7), Carl Corrin (Corvette), Tom Pelkey (Datsun 2000), Tony Hilferty (BMW 2002), Gerald Morris (Datsun 1600), Bill Ruschetti (Duster), Jack Burns (Mercury Capri) and Donna Fisher (Camaro). All events are held at the New York State Peripheral Parking lot on Washington Avenue

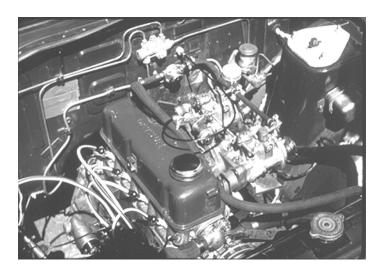
As the year ends there is much discomfort as the Arab oil embargo begins to crimp the gasoline and home heating oil supply.

1974 – Monthly meetings get another change of venue, this time to The Center Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont. Membership is 145. Odd/even gas rationing takes its toll on participation in the first four months of the year. As spring turns to summer business as usual returns to local gas stations but the New York State Office of General Services decides that such a visible use of gasoline for a frivolous purpose like gymkhanas is poor PR and rescinds access to the Peripheral Parking Lot.

The "temporary" closing of the road course at Thompson Connecticut cuts MoHud back to one race date; there's much hopeful speculation that a re-configured track at Thompson will soon be available. The region's Lime Rock event draws 170 cars.



Connie McIntyre gives a wave while waiting on the grid for her race back in the 70s. Connie was a very active member of MoHud as a racer and volunteer.



Way back then, it was said you could eat off the engines that John Stim built. This photo shows the reason why. Most of our homes are never this spotless.

Jack Hanifan ends the year with a pair of class wins on the autoslalom scene, which he parlays into a series championship. Other season titlists are: Art Frederick (Lotus Elan), Dave Kidd (Corvette), Ted Sloper (Datsun 240Z), Tony Hilferty (BMW 2002), Jeff Nudi (Ford Pinto), Bill Ruschetti (Duster) and Donna Fisher (Camaro). The club treasury is equally successful, with an ending balance of over \$8000.

Mohawk-Hudson Region recognizes two competitors as Driver-of-the-Year:

Valatie's Paul Hacker (Showroom Stock Sedan Dodge Colt) and Ted Wenz (C/Sports Racing Elva). John Stim (C Sedan Datsun 1200) is road-racing's Rookie of the Year.

1975 – The Snowflake Rallye is back on the schedule, this time as part of the Northern Appalachian Rallye Series, a cooperative effort between Mo-Hud, Empire Motor Sports Club and Berkshire Motor Sports Club. Twenty-three cars take on the back roads of Columbia and Rensselaer counties and when the scoring is tabulated the win goes to Candy Schaf/Walt Tracinski (in Candy's Opel), followed by the FIAT of Empire's Jerry and Nancy Varney, Dave Hathaway/Dave Lloyd, Bob Wright/Jill Wentorf (BMW) and John Stim/Jim Bishop (BMW).

Equally encouraging, the NYS Peripheral Lot is again available for gymkhanas. 60 cars turn out for the traditional season-opener, The Gymschool. In March a number of new members are welcomed, including Thomas Campbell. Region membership at mid-year is 119.

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▲ Harold Cameron certainly enjoyed himself when racing. Called Dirty Harold's Group 43, his campsite was the scene for "war" stories, an abundance of laughter, and large amounts of spirited beverages.

The annual regional race at Lime Rock is held on August 2; total entry is 185 cars.

Paul Hacker wins the fourth edition of the Car& Driver Showroom Stock Challenge, driving a VW Scirocco. The victory is worth \$1,900.

The SCCA National Run-Offs, now known as the Champion Spark Plug Road Race of Champions (CSPRRC) at Road Atlanta host a strong Mohawk-Hudson contingent comprised of Don Valenti (EP Porsche 914), Karl Danneil (D/SR NTM-Honda), John Stim (CS Datsun 1200), Jon Van de Car (Formula Vee) and Al Anderson (BP Corvette).

Valenti and Van de Car share Driver of the Year honors. Another Corvette racer, Bernie DeGraf, wins the NARRC title in B Production.

In other end-of-year tallies Autoslalom champs are: Art Frederick (Lotus Elan), Wilson Wright (Chevrolet Corvette), Tom Pelkey (Datsun 2000), Tom Beaudoin (Porsche 914), Jack Hanifan (FIAT 124), Jeff Nudi (Ford Pinto), Lloyd "Sandy" Fisher (Camaro) and Judy Beauregard (Lotus 7 and FIAT).

1976 – Regional membership is reported as 123; of those 22 hold SCCA National licenses, 7 have regional tickets and 8 are novices. That's 31% of the membership.

Connie McIntyre issues a plea that anyone having possession of one (or more) of the region's stopwatches let her know, as they'll be needed for Timing & Scoring at the Lime Rock regional race

John Stim and Jim Bishop open the region's competition year with a win in the Snowflake Rallye.

To celebrate the American Bicentennial there's a special Solo II divisional championship at Bryar MotorSports Park in New Hampshire. Two MoHud drivers (Loren Harrison, C/Prepared Mustang, and Wilson Wright, B Stock VW) pick up class wins. Regionally autoslalom class championships go to Arnie Wylie (Corvette), Tom Pelkey (Datsun 2000), Pete Fullam (TR4), Jack Hanifan (Fiat 124), Wilson Wright (VW), Donna Fisher (Camaro) and Lisa Hanifan (Fiat 124). While 146 different drivers compete, only 27 run enough events to qualify for the season awards

Mohawk-Hudson Region enters into a working agreement with the Skip Barber Racing School to staff and sanction school racing events, starting with three race weekends at Lime Rock.

The Lime Rock AutoSprint is a little too exciting, especially for Steve Magee, who ends up on the wrong side of the guard rail at start/finish, with a splash at the end. The good news is that Steve's unhurt, a fate that is unfortunately not shared by a fish which is found on board the Capri when its winched back to dry land.

In what will become a familiar story line, Paul Hacker scores his first professional racing series title, winning the Scirocco/Bilstein Cup. Harold Cameron is Driver of the Year.

1977 – Monthly meetings move to The Americana on Wolf Road. Opening balance in the treasury is \$9,548.48. The region continues its working agreement with Skip Barber, to now include all SBRS races in the northeast.

The 13th edition of the Snowflake Rallye proves prophetic as the event is plagued with problems. MoHud drivers school at Lime Rock draws 70 entries, and 156 for the regional race.

With Car & Driver dropping their annual Showroom Stock race at Lime Rock, MoHud sets a plan to run a similar event in conjunction with a Skip Barber race at Lime Rock. Dash plaques are made up, but the critical mass of entries never materializes and the race is cancelled.

Tom Campbell wins the 1977 NARRC F Production title.

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1978 – Meetings move to Ford's Tavern on Central Ave in Albany.

The Snowflake Rallye is back for another try, including a "special stage" on the same course used by the New York State Ice Racing Association at Cossayuna Lake. The team of Alex Roberts/Howard Geer (SAAB) comes out best among 25 entries. MoHud, Empire Motor Sports Club and Berkshire MSC agree to a tri-club rallye championship.

For a bit of autocross variety, the schedule includes "The Albany Enduro – 5 Minute Autocross". Jack Hanifan wins two classes – driving a Chevy Monza and a FIAT 124 (he also gets a 2nd place, driving a FIAT X1/9). To keep things interesting there's also a Night Autocross

Always willing to try something new, the region organizes a muffled Solo 1 time trial at Lime Rock in conjunction with a Skip Barber Racing Series event. Bill Andrews of Amsterdam has FTD with a SAAB Sonnet.

MoHud member Pete Kuhn earns an invite to Road Atlanta by winning the Formula Ford title in the Northeast Division; he's also MoHud's Driver of the Year. Craig Robertson is Rookie-of –the-Year for his debut season success with a Renault LeCar SSC.

At mid-year the treasury balance is \$10,429.79, membership roll tallies 138. At year's end the region's

board votes to withdraw from the NARRC series due to ambiguities in series administration.

Crowned as autocross champions are: John Stim, John Hartel, Tom Pelkey, Paul Vooris, Jack Hanifan, Skip Gifford, Wilson Wright, Al Harding, and Eileen Wierzbowski. Rallye champions in the Northeast Foreign Car Part series are Jerry & Nancy Varney in class A/B and Mike and Eileen Wierzbowski in C/SOP

1979 – The Snowflake Rallye, now incorporating three "special stages" on frozen lakes as well as 100 miles of road driving, draws a record 49 entries. Overall winner is the team of Stone/McCandless.

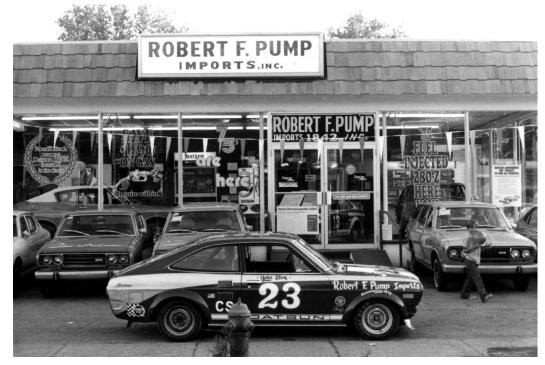
Regional race and driver's school are named "The Silver Mine" weekend. Entry fee is \$50; 66 cars try the drivers' school, 134 for the race (which is a NYSRRC championship event).

Mid-year change sees monthly meetings move to Mike's Place, 192 North Allen Street in Albany. Membership is up to 173.

The Easter Seals Charity Autocross draws an astounding 88 cars, including 18 in the Camaro/Mustang class.

SCCA National HQ recognizes Mohawk-Hudson with a Regional Achievement Award, for initiative and innovation in programs offered.

John Stim's Datsun B-210 is showcased in front of his sponsor, Pump Motors, in Schenectady, NY in the late 70's. John must have made racing look like lots of fun. If you look closely, to the right of John's car, you'll see Geoff Stim at an early age. Geoff now races his Spec Miaita #26 at race tracks along the east coast. When do you think his love of cars came from?



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Monthly Membership Report 08/28/2006

Please welcome these new members to the region.

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Brian Levy	08/18/06	Rye Brook	NY	(914)906-6246(H)			
Fred Ogle	07/18/06	Burnt Hills	NY	forlandtrains@yahoo.com			
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Name	Joined on	Years
	September	
William Sinclair	09/05/96	10.1

There was 1 record printed.

There are 378 members in the region, an increase of four members from last report!

Webmaster Report

The latest solo results have been posted

Eric Smith has administrative control over the bulletin board. He has been working hard setting up additional security measures that are keeping out most of the bogus registrations. The occasional spam post and registration is coming through but the situation is now manageable. Thanks EJ!

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October 2006:

Can it be over already? The Solo season on October 15 is it. This year we have averaged about sixty entrants per event. The points champions, I believe are already set.

Performing my duties as Safety Steward at the last event, I had the pleasure of having a woman come up to me saying thank you. Her son is a new solo enthusiast this year. Her concern, as so with many parents, is the young people getting involved in street racing. She just wanted to thank SCCA for providing a venue with a SAFE environment for her son to compete with his car. I told her the thanks go to many people, especially the site owners for allowing SCCA to use their facility. Because of a senior moment, I don't remember her name or her son's. She was very impressed how well our events are run and how organized we are. Therefore, I believe thanks should go to all the people involved. Bert has done an outstanding job at designing courses at our sites. Byron and Danielle always get our registration moving efficiently and on time. Tom and his crew are thorough yet make Tech seem effortless. Russ heads up timing & scoring along with getting equipment to the events, and developing a dedicated crew to keep the

event running smoothly during the day. DJ, EJ, Matt, Bill, Arnie, Kevin, Lyndon, and all the names I have not mentioned step up event after event to perform extra duties that make our events run as well as they do. This is where all the thanks should go. If we should ever be blessed with a site in our region, capable of hosting a National or Divisional event, I believe our group could provide an event as professional as any we've attended and probably better than most. We have people who are out of region that have said how much they have enjoyed our events this year.

My focus now is the Awards Banquet. We usually have about 100 people show up for a great meal and a good time. There will be NO Chinese Auction this year. Rumor has it there will be a guest speaker, or is a..... a guess speaker??? At the time of this writing no one knows. We will have to wait for the Banquet.

Election of club officers is upon us and it's about time for some new blood, if possible. Some of us are looking to pass the baton and welcome new people in the various positions. Speak up if you are interested.

Until the next time,

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