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CAUGHT ON CAMERA! Look closely! You'll see the "*connection*" between the two persons: Area 10 Director, John Sheridan & NEDiv Licensing Chair, Peter Smith. They are using one of many methods used by officials to keep in touch with each other on important issues. I believe this *communiqué* concerned a frank discussion of the lunch fare that particular day at their yearly camping place in the Adirondacks. Also in attendance at their campground were former Chairman of the Board, Tom Campbell, his wife Carol, Exec. Steward, Jack Hanifan, your KO editor, Lisa; as well as the two lovely ladies who married these gems, oops I mean gents, Denni Sheridan and Diane Smith. The troupe was also visited at campsite by Lee Schaller who will attest to the foolishness that takes place with these folks.

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2006 Awards Banquet

Friday, December 1st, 2006

MALLOZZI'S

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Time: 6:30 PM- ?

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Menu

Trattoria Table @ 6:30 pm

Appetizer

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Dinner @ 7:30 pm

ALL DINNERS \$30.00

Roast Prime Rib of Beef

Chicken Parmigiana

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& GUEST SPEAKER ?

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The **REport**

GENE TRICOZZI

I am opening with a reminder, even though the racing season is drawing to a close; we are coming into a busy time of the year. The NEDiv mini-convention will be held November 10th-12th in Cherry Hill, NJ. These conventions are open to all members and have many useful seminars which could benefit competitors at all levels. If you are interested you can register through the NESCCA link on our website by clicking on **race** then the NESCCA link to mini-con registration.

Our annual Awards banquet will be held on December 1st at Mallozzi's in Rotterdam at 6:30. Please plan to attend. Send your registration to Bruce ASAP. It will be here before you know it.

Looking ahead in the not so distant future the SCCA National Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas February 1st - 4th. If you can find the time, it will be well worth it.

At the danger of making this sound like an editorial, I feel this next issue is something we will have to face in the near future. There are some racing issues which have surfaced in Spec Miata that could also affect other classes. You may be aware Spec Miata is by nature close & competitive wheel-to-wheel racing, but it has become a slugfest at times. There is much concern on the part of the racers, to the extent that some drivers have chosen to race their Miata's in other classes. Race incidents will happen, but this is beyond racing accidents this is, as Pete Smith would say "adrenaline stupidity" and is a situation which should be addressed by the racers and the stewards. In the Spec Miata web site discussion forum there was an entry which included a response to this type of situation. The response stated an event was held at Mid Ohio, sanctioned by NASA, where reckless drivers in Spec Miata were sent home. The stewards decided who stays and who goes home, no questions asked. "Let me tell you it put the fear of god in a lot of people". The posting went on to say "the conduct of the drivers is so much different than SCCA drivers, and NASA membership is increasing 30% per year, does that tell you something"? It is our responsibility as drivers to bring any recklessness to the attention of the race stewards. There are mechanisms in place to do this, and we can't use the excuse the stewards won't do anything about it. The stewards will do something if we show them we are taking this seriously; they are there for our protection. I am your representative in this club and I welcome any comments you may have.

Also, I want to thank all of our officers and directors who have agreed to stay on in their positions and continue their duties for 2007. This is a huge commitment of their time and effort for the benefit of all of us, so please be sure to thank them.

As a reminder submissions to the KO should be emailed to Lisa Hanifan and the deadline is the 15th of the month.

I do look forward to any input.
Gene

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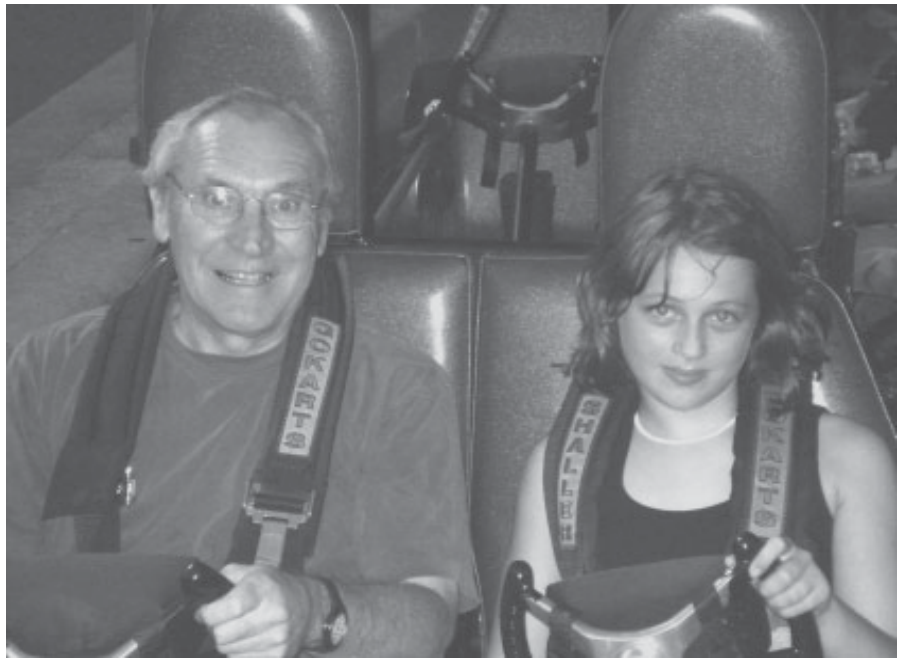
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Right: Grandpa Thom (O'Connor) suits up with granddaughter Lara, Sean's daughter, at the FunPlex Go Kart track in East Greenbush. Below right, Lara has eyes on another competitor for position at Lime Rock. Third generation? The song goes something like "It's only just begun..."



Lara O'Connor, Go-Kart Spin Princess

KART RACE SCHOOL AT LIME ROCK

By Lara (Spinner) O'Connor

Well, it's 4:00 in the morning and a young girl like me should not have to get up in the cold and fog and make a trip to Lime Rock to run these funny little karts. Since my father and his father are all hyper and paying for this gig, I guess I'll just indulge them a bit. I just wish they could talk about something other than race/cars/race/cars and on and on!! I'm so happy I brought these fashion magazines with me...it should help pass the time...if only I had some ear plugs too!

My word, we're here and the fog hasn't lifted; you just can't run those things in the fog...can you? That breakfast they fed me on the way down was the pits!! I hope the real racers get better food than that!

Lots of people here and these folks are pretty organized and those karts look like they might be fun. This Johan is a pretty interesting guy...I like his accent.

Boy this suit, helmet, neck brace, and gloves are a pain and taking them on and off all day will wear me out. How can they expect me to remember all those flags? The reason I came to this event was so I could miss the 1st day of school!! Slow down, it's too soon to get into those karts and be running around this track...better get it together as he sounds like he means business. How do they expect me to see out of this helmet? Wearing glasses



would sure make for problems, not to mention what this is doing to my hair. Not bad; hey, these little jobs go real fast but they are holding us back. Must talk with this Johan guy and suggest he turn us loose.

That morning stuff went pretty well and I'm getting around pretty good. I already have the most SPINS of anyone...hope they give big points for those!! Pop and his Pop think the sliding and sideways stuff really holds off those behind you...guess that runs in the family.

It's been a long day and I can't believe I have some muscles I didn't know about. I suspect I'll be a little sore tomorrow. Bill and Jen Argyle called (they have FC cars) and wanted to know who my agent is...I told them I wouldn't be available for a couple of years because of age and the fact I going SM so that I could run with some of the young cute guys...but make sure to keep in touch! The last session was a blast with the usual number of SPINS. I'll have to break that habit and try to control my enthusiasm...but it is fun!!!! The school is awesome, lots of track time, great and attentive instruction...just nice people.

Bob Karl Sr., Pete Smith, Geoff Stim! I'm gunning for you!!!!

November 2006



BETWEEN THE CONES

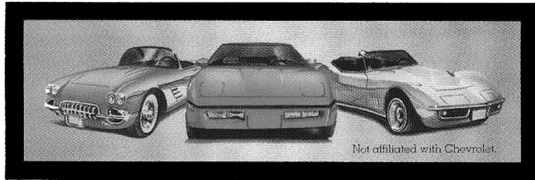
This report will be kind of short since there is not too much to report. The main thing is by the time you read this, the solo season will be over and winter hibernation or migration will be starting to take place. This will depend on who you are.

Sooooif you can, please do not stress me out and send in your **BANQUET SLIPS** early with your

CHECKS so we can make plans in a timely manner. It is also time to start looking at the Christmas shopping listlet's seea new helmetand a new set of tiresa new set of beltsan aluminum flywheelan extra set of wheels. This should do for this season. Until the next time,
Bruce

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Ready, Set, Go!

Weather permitting, there will be ice racing again this year. All depends on temperature & conditions; if it remains cold enough, there will be ice. The season for ice can be short, long or even non-existent, as some winters have proved. Having once been young & foolish, this editor worked these events. I remember sitting in a lawn chair on Cossayuna Lake working a corner with the air temp. near 60 degrees, an inch of water on top of the ice, thinking, "my parents would have me committed if they saw what I was doing". A leg of my chair did eventually fall thru. But I stayed on the corner though and just moved a bit over to more solid ice. They might have been right about the sanity or lack thereof!

Look for info in the upcoming KOs on just where & when racing will be. Happy winter, all you hardy souls!

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Latest News from the COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan



November Competition Report

Well, those who attended the Fun One and Last Chance Races at WGI know MoHud did not have a good 10 days. Jim Sheridan, Michael Lo, Bob Karl Jr. and Ken Lendrum were all involved in the "Big One". On the bright side, Geoff Stim won on Sunday and TJ won both days. The Last Chance saw Tom Campbell and Geoff Stim each blow an engine while Charlie Campbell did in two engines.

I am writing this from the Runoffs at Heartland Park. This is a magnificent facility. Track personnel are very friendly and are doing everything in their power to make our stay comfortable. The paddock is huge and level and the tech building has to be seen

to be believed. Today cars are qualifying and the NeDiv drivers are holding their own. On the way out here, I took the time to visit the Hall of Fame museum at Indianapolis Speedway; it is well worth the \$3 admission fee.

Remember to get your points in for the MoHud Championship, the point system was in last months article, all entrants get a T-shirt, so be sure to include your shirt size.

MoHud is hosting the NARRC Banquet; it will be Saturday November 4th at the Troy Elks lodge on Rt 4, just south of HVCC. Cocktails 6:30pm – Dinner 7:30pm. See the flyer in this KO.

Lee Wallard

Car Driven to 1st place at 1951 Indy 500 by Lee Wallard of Altamont, NY.



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Not sure of the source of this photo. The idea here of keeping score as done on fighter jets has crept into Spec Miata racing lately. On two recent race weekends at the Glen, the driving incidents as well as motor failures managed to take out most of our MoHud entrants. TJ Hanifan said he felt like "last man standing" or driving as the case may be. He and the Sheeren brothers were the only MoHud finishers in the final Spec Miata competition



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The September and October Knock off pdf files are available on the web site. If you try to display the KO in your browser and it doesn't work then right click on the link and download the file, then open it from your hard drive. When I was doing some routine updates of Acrobat, Windows XP and Internet Explorer, I found that I could no longer display the PDF file in a browser on some of my machines. The download "stalls" at various points when fetching the file from the internet. Netscape navigator is also effected, but Opera seems to work just fine. After googleing around, it seems that a lot of folks are having this problem. Many "hope this helps" types are giving advice that doesn't work so until the next round of Microsoft and Acrobat updates, it looks like some of us are stuck with this latest problem.

Solo results are up to date through September.

EJ Reports that the auto login feature of the bulletin board does not work. I haven't actually verified it yet. In the meantime, try the auto log in with cookies enable led. If it doesn't work for you, send me a quick e-mail. If auto log in doesn't work for you as a registered user, just log in manually.

Monthly Membership Report 10/15/2006

New member report

From: 08/20/06 to: 09/25/06.

Please welcome these new mem bers to the region.

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Erik Tyree	09/13/06	Craryville	NY	(917)239-1900(H) erik@alanmoto.com
Alan Wilzig	09/12/06	Totowa	NJ	alan@alanmoto.com

There were 4 records printed.

Anniversary Report generated on: 10/18/06

Name	Joined on	Years
	November	
Harry Adalian	11/05/96	10
Maria Kroth	11/26/96	10
Dawn Adalian	11/08/01	5
Timothy Adalian	11/08/01	5
Michelle Jamie Burnham	11/28/01	5

There were 5 records printed.

There are 374 members in the region.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM **BROCK YATES TO SPEAK**

NEW MUSEUM EXHIBIT: POST-WW II MIDGET RACING

The **Racing in New York Gallery** of the **Saratoga Automobile Museum** will feature the Solar/Kurtis Kraft Midget exhibit opening Sunday, November 5. The exhibit will feature a pair of Solar midgets from the post-WWII era along with an example of the blazing-fast Kurtis Kraft "tube-frame". Joining the Solars will be an Offenhauser powered Kurtis Kraft piloted by Indianapolis 500 winners and American racing legends AJ Foyt and Johnny Rutherford, among others. The car, now owned by author and racing historian Brock Yates, is typical of the super-fast Kurtis Krafts that dominated, and some say ruined, midget racing from coast to coast.

The exhibit opening is set for 2 pm on Sunday, Nov. 5th. Yates will be speaking about both his car and his memories of the unparalleled post-war midget racing scene. Refreshments will follow.

The Museum is located on the grounds of Saratoga Spa State Park at 110 Avenue of the Pines. For more information visit the Museum's website at www.saratogaautomuseum.org or call (518) 587-1935.

This program is included with Museum admission. Admission is \$7.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors and Active Military, and \$3.50 for children ages 6-16.

Area 10 Director John Sheridan checks tire pressures for Exec Steward Jack Hanifan at the Pocono enduro race in May. The weekend races were honoring the memory of Linda Gronlund & Joe DeLuca, NNJSCCA's local heroes aboard Flight 93.



▲ Thom O'Connor, Geoff Stim, Terry Marsh, Phil LePore, Pete Smith, Bruce Kosakowski, and Andy Furlong do the photo lineup at the Funplex Park back in August.



▲ The go-to Solo Guy, Bruce Kosakowski.

Upcoming...

Go-Kart Track BUS TRIP

*Get out of those
winter doldrums!!*

Look for news on this "sounds like fun" event in next month's KnockOff. Activities Director Pete Smith together with MoHud Merchandiser Geoff Stim have planned this bus trip to a challenging go-kart track in Connecticut. They, of course, had to go there first to check it out. Both were very enthused after the visit.

Whenever wheels are involved, we know testosterone levels start to boil and sometimes even estrogen. So bring your driving skills, warm clothes and sense of humor for a day of fun. Get your tickets early for this event. The bus will fill up fast. Find all the details in next month's issue.

Remember the Awards Banquet!!!

**Get your reservations
to Bruce
by Nov. 12th!**

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Ladies, Ladies!!

Join the fun...come to our next meeting or event! MoHud has many female members looking to increase their numbers in the rank and file membership. Many would also like more members to discuss subjects a bit more stimulating than just tire pressures, engine oil, & cage specs, yada, yada. Meetings are held at 7:30 on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Orchard Tavern, 68 No. Manning Blvd. in Albany, NY. Come, enjoy all the fun, laughter, and friendship! I'll be waiting!



Left to right: Diane Smith, Lisa Hanifan, Dawn Adalian, & Mary Cameron gathered earlier this past summer at the benefit for Mary's young grandson, Harold Cameron Jr. who was severely injured in an accident early in the spring. He remains in a wheelchair. Mary keeps us informed of his progress. Look for more benefits to be held in the future. He has a long road back but plenty of friends in MoHud to make the task a bit easier.