

The Mo-Hud

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA (MoHud)

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The REport

A 62-year old dream of the Mohawk-Hudson Region has finally been realized!

In January of 1956, the Club's incorporation papers listed, as one of its purposes: "...to provide and maintain a suitable club house and roadways for the use and recreation of its members..." Now, as of April 1st, MoHud is the proud owner of a 30,000 sq. ft. clubhouse at 708 Riverview Road in Rexford., sitting on some 12 ½ acres of land abutting the Mohawk River.



The existing apple orchards and other green stuff will be ripped out to make way for a large paved area to be used by the MoHud Solo program, while a perimeter road will be constructed for use as a club racing school and regional event track. The clubhouse will be used for monthly meetings, and made available on a rental basis for automotive-themed weddings and similar events. In keeping with the past history of the property, it will be renamed Duh-Om.

Unfortunately, using up the Club's treasury did not cover the cost of acquisition, so there will be slight increase in dues. With a 20-year mortgage at 5% on 5 million, each member will be assessed an additional \$77.65 per month.

For the good of the sport...

Jim Bucy

Regional Executive

Coming Events:

- **April 1:** Sunday. "Count" Eliot Zborowski died this day in 1903 when his Mercedes crashed at the La Turbie hill climb above present day Monaco (whose rock-face two MoHuders climbed on their 1999 honeymoon). His son Louis was later known for his home-built Chitty-Bang-Bangs powered by WWI aero engines.
- **April 1:** Sunday. Hugh Troy Day in Ithaca, New York. Near the spot where Cam Argetsinger drove an MG for the first time, old-timers will gather to celebrate Hugh Troy's exploits, such as the-day-Hugh-used-an-elephant-foot-wastebasket-to-make footprints-on-snow-covered-Beebe-Lake-and-most-residents-stopped-drinking-Ithaca's-Beebe-Lake-water-until-the-word-got-out-as-to-who-was-behind-the-caper.
- **April 2:** Monday, 7:00am - 10:00pm. Saratoga Auto Museum bus to NY Auto Show. \$75/\$85.
Contact: melissa.murphy@saratogaautomuseum.org
- **April 4:** Wednesday, 7:30pm. MoHud Membership Meeting. Orchard Tavern, 68 North Manning Boulevard, Albany.
This will be the March, or April, meeting; depending on how you look at it.
Contact: Jim Bucci hdjimbu@gmail.com
- **January 1, 2019:** Sunday. Radically revised SCCA Club Racing categories and classes take effect. See following page.



Count Eliot Zborowski in happier days with his Mercedes.

Born in New Jersey, he wasn't really a Count, but he inherited several blocks of property along Central Park in Manhattan, so he could party any way he wanted to... and did.

Stock Your Toolbox with MoHud Logo-ed Metric Screwdrivers

If you've ever tried to tighten a metric screw with an SAE screwdriver, you know how frustrating it can be. And although every car made today uses metric screws, nuts and bolts, the only screwdrivers you'll find at PepBoys are SAE-American standard. So you'll be excited to learn that our merchandise man, Slick VanSlyke, has scored a whole crate full of metric screwdrivers in the hard-to-find 10mm and 13mm sizes. See him at the May meeting.

Pictured below is one of the batch, just before being sent to the printer for its MoHud logo.



Club Racing Goes Spec

The **SCCA Board of Directors** has announced that in order to reduce competitor costs and simplify race management, all Club Racing classes will be based on the Mazda Miata chassis beginning January 1, 2019.

Racing categories will be reduced to four: **MSP** (Miata Sports Prototype), **MSOP** (Miata Sports Open Wheel), **MMP** (Miata Modified Production), and **MT** (Miata Touring). Classes within each category will be based on engine sizes, starting with "Big" and working down to "Pint-sized." While engine specifications for each Class are still in the works – one person's "big" is another's "average" -- the general design parameters of the Classifications have been set down.

MSP (Miata Sports Prototype), will use the basic Miata X-frame subchassis, run backward to allow for mid-engined cars. The X-frame design will require most engines to be redesigned to run counterclockwise, and will feature front-wheel drive. Body shape must cover all four wheels, but may be open or closed cockpit. It is expected that MSP cars will be similar in appearance to current LeMans Prototype cars.



MSOP (Miata Sports Open Wheel) will use the same MSP Miata X-frame subchassis/ engine configuration, but will not allow bodywork closer than 48mm to the forwardmost or rearwardmost portion of each tire in the fore-and-aft plane. Will probably look similar to an older Indy Lights car.



Club Racing Goes Spec in 2019... cont'd

MMP (Miata Modified Production) will use the basic Miata body platform, but outer bodywork such as fenders, coupe or open tops, are design optional. It is expected that MMP cars will look like Japanese Super-GT cars.

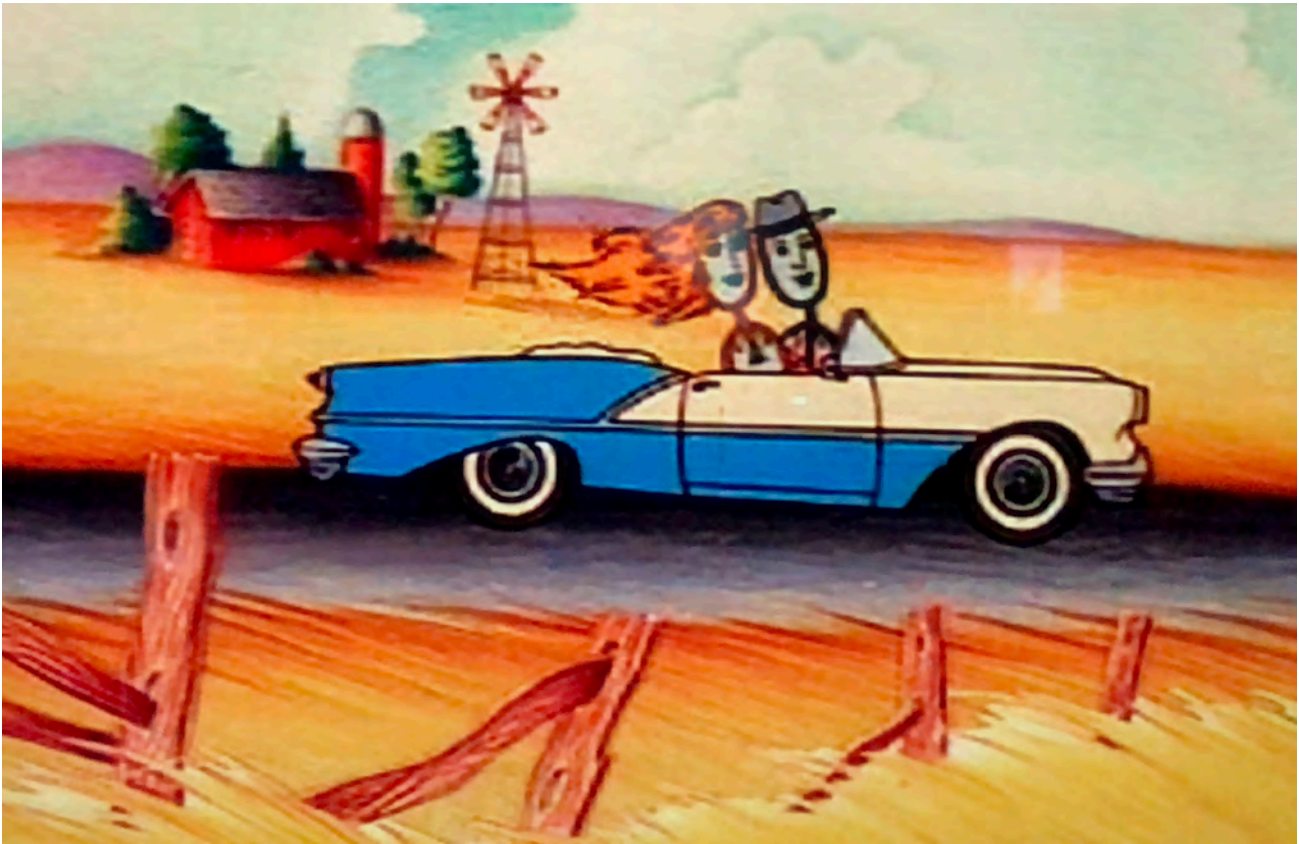


MT (Miata Touring) will use the basic Miata chassis, platform, and exterior shell. It is expected that MT cars will look like Miatas.



SCCA Board President Lee Hall pointed out that the new rules are part of the Club's rebranding process that coincides with considerable financial support from Mazda Motor Corporation, Fuchu, Japan. As part of the support agreement, the Club will be known as the Sports Car Club of mAzdas (SCCA), also beginning on January 1st, 2019.

This is not your Father's Oldsmobile

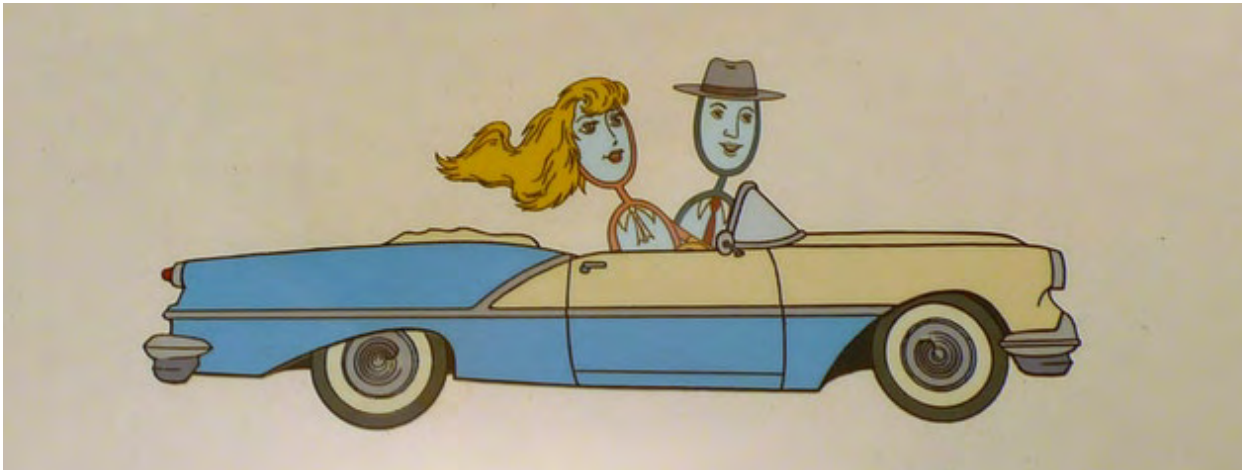


From 1905's "Come away with me, Lucille, in my merry Oldsmobile," to the dreadful ad line above, Oldsmobile has been alive in American popular culture for more than a century. But not even Bill Haley's recording of "Rocket 88" in the 1950's can match animator M. Henry Jones' Olds ad, created for America's Best Eyeglasses, in kitschiness.

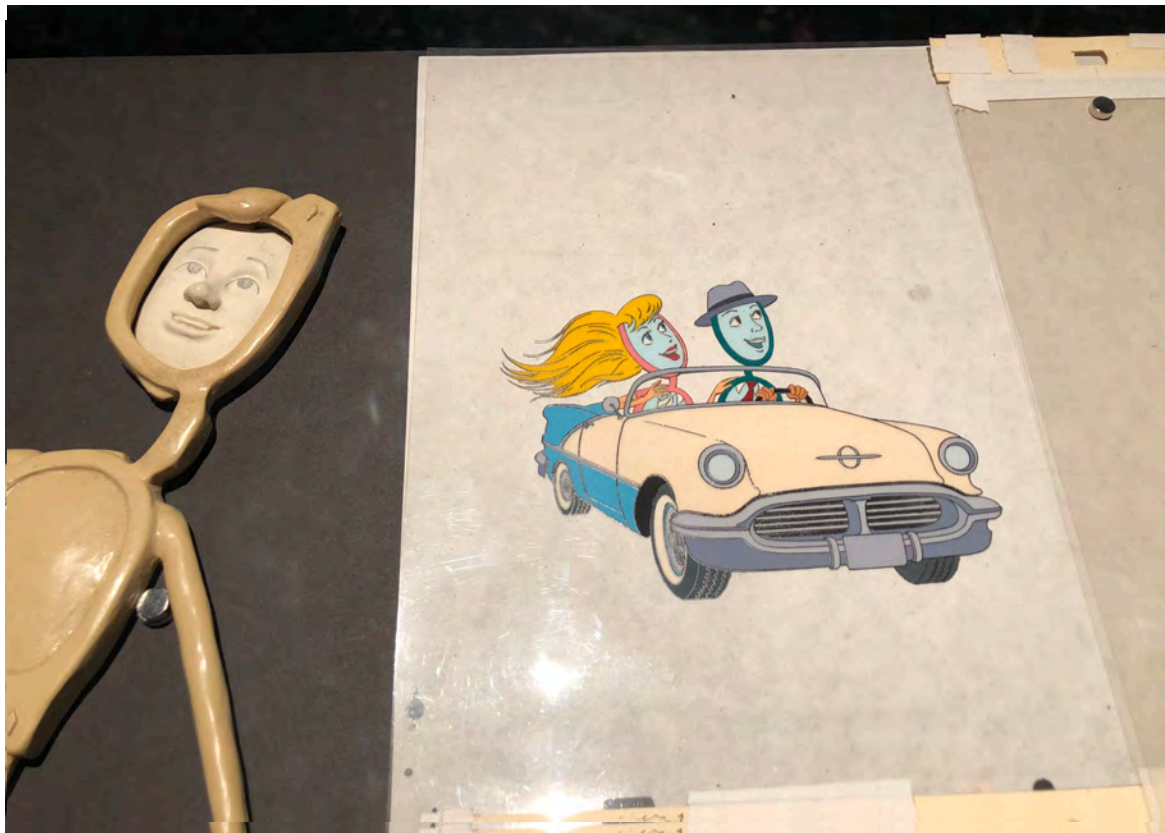
The '80s ad series for America's Best consisted of several 15-second animated films using the vocal phrase "*America's Best Eyeglasses: two pair of eyeglasses, or two daily wear soft contacts for only \$39.99, including the eye exam,*" repeated ad-nauseum. The screen you see above is a segment of the primary animation shot in the Oldsmobile-themed ad, with the Olds somewhat stationary as scenery slides by in the background. As a large billboard containing the main message slides into view, the Olds 'stops,' and viewers are treated to one last rendition of "*America's Best Eyeglasses: two pair of eyeglasses, or two daily wear soft contacts for only \$39.99, including the eye exam.*"

An exhibit of Jones' work, titled "The Flying Slatherpuss..." closed a few weeks ago at the Burchfield Penny museum in Buffalo, his hometown. One cool part of the exhibit was a series of sketches, animation cells and animation photo boards Jones did of the Olds, showing the sort of attention to detail that is the hallmark of good animators. A few examples follow.

This is not your Father's Oldsmobile... cont'd



Animation Cell from M. Henry Jones' Olds-themed ad created for America's Best Eyeglasses.



Reference model and a *key drawing*

SCCA Announces Family Fun Initiatives

SCCA CEO Mark Cobb has announced that as part of the Club's intent to provide a "safe, fun and exciting motorsports experience for auto enthusiasts," a number of family fun events will be initiated in the coming year.

First on the grid is the *Miata Cake Challenge* for family teams of two or more related or unrelated persons. Using a spec mold sanctioned by Mazda Motor Corporation, teams may use any combination of ingredients and methods to create a visual and tasty interpretation of motorsports fun. All SCCA Regions are encouraged to conduct a local event, starting this Spring, with *National Bakeoffs* October 16th - 21st at the famous Ramekins Culinary Institute of Sonoma (California) for Regional winners.

For complete rules, including how to use a Japanese rice-cooker to make an unusual cake that Mazda production workers in Japan savor in their lunchtime Bento Boxes, go to:

< <http://www.scca.com/competition/familyfun/cakes/mazdapaidforthispromotion/> >



Miata Cake Challenge Spec Mold

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And lastly, our annual coloring page...

