



HISTORY OF THE IROQUOIS REGION

Well, according to records and recollections of people who were there, we officially became a club on January 28, 1983. So that means that on January 28, 2013 our Iroquois Region Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary.

So how did our club begin; who were the founders and why was it founded. These questions were answered by Dick and Marian Moore. The "Lady of the Lakes" article was submitted by them entitled "Start of Iroquois Region". (Incidentally, the first issue of the Lady of the Lakes came out in April 1983 and John Utz was the editor.) So you can see, the club has gone over many twists and turns, new members, deceased members, outings in many different locations, but its still around and with your help and the help of all its members, will survive for another thirty years. It is only fitting that the early founders be recognized and following is a list:

FOUNDING FATHERS

Ray and Mary Straley	Dick Knoblock	John Utz
Gary Thompson (Canada)	Jim and Terry Sweeney	John Bullivant
Lincoln Miller	John McFarland	John Heinrick (later)
Tom Coundit	Don Doxtater	Roy Birch
Becky	Steve Micholovic	

START OF THE IROQUOIS REGION

BY DICK AND MARIAN MOORE

The nearest location of a region was the Upper Canada Region. Many members of RROC from Western New York attended their functions. It was often discussed that it would be nice to have a region in our area.

An organizational dinner meeting was hosted by Dick and Marian Moore at their home in Elba on November 7, 1982. The National Club provided a list of potential members who were invited to the meeting. A second meeting was held at the Moores to gain more input for the new region. Roy Straley, Dick and Marian Moore worked with Nic Petroff, Vice President of Regions to establish a new Region.

The Iroquois Region was approved on January 28, 1983 by the Board of Directors at the annual business meeting. The area covered was the New York State line on the west, north and south to Route 81 on the east. The first officers were: Roy Straley, Chairman; Tom Coundit, Treasurer; Marian Moore, Secretary; Mary Ann Clark, Activities Chairman and Dick Moore, Technical Chairman.

The members were a very active and close knit group. Social activities included a spring and fall banquet, summer picnic, and a weekend trip. Weekend tours were held in the Finger Lakes Region, Western New York, Thousand Islands, Ithaca, etc. . One of the "weekend" trips included the car parts flea market and car show at Beaulieu, England. Attending were the Clarks, Coundits, Knoblocks, Moores and Seiberts. They each toured part of Great Britain on their own. Dick and Doug by the Peter Barnis family. Peter was a pilot flying between London and New York who attended many functions and National meets of RROC and an active member of RREC. A group also traveled together to a National Meet in Williamsburg. They joined the Keystone Region in Mechanicsburg. Bob and Lydia Gosch flew in from Hawaii to ride with the Moores. Tom Coundit, Jim Sweeney, and the Straleys were also on the trip. Tom Coundit had Osmond Rivers as a rider in his 1935 20/25 Hooper. Mr. Rivers was a body designer for Hooper, so was able to give Tom valuable information when he restores the car. The first car show when the Genesee Country Museum in Mumford was newly opened was one of the Iroquois Region's weekend events. Bob Jefferson flew his private plane into the Genesee County Airport. Bob, BJ and their wives spent the weekend in Batavia/Elba where Bob and BJ led a technical session.

The Iroquois Region established two trophies - the Doxtater Trophy and the Downhill Trophy (which was won one year by Don and Helen when their card was damaged when it went "down the hill". Tom Coundit designed a car badge with John MacFarlane's