

The Knockoff

NEW EDITOR FOR KNOCKOFF

Jim Bucci has been named to replace outgoing Knockoff editor Mike Golden

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Jim Bucci and I am the new editor of The Knockoff. This is my first try at writing, editing or desktop publishing so I hope you will bear with me for a few months until I can get a feel for this.

Now I will bring you up to speed on what is going on. First, if anyone has an ad in the classified section, please call or E-mail me and let me know what is going on with it. Is it sold? Are you not selling it anymore? Do you want to change the ad? I think everyone, including myself, is getting pretty tired of looking at the same ads month after month.

In the next few issues of The Knockoff I plan to play around a bit with the format. We are limited financially as far as what we can do with the newsletter. But, as long as it does not cost us any more to produce, I can play around with the fonts, format, etc. Hopefully, it will make for a more visually interesting and exciting newsletter. It may help us to land some more advertising as well.

Next on my "To Do" list is to appeal to you, the members, for articles and stories. I need material for our newsletter. If you



Our Regional Executive, Larry Morton, shows a recent issue of *The Knockoff* to potential new members at the Crossgates Mall Race Car Show

have any stories you would like to share with the club, type them up and send them to me. Let's hear about the midnight thrashes to get your car ready for tomorrow's race or tell us what your race weekend was like. Want to get some exposure and free advertising for your sponsor? Write an article and tell us about your sponsor's business or service and how they have helped you with your race team. Don't forget; the club now has a flatbed scanner so a story about your race weekend or sponsor can include pictures



A Message From The R.E.

Car Control Clinic

The car control clinic for new drivers is about to become a reality and this is a final plea for instructors and participants for the weekend of June 7/8. Saturday the 7th will be instructors training and our first clinic will be Sunday the 8th. if you are interested in being an instructor, please call me right away so I can make sure you are fully informed. The main concern I have right now is that we have not marketed the clinic. we would like to have 24 teen/parent teams for that Sunday clinic. so, if you have a new driver in your family or a neighbor or friend that might be interested, please tell them about it, then call me and I will give you the information and send out a brochure. The cost to non-SCCA people will be \$75, we have not talked about an SCCA discount but I am sure there will be one. About an hour before the May 7 general membership meeting at Son's Tavern, I will show the clinic video and talk about the plans for the training, so if you can make it to Son's by 6:30pm, please join us.

Larry

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Electronic submissions may be made via 3.5" diskettes or by sending e-mail to the Knockoff editor.

The Mohawk-Hudson Region possesses its own electronic mailing list on the Internet. To join, send a message to: "Majordomo@balltown.cma.com" containing the phrase "Subscribe mo-hud" (Do not include the quote marks).

ADVERTISING RATES

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All ads must be prepaid. Noncommercial classified ads run 3 issues and are free to members.

Crossgates Mall Race Car Show

Our region took part in the race car show at Crossgates Mall on March 21, 22, and 23. We had eight cars on display and an information booth set up.

Jim Niles and Rich Alexander had their open-wheel cars there. Jim's is a Formula Ford and Rich has a Formula V. Jim and Rich both acquired their cars in the off-season and haven't driven them on the race track yet. I'd like to wish them both the best of luck in the upcoming season.

BMW was well represented at the show. Dan Wiltse, Bob Smart, Bob Behrens and Stephanie Weiss all had their Improved Touring class BMWs there.

Todd Boice's Autobody Supply of Saratoga-sponsored VW Golf was in the show as well.

Valatie's Mike Tucker rounded on the MoHud group with his NASCAR-legal Toyota. Mike used to campaign the Toyota at the local short tracks of South Carolina before moving to New York.

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who participated in the show and those that helped get the cars into the mall on Thursday night and out on Sunday.

Special thanks to Chip VanSlyke and Stephanie Weiss for staffing our information booth on both Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, on behalf of Lime Rock Park and myself, I would like to apologize to those of you that were excluded at the last moment from this year's show. Unfortunately, we were not informed until the Tuesday

afternoon before the show that MoHud/Lime Rock would be limited to just eight cars. I hope this unfortunate set of circumstances won't discourage you from participating in our car shows in the future.

--Jim Bucci--

MoHud Tech Party

The first Saturday afternoon in April brought a group of road racers to Lester Figarsky's Consignment Auto Sales on Manning Blvd. in Albany. They were there for MoHud's annual tech party. The tech party offered our drivers an opportunity to get their cars required annual technical inspection done before the season begins. Consignment Auto Sales has hosted our tech party in the past and their new location on North Manning Blvd. is very convenient. Our members could actually drive through the building, and into the back lot where the inspections were being performed. Nationally licensed Rich Welty was our inspector. Rich conducted about a dozen inspections and issued new vehicle logbooks to several drivers with newly constructed race cars.

MOHUD SOLO II DRIVERS HANDBOOK IS AVAILABLE

The MoHud Solo II Driver's Handbook will be available at Registration of every MoHud Solo II event. The Handbook contains the following information:

Supplemental Regulations (The 1997 MoHud Solo II Supplemental Regulations also appear after this article); a copy of the schedule for the Capitol Region, Central and Southern NY Regions; a list of what you need to do in order to compete at a MoHud Solo II event; several pages of driving tips; and more.

1997 Supplemental Regulations for Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA Solo II Events

These regulations are intended to communicate the goals of the program and the rules governing our events. These rules document already agreed upon "best practices" for conducting our events.

GOALS

- 1) To provide an inexpensive and fun way to compete in motorsports.
- 2) To provide less experienced drivers a low pressure way to gain experience.
- 3) To allow more experienced drivers to develop their vehicles and driving techniques.
- 4) To generate interest in the SCCA.

RULES

The Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA Solo II Program is conducted under the "Solo II Rules" as published by SCCA. These regulations shall not be interpreted in any way that invalidates the SCCA insurance.

FEES

The cost of each event shall be nominally \$15 for non-SCCA members and \$10 for members. These fees may be adjusted for financial

reasons (e.g., high rental fee for a particular site or for a charity event) but the relative discount for members shall remain. Anyone registering after 10:30 am shall pay a \$5.00 courtesy fee for the inconvenience. Registration fees will be refunded to anyone failing tech inspection.

SCHEDULE

Event schedules shall be as follows:

9:00 am Registration and Tech Inspection open.

10:00 am Course open for walking. Please note that this is an approximate time and there will be instances when the course will not be ready until after this time.

10:30 am Last chance to register without incurring late fee.

11:00 am Registration and Tech close. After this time, Registration and Tech will be conducted only upon special request to the event chairperson. Late registrants will NOT be turned away, but may have to wait until the appropriate personnel can be located.

11:15 am Driver's Meeting. At the option of the event chairperson, a course walk may be offered after the driver's meeting. If this is to be planned, the driver's meeting will be called to order at approximately 11:05 am.

11:30 am First Car Off.

CLASSING AND BUMPING ORDER

Classes shall be per the SCCA Solo II Rules. Bumping shall be carried out such that three cars are required to make a class. A factored Ladies class and a factored Novice class will be offered in 1997. Novice definition: you begin the MoHud Solo II season having competed in a total of 5 or fewer Solo II events in the past.

SOUND ABATEMENT

Due to the sensitive nature of our sport in regard to excessive sound, the following procedures will be followed during the season. Maximum allowable decibel limit will be 93 dB. Initial sound readings will be taken during tech inspection. The purpose of this test is to screen out obvious sound violations. Competitors shall rev engine to 1000 rpm below redline for

several seconds; a sound reading will be taken 50 feet directly behind the exhaust outlet. If a vehicle does not pass this test, the competitor must make changes to the exhaust system and get tested again, prior to his/her first run. No one may attempt an on-course run until they pass this test. Any competitor who fails this test and is not allowed out onto the course for an official run shall be refunded his/her entry fee. On-course sound readings will be obtained for every car during the first run, at least. The sound reading will be measured at the start line or at the first long full throttle section of the course; the sound meter must be directly behind the vehicle exhaust outlet. Any competitor failing this test may not take another run until s/he has made a good faith attempt to rectify the problem. If that competitor's next run violates the sound requirement they may not run again. In the case of multi-driver cars, if the car fails the sound test during the first driver's first run, a fix must be attempted before anyone else can attempt a run in that vehicle. If the sound level is still excessive during the next run in that vehicle, the vehicle may not be driven in competition again that day. Any competitor failing the on-course test will NOT be refunded their entry fee.

SEASON POINT SYSTEM

Season championship points will be awarded at all events. The five highest finishes for each competitor shall be counted toward the season championship. There will be four categories of classes: Stock, Street Prepared, Prepared, Modified and Ladies (optional class for women entrants). Finishing order in each of the categories will be determined by applying the RTP factor to each competitors best time, including pylon penalties. Points shall be awarded from first through last by the following schedule:
 20-18-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2.
 One point shall be awarded to all other competitors. Season championship trophies shall be awarded at the January 1998 Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA banquet. Also to be awarded: MoHud Solo II Driver of the Year, Worker of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Outstanding Single Performance of the Year.

Reminders For Solo Safety Stewards

It's almost time for the MoHud Solo II season to get underway. We'd like to remind our safety stewards to bone up on your responsibilities as spelled out in the Solo Safety Appendix of the rulebook. Please read through this section again. And as an additional reminder, please ensure that *Incident Report Forms* are filled out for any and all incidents, both major and minor. A major incident involves: a) serious property damage which could include damage to something on the event site or to a vehicle, or b) serious personal injury of some type perhaps involving someone who experiences sun stroke. Examples of minor incidents include cut fingers, small burns due to touching hot engine parts, or scrapes suffered by someone who tripped and fell. Failure to report these incidents could have a chilling effect on our insurance situation, for MoHud and for the club as a whole. Thanks for taking on the responsibility of being a Solo Safety Steward. Let's have a great season.

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June 28th and 29th

Mohawk-Hudson Region will host a **Road Race, Solo II, Rally and Picnic** in one weekend.

- Ever wonder what it would be like to work in the timing tower at a race?
- Would your crew like to try their hand at a driving competition while they're at the race (providing you don't break your car and make them work on it all day long)?
- Want to spend a fun hour finding your way through the countryside and end up at a picnic?
- Or do you just want to enjoy the camaraderie of some fun folks at a picnic?

Saturday, June 28th:

MoHud Race at Lime Rock Park
call Larry Morton at 914 339-4588 for
details

MoHud Solo II at Lime Rock Park's
autocross track* (see note below)
call Eric Kroth at 518 439-8973 for
details

Sunday, June 29th:

MoHud Rally to Thacher Park
MoHud Picnic at Thacher Park
for both, call Jim Garry at 518 439-3107
for details

* Note: If you are going to be a driver, worker, crew member, or spectator at the June 28th race at Lime Rock, the Solo II will be set up so that you will be able make your runs without missing your other assigned duties or race schedule. Call for details regarding registration procedure and fees.

Non-members are cordially invited to the activities. Depending on what you plan to do at the race, you may have to sign up as a temporary member. The Solo II, Rally, and picnic do not require membership.

PICNIC!

As part of the Maximum Enjoyment Weekend, Mohawk Hudson Region is hosting a picnic at Thacher Park in the Yellow Rocks Pavilion.

Date: Sunday, June 29

Time: Noon to dusk

Cost: \$10 per person

Menu includes: Burgers, Grilled Chicken, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Corn on the Cob, lemonade and ice tea; for other beverages, please bring your beverage of choice (beer OK); ice chests will be on hand.

Don't forget about the rally prior to the picnic which will terminate at the Park. Please let us know of your interest on the registration form. More information will be available in later issues of the KO.

To attend picnic you must fill out this registration form and send to:

Jim Garry
83 Marlboro Road
Delmar, N.Y. 12054

Make check payable to *Mohawk Hudson Region*.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number () _____-_____

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I'm interested in participating in the rally (please circle one)

YES

NO





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1997 Mohawk-Hudson Region Autocross Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 4	Peripheral Lot 1 +	State Office Campus, Washington Ave, Albany, NY
May 18	Griffiss AFB +#	Griffiss AFB, Rome, NY
	ATA at Crossgates	Crossgates Mall, Colonie NY (<i>Triumph Club event</i>)
June 7&8	National Tour *	Ft. Devins MA
	Edinburg Kart Track	Edinburg NY (<i>Tri-Vettes event</i>)
June 14&15	McKamey School(<i>Full</i>)	<i>School Full</i>
June 28(Sat)	Lime Rock Solo II +@	Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, Ct
July 13	TBA*	TBA
July 19&20	NEDiv Championship	Griffiss AFB, Rome, NY
July 27	Peripheral Lot 2 +	State Office Campus, Washington Ave, Albany, NY
August 17	Berkshire Mall +	Berkshire Mall, Lanesborough, MA
Sept 6&7	Edinburg Kart Track	Edinburg NY (<i>Tri-Vettes event</i>)
Sept 21	Peripheral Lot 3 +#	State Office Campus, Washington Ave, Albany, NY
Sept 28	Porsches at Crossgates	Crossgates Mall, Colonie NY (<i>Porsche Club event</i>)
<u>Oct 12</u>	<u>Brodie Mtn. +</u>	<u>Brodie Mtn., New Ashford, MA</u>

+ Count towards Mo-Hud Championship

* Tentative

@ Combined with Mo-Hud race (Skip Barber autocross course)

Event counts in both CNYR and MHR series (subject to change)

Except for Divisional, National, and School events, event times are as follows:

- 9:00 Registration and Technical Inspection open.
- 10:30 Last chance to register without incurring late fee (\$5.00)
- 11:00 Registration and Tech Close.
- 11:15 Drivers' meeting.
- 11:30 First car off.

Club Members get \$5.00 off entry fee

Directions to Edinburg:

North on Rt 30 from Amsterdam or West on 29 from Saratoga. North on 110 up the side of Great Sagandaga Lake, to Rt 13, to Batchellerville. Cross the lake at Batchellerville, continue on to village of Edinburg. Go straight through the four way at Edinburg, continue on one or so miles, turn right before the cemetery. Then two or so miles on the right near the "airport", you can't miss it.

For details contact: Chip VanSlyke (518) 465-4251

Clifton Country Mall Race Car Show

I'd just like to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in the car show held recently at Clifton Country Mall. Due to the short notice, we were not able to organize a large show, but we still had a nice group of cars there. Race cars from the Improved Touring class, Formula Ford, Formula Vee and Solo II were all represented. Thanks again to everyone who took the time to display their cars or staff our information booth.

---Jim---

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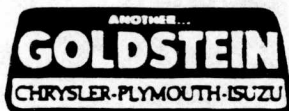
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