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MoHud ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2015?



Is this little guy MoHud's future Rookie of the Year? Is his sister following in her Dad's footsteps in a couple of years also? I think we can bet they will be. We'll be able to watch them grow up in MoHud SCCA at most of the events over the next 10 years or so. They are Evan and Cassidy Karl; Bob Karl Jr's children. Bob Karl Sr. and Mary are the proud grandparents. The whole Karl family; Bob Sr. and Mary, Dominic and his wife Kristin, Bob Jr. and Colleen, and these two great kids can be found almost every race weekend enjoying the camaraderie MoHud SCCA is famous for. Let's hope they continue to spread all their joy and laughter at all our events.

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The **RE**port

Now that we are entering the dog days of summer, the competition will heat up as well. Jack Hanifan will be busy keeping us up to date on National, Regional and Enduro's.

I do have some unfortunate news to report from Watkins Glen. There was a fatal accident in turn 6 at the Glen during a Porsche club drivers school on July 30th. The student involved was a novice driving solo. He had been signed off earlier that day. This was a Marque club event, which doesn't affect SCCA directly but may have repercussions for other Marque club events, as well as our member instructors who participate.

On the lighter side, the golf outing at Burden Lake Country Club was a good time. When you see Bruce Kosakoski ask him if his arms still ache. The go-kart night at the FunPlex in East Greenbush was a lot of fun as well with a very good turnout. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the soda, pizza and racing. It was great to see members with their families; kids and grand kids.

News from the Saratoga Auto Museum...

Chris Economaki will be speaking at the museum on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. He'll talk about Indy, the Belanger #99, Lee Wallard, his career, Indy today, American racing, etc. and will also take questions from the audience. It will be similar to the night with Carroll Shelby.

Finally a reminder, the next event is the Dinner/Duck ride starting at The Orchard Tavern at 6:30 on Wed., Aug. 31st. If you haven't signed up yet, shame on you. Contact Pete Smith. All the information is here in the KO on page 10. Hope to see you all there.

As a reminder, submissions to the KO should now be e-mailed to Lisa Hanifan and the deadline is the 15th of the month. See pg. 2 for the email and snail-mail address.

I do look forward to any input for the club. With your help, we will have an even stronger club.

Gene

Jim Bucci Honored



Past Knock Off editor, Jim Bucci, in middle, receives framed copy of a very early Knock Off newsletter from club historian, Dave McClumpha. Jim served MoHud as the KO editor/publisher single-handedly for 8 years. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude. Jim's son, Anthony, on the right, looks on proudly as his Dad gets the award.



Latest News from the COMPETITION CORNER... *Jack Hanifan*



Competition Licenses.

The National Office has had a large number of drivers who have not correctly renewed their Competition Licenses. The result is that they receive their Membership Card in the mail but the license part is blank, or only says Crew. The driver then shows up at a race and finds out they cannot drive because they do not have a license. When you receive your license from Topeka, check to make sure it says Regional or National Competition, if it does not, call Topeka at **1-800-770-2055** and ask for licensing. The staff will gladly answer any questions and will check your files to see if anything is missing.

Upside down Club.

Two new members were initiated into the MoHud Upside Down Club at the July Sprints at WGI. The new members, Walter Scheeren and Bob Karl Sr., both driving Miatas, will be formally inducted at the MoHud annual banquet in December.

MoHud Hat Trick. ▶▶

At the NNJR Regional at LRP, the first race group was SM, ITC and SSC. MoHud scored a hat trick when the winner of each class was a MoHud member. Congratulations to David Lendrum, John Vandenberg and Harry Adalian respectively.

MoHud Road Racing Championship.

As we enter the final few months of the season, do not forget our Regional Championship. We will continue the tradition we started last year and give every driver who submits their points a "Mohawk Hudson Club Racing Driver Shirt" Rules will be printed in the September K-O.

Racing at the Glen.

Elsewhere in the KO, you will find an article by Walter Scheeren detailing his shunt at the Glen. In his article he notes that the worker was able to get to him without going over the barrier. At WGI workers are not allowed to go over the wall on a hot track. Walter was lucky he was near the barrier. If he had been across the track or more than a few feet from the wall, the worker could not have gone to him. If you are on fire, you still have to wait over a minute for someone to get to you. When racing at WGI remember this and do not count on help immediately if you are away from the Armco.

Spread the news.

If you have an interesting fact or anecdote from your racing, email me and I will try to mention it here and at our monthly meeting.

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Left to right: Past RE Harry Adalian, David Lendrum, & John Vandenberg take podium honors for the MoHud Hat Trick at NNJ regional at LRP.

Monthly Membership Report August 10, 2005

New members. *From 07/19/05 to 08/10/05.*

Please welcome this new member to the region.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comm.</u>
Francis Kaddo Mouawad Sr	07/30/05	Poestenkill	NY	(518)674-2852(H) Kaddo101@yahoo.com

Anniversary Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
David McClumpha	09/01/60	45
Les Apple	09/28/95	10
James F. Burke	09/12/95	10
Nancy J. Gilman	09/19/95	10

There are 393 members in the region including four associate members.

webmaster's report

The latest solo results have been posted.

By the time you read this there should be some new solo and activities photos on the web site.

Lisa Hanifan is supplying me with a PDF version of the KnockOff each month. The KO therefore is now available for download from the web. (Thanks Lisa).

Russ Burckhard gave me a "heads up" about a strange message on the forum. It seems the spammers have begun to register as users to post their ads. There were a total of eight bogus users registered. I suspect this is being done with a script rather than by real persons. One spammer made three posts and the others just had web links to various sites in their membership profiles, but

didn't post. Most, if not all, of these registrations were from Russia. I've deleted the messages and banned the posters.

If more of these bogus registrations come in, and I'm sure they will, I'll get more aggressive and if our software allows it, I'll ban whole IP ranges.

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*Note: Upcoming issues will feature as many photos as can be accommodated.
 Please send via email to ghanifa1@nycap.rr.com.*

Fun Plex Night Out!

*A picture is worth a thousand words!
The August "meeting" was a great success!
If you missed it, come next year!*



Grandpa, you're too big!

Evan thinks Jack is really silly!



*How did the
bug get in?*



*Our fearless leader is seen checking to make sure
the "kids" are behaving themselves.*

*The O'Connor girls watch out for
Grandpa Tom and his go-kart!*



*MoHud's reputation for fun attracts all sorts.
Here come those Hathaways!!*



Look, Grandpa Dick can't fit!



Just watch mee, honey!

*The Russ Burkart family has a great night out!!
But Dad won't let him ride just one more time.*



I'm not sure we have a quorum?



Member Spotlight

Chip & Angie

Each month *Member Spotlight* will feature a short bio of a Mohawk-Hudson SCCA member/members. Hopefully this will give our members a little more info on other club members as well as familiarize them with the many diverse activities members are involved in.

This month we are featuring a very familiar couple that heavily participate in our Mo-Hud events; Chip and Angie Van Slyke. Chip is presently our club Treasurer. He also races his Acura in ITA regional races throughout the Northeast. Angie is always at his side and his biggest fan.

Chip grew up in Schodack, NY and went to school for mechanical engineering. He currently works for GE and joined MoHud SCCA as a member in 1995. He first became active in Solo events where he served a stint as Solo Chair as well as on the Solo Board of Directors.

Angie and Chip met in 1999 while he was on business in Mexico and where they both were working for GE. They came back to the U.S.A. and were married in 2002.

Angie joined the club the same year they married. She is originally from Mexico City, Mexico where she went to school for industrial design. Angie currently works for an architect in Hudson, NY.

Since joining the club, Angie has helped with Timing & Scoring for Solo and racing events as well as worked Race registration.

Of course, her main interest still remains being the crew chief for Chip at his ITA races. It is there that they both shine as a MoHud members. Always enjoying themselves and helping out when and where needed, they can usually be seen walking



Chip and Angie at The Glen several weeks ago.

hand in hand through the paddock at most tracks with their big smiles.

Angie says she has a new family here in the USA and they both agree going to events and seeing the great friends they've have made in SCCA is one of the many pleasures in their lives. They are indeed great ambassadors for our club.

MoHud SCCA members who would like to do so, may send their own bios/photos or that of other members for future "Member Spotlight" columns. Please send your info to: lhani1@nycap.rr.com. We reserve the right to deny and/or edit any information/materials submitted for publication.

Pete Smith's MANY POINTS OF INTEREST...

Activities Update

As Activity Director, I feel that I'm doing a great job. In review, we have had two successful events to date.

1st. Our golf outing at the Burden Lake Country Club was lots of fun except, of course, for the lightening storm that threatened our lives. Dick Stewart did everything, from beginning to end. Thanks Dick!!

2nd. The go kart outing in East Greenbush was excellent! We had a large turnout. The karting was just like a Spec Miata race, crashing, banging, and spinning. If we had been at Lime Rock everyone would have been invited to the tower for a talking to, kids included. For those of you that didn't make it, I'm sure we'll do it again next year. Bring the kids, there's lots to do; miniature golf, go-karts, batting cages, bumper boats, with pizza mixed in

there somewhere. Dick Stewart did everything *again*, from beginning to end!!

3rd. Last but not least is the upcoming AquaDuck outing on Wed 8/31/05, so far we have over 40 people signed up, resulting in having to reserve a 2nd Aqua Duck, now we have room for lots more! Please call or e-mail me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you want to come,

Pete Smith

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Jack Hanifan suggested the Aqua Duck, Jack Hanifan suggested the Orchard, Jack Hanifan made all of the dinner arrangements

I'll bet you thought this was a tough job.

See ya!

Pete

"If I can beat Smith at golf, I can beat him in a go-kart race too!"

*Relax, Tom! It's only a go-kart race.
I AM doing a great job of staying in front of you though!*





ALBANY AQUA DUCK TOUR

AUG. 31st, 2005

Duck leaves from Orchard Tavern at 6:30pm

H'dourves served from 6 to 6:30pm

Tour lasts about 1 1/2 hours on the Duck
Dinner at the Orchard will follow with
Salad, Wings, Baked Beans, Pizza

COST: \$20⁰⁰ per person/checks to MoHud SCCA
MoHud is picking up tab for the Duck

Alcohol is not allowed on the Duck

Contact Pete Smith ASAP if you plan on going
at 518-587-9755 or dsmith@nycap.rr.com.

The Duck holds 42 people. If we need a second boat, this must be
booked very soon.

www.albanyaquaducks.com

See you on the DUCK!

Member Race Report

by Walter Scheeren

The last time you heard from SheerRun Motorsports was after a very successful weekend at Pocono. At the July Sprints at Watkins Glen we had a mixed weekend. My brother Werner started the race 46th overall. He finished 33rd overall passing 7 cars in class by knocking off 3.4 seconds off his qualifying time. He is finally getting some seat time and it's showing. Keep it up.

Other MoHud members of note in Miata's: Charlie Campbell finished 2nd in SM. Also in SM was Bob Karl, Jr. in 7th and Gene Tricozzi in 9th. In SSM Pete Smith led our members with a 6th followed by Geoffrey Stim in 8th and James Sheridan in 9th.

As for me: In SSM qualifying coming into turn 6 I locked the brakes for a moment putting my right tires into the marbles. From there on I was just along for the ride. And what a ride it was! I hit the wall very hard and did a 540 roll ending on the roof. The driver's window was facing on coming traffic. If another car left the track the only thing stopping his bumper from contacting my head and shoulder would have been the window net. Obviously an extremely serious situation.

Looking at the in-car videos, in my car and my brothers car, who was 25 seconds behind me, it

became clear that the corner workers at turn 6 did their job flawlessly. In less than 10 seconds the caution was out in turn 5. By 15 seconds a corner worker was close enough to me that from behind the barrier he was asking if I needed help. At about 50 seconds the Black flag was out and traffic was diverted down the NASCAR straight. At 75 seconds the safety trucks were there. 90 seconds the ambulance was also there and I was out of the car and being checked out by medical in less than 2 minutes. This was a response time that would rival any NASCAR professional crew. And they do it all without expecting anything in return. All I can do is say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

Unfortunately Bob Karl (Sr.) joined my club by ending up on his roof in the race coming out of the boot. He and I have decided to disban the club. No new members will be accepted. See you at the track.

Walter Scheeren

Schaghticoke, NY

If you like motorsports check us out at:

www.SheerRunMotorsports.com



The brothers Scheeren, Werner and Walter.



B E T W E E N T H E C O N E S

Many things are still happening around the Mo-Hud Region in the 2005 Season. We are trying hard to confirm the date of Saturday, September 24 at a new site at the Monticello Race Track and Gaming Facility in Monticello, NY. This will be a co-sanctioned event with our friends down in the Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club. The race track is in the New York Region, in which Poughkeepsie is a Chapter. I've been delaying this report to Lisa Hanifan, our new editor, hoping to get confirmation before I sent this out. So please check the web site for confirmation. This site is large and could prove to be an asset for the NE Division. Dean Vandecarr, president of PSCCA, Bruce Bellom of the newly formed National Site Aquisition Committee and myself met last month with Dali Roosa, site promotion manager from Monticello, to discuss the possibility of running event(s) at the site. Eager to please, Dean and I talked about a date or two this could be done. With 2005 schedules already in place it was hard to come up with a date that Monticello has and the Poughkeepsie and Mo-Hud Clubs also had available without conflicting with prior commitments. Saturday

September 24 seemed to be that date. I ask our Solo2 community and the Mo-Hud community at large to support Mo-Hud at Monticello in September. A good turn out at a new site with a little luck will hope to ensure a program for next season.

I'd like to take a moment and mention a couple of people who are stepping up to the Solo 2 "plate". A couple of months ago Bob Huiest expressed interest in course design for our Solo2 Program. Reading Roger Johnson's book on Course Design, conversing with Jim Garry and working with Eric Kroth, all as mentors, Bob designed his first course at Fulton-Montgomery. With the limitations that are at the site, the course was excellent. The course flowed and was challenging. He backed it up at Adirondack Community College with another challenging course. Course design is an art form and Bob definitely has talent. Another rising Solo star is George Gunderson. With Jim Garry giving that all important Solo Safety Steward class in June at FMCC, George, with a host of others, stayed around, took the course and as of the last event, completed the

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*Solo workers
as well as participants
stayed cool and calm even though
temperatures soared into the 90s
at this recent event.*



required two events as assistant Solo Safety Steward. George can now send in the form to SCCA licensing and have his Solo2 Safety Steward License. Demetrius "Mickey" Mossaidis is another guy always willing to take the extra step to make Solo things happen. Looking back at the season so far, there have been a lot of individuals that made this season as good as it has been. *Thanks to all.* I also hope all your names are spelled right and apologize if they're not.

August 28 will be the last date of the 2005 season at Fulton-Montgomery Community College and October 2 will be the last day at Adirondack Community College. Where did the season go?

The Awards Banquet to be held on December 2 is also coming up in a few months. In the October KO newsletter there will be a slip with menu and fee to send to me for reservations. Last year we had about 80 attendees. With the "If it ain't broke don't fix it" approach to the 2005 Banquet, I have already

contacted Geoff Stim. He will again do a Power Point presentation for Mo-Hud's Year in Review, which was a big hit last year as a back drop for the banquet. Pete Smith is also willing to do the Chinese Auction once again. We can only hope that as much fun can be had this year as last. So set the date for December 2nd.

Until next month,
Bruce
Solo2 Chair/Assist. RE

*Here's,BBBB,
our starter,
waiting for
word to start
the next car.*

*Bruce & Jack
look over the
course while
Geoff listens
closely for any
official info.*



Part of our Solo team sweltered in the timing truck, Russ and company.



DJ McArdle starts his run with the help of course worker.

From the MoHud Archives...



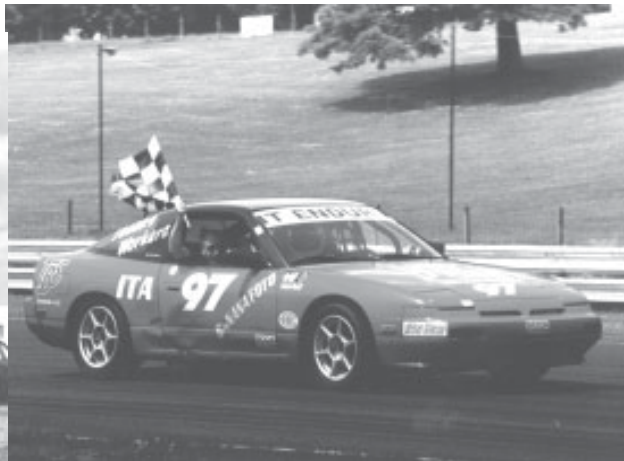
Isn't it nice seeing one of the SCCA directors holding things up for the rest of the race groupies?



Greg Rickes interviews TJ Hanifan, after his win at LRP.



Mary, and the late Harold Cameron, in a happier time, take Princess for a ride at The Glen.



Trivia Question: In what year did Pete Smith win ITA in his Nissan at LRP?



Libbie Alexander waits on the grid for her race group to go out.



The late, great John Stim at The Glen in one of his many visits to victory circle.



Hey, Greg, what's cooking?



Bill Bennett thought he should taste test the pizza to make sure it was safe to eat.



*Quite a motley crew!
Where are they all now?*

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*If you recognize this very disreputable looking piece of clothing,
calling itself a hat, please inform the fashion police.*

*Unfortunately, it has been spotted at many of our club events
soiling our otherwise good name.*

*We are very anxious to find the owner and
take appropriate action. Thanks You!*