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# The **RE**port

It's that time of year again for nominations for next years officers. I encourage anyone willing and able to accept the challenge to contact our nominating committee, Jack Hanifan or Bruce Kosakoski. As a volunteer organization we are always in need of member involvement in leading our club. If you have the desire to serve now is the time to get involved.

On Sept. 2, 2005 I attended the Vintage Festival dinner honoring Carroll Shelby at Lime Rock Park. It was well attended, as you would imagine, by Chris Economaki, Sam Pose and Brian Redman. Carroll was introduced as a Texas chicken farmer, which led to a story of his starting a farm raising 5,000 chickens and then sold for \$5,000.00. "This seemed to be a great way to finance my racing career, so I increased the farm to 25,000 chickens. After they all died I decided to look for other ways to finance my racing".

During a question and answer period, Sam Pose asked Carroll "which one of your personal characteristics would you attribute to your success"? Carroll thought for a minute and said "Bullshit came in handy". Another attendee asked about the story of his broken arm. Carroll told of a race in 1956 in Mexico where he had an accident and broke his arm. The doctor there told him when he returned home he should go to his doctor to operate on his injured arm. After having the operation and his arm in a cast his doctor told him he would have to sit out the rest of the season. Not one to be sidelined, Carroll had his body man cover his cast with a stronger fiberglass cast which could be removed after a race and his doctor wouldn't know. Not only did he race with the cast he had to lash his hand to the wheel and won 5 races the balance of that season.

I hope everyone has a good time as the racing season winds down. Enjoy.

I do look forward to any input; with your help we will have an even stronger club.

Gene

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

### Mohawk Hudson Regional Championship

Last month I promised more information on the Championship points. I am at the the Runoffs and do not have the point scale with me. It will me in the October issue. Just collect your results for your best 5 races and hold on. Remember every entrant will receive a Mohawk Hudson Regional Championship T Shirt , at the banquet.

### NESSCA Enduro Series

The second Round of the NESSCA Enduro Series was held at NHIS, 7 of the 44 cars in the four hour enduro were from Mo-Hud, They were all among the 33 finishers. The next round will be at Watkins Glen in October.

Overall	Class	Team	Laps
10 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> SM	Bob Karl/TJ Hanifan	169
13 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> ITB	D. Austin/Bob Smart	169
14 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> SM	B. Karl/ Pete Smith	168
22 <sup>nd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> SM	D. Karl/ Geoff Stim	165
24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> ITA	F.McClenghen/T. Petherick	162
26 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> SSM	W.Sheeren/W.Sheeren	148
33 <sup>rd</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> SM	M.Figarsky/A. Figarsky	94



Bob Karl Jr. & TJ Hanifan show off their Enduro Trophy.

MoHud gang at the the NHIS Enduro.



### The Runoffs

Congratulations to the MoHud Drivers who have made it to the National Championship Runoffs at Mid Ohio. Bob Wright – Formula Continental, Thom O'Connor -Showroom Stock C, Jeff Lehner-Spec Racer Ford

### The Fun One

The annual Fun One Race was held last weekend at Watkins Glen, there were 70 Miatas in the SM, SSM Race. More info next issue. The annual Fun One Race was held last weekend at Watkins Glen, there were 70 Miatas in the SM, SSM Race. More info next issue.

# The Northeast Division Mini-Convention

November 11-13, 2005

hosted by



Hotel Reservations are to be made directly with the Allentown Crown Plaza, 610-433-2221. Ask for “in-house reservations.”

- Mention the SCCA Convention and the rate of \$79/night. This rate is good through October 11.
- Please let them know of any special needs. Check-in is 3:00. Van service is available from the Lehigh Valley Airport. Call when you arrive, before retrieving your baggage. Coordinate arrivals if possible – only 1 van.
- The hotel is located at 904 Hamilton Street in the center of the city. A restaurant on site will open for dinner from 4:30 – 10:30.
- Parking in a secure city garage across the street will be discounted to \$6 for 24 hours, \$3 for day use.

**Friday:** The convention will begin on Friday with the Scheduling Meeting at 4:00. The evening Welcome Party will run from 7-11 with live entertainment. Registration will be from 6:00 – 11:00 PM.

**Saturday:** (Registration 7:00 – 9:00 AM and 5:00 – 7:00 PM.) The program will include the following:

- A full program of SCCA-U and breakout sessions by programs/specialties
- Critical Incident Training
- A special track for drivers
- An Awards Luncheon and Recognition Dinner
- An evening worth attending

**Sunday:** The program will be centered on the “business” of the Northeast Division and NESCCA – a time when issues will be debated and the racing program for 2006 finalized. Anticipated completion: 12:00.

Please complete the form below and mail it with a check made out to Philadelphia Region to George & Judy Bloeser, PO Box 346, Coopersburg, PA 18036. The phone number is 610-965-0585 and email address is indy33@aol.com.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Position(s) held \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Registration - Deadline October 20. An additional \$10 after that date.**

\_\_\_ **Full Registration** (Welcome Party, Sat., Sun.) \$95      \_\_\_ **Complete Saturday** (breakfast thru dinner) \$70

\_\_\_ **Saturday** (8-5 including breakfast & lunch) \$40      \_\_\_ **Saturday Dinner** \$40

**Saturday lunch choices:**    \_\_\_ Chicken Caesar Salad    \_\_\_ Roast Beef Sub    \_\_\_ Turkey Sub

**Saturday dinner choices:**    \_\_\_ Maryland Crab Cake    \_\_\_ Chicken Picata    \_\_\_ Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus

(Please let us know of any special dietary restrictions.)





## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES SEPT 2005

September membership meeting was called to order by Gene Tricozzi, R.E. on 09/07/05 at 7:33 PM.

### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COMMITTEES

#### SOLO - BRUCE KOSAKOSKI

Bruce summarized the Seventh Solo Points Event held on Aug. 7 at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. Turnout of 40 cars was lower than anticipated due to rain. Bruce acknowledged Bob Hughes for the "good job" he did in designing the course.

The Fulton-Montgomery Community College president resigned his position 3 days before the event. We will need a new site contract. Bruce has begun negotiations with Phil Hubbard, VP of student community services. Bruce briefed Mr. Hubbard and presented the school with a plaque as a token of the region's appreciation. School representatives said anticipate the venue will continue. Bruce will confirm.

Bruce announced there'll be an event cosponsored by Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club and MoHud held at the Monticello Raceway on Sat., Sept. 24th. We will cosponsor the first event with permission of New York Region. Later events may be handed off to the NYR and PSCC. The site is large and possibly suitable for putting on a series similar to the old Griffiss solo series.

Nancy Hazard of North Eastern Sustainable Energy Association wrote to express pleasure with our help at the last event and would appreciate help for next year's event on May 14,15, 2006. Our participation would consist of setup only.

#### ASSISTANT R.E. - BRUCE KOSAKOSKI

Bruce reminded everyone the banquet is coming up. The "Jack and John" show will be held again and Geoff Stim will provide a Power Point presentation. Drivers are reminded to get their season results into Jack Hanifan after the season closes.

#### MEMBERSHIP – DAVE WACHTEL

Dave gave membership report and welcomed new members.

The members present gave Dave McClumpha a big round of applause and some good natured teasing, on his 45<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the region. His is the third longest tenure in MoHud after Roly Heacox and Skip Barber. Dave has held nearly every position

available in the club including RE, past competition driver, more recently working sound control at John Stim Memorial Race and maintains an active, constructive presence in MoHud administration.

#### WEBMASTER – DAVE WACHTEL

The recovery of the hacked message board is going well and it should be back up shortly.

#### COMPETITION – JACK HANIFAN

MoHud has no less than five drivers qualified for the National Runoffs: Adam Burrows, 2<sup>nd</sup> in SRF with 52 points; Bob Wright, 3<sup>rd</sup> in FC (Van Diemen), 34 points; Jeremy Treadway (Merloy), 5<sup>th</sup> in CSR, 28 points; Jeff Lehner 6<sup>th</sup> in SRF, 25 points and Thom O'Connor (Nissan 200SX), 6<sup>th</sup> in SSC, 26 points. Congratulations and good luck!

Last weekend's New Hampshire Enduro had 7 cars and 14 MoHud drivers. *(See Jack's report for details on all of NHIS events)* Geoff Stim won SSM and finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Thom O'Connor reported Ian won his class in new G Production Rabbit. Tom ran a new Honda but was less successful since car is not sorted out yet. Thom said the bright spots were he learned a lot about the cars and, of course, Ian won. At least 75 Spec Miatas were entered.

#### ACTIVITIES – PETE SMITH

The Duck Ride and dinner after were both good. Pete expressed gratitude that all event organizing is over for the moment. Pete has novice permit documents, so members do not have to go through Topeka to obtain them.

#### NATIONAL BOD – JOHN SHERIDAN

John reported on the goings on at National. Steve Johnson has been hired away to be CEO of Champ Car. National is in the process of recruiting a new CEO. John noted one of Steve's many accomplishments was the excellent staff recruited to National during his tenure.

National is looking at the racing class structure. The current number of 24 classes may be expanded to as much as 27 or more. John opined that 24 classes is about the maximum which can be run at an event. National will be soliciting member input.

National is also looking at the classification scheme and setting up "meaningful" classes.

With much fanfare, National announced club

membership topped the 50,000 mark way back in 1987 and today is only 53,000. Therefore, National will be finding ways to increase membership and member retention. New Member sign up is now working on the National web site.

Kurt Weiss will step down from his post as Chairman of the Club Racing Board due to "informal" term limits. Kurt has been chairman for quite awhile. John praised his efforts in that post.

#### **TREASURER – CHIP VANSLYKE**

Chip was unable to make the meeting. Gene gave a quick summary. Club finances are in good order. August's main income derived from Solo receipts, August expenses were Duck tour and NESCCA fees. The net was a small gain.

Dave McClumpha asked for recap of race expenses. Gene gave a synopsis of bills that remain to be paid.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Bruce Kosakoski and Jack Hanifan will be heading the nominating committee this year.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **SPEC MIATA TIRE TESTS**

John Sheridan summarized recent tire tests National SCCA had required for purpose of selecting a spec tire for SM. Participating vendors were close in

performance. One was selected on basis of overall performance. National staff will be working on an article to appear in Sports Car detailing the testing procedure. The tests ran for four days and all companies felt it was worth their while. Everyone learned about car setup in relation to the various tires tested. The winning company will be announced at the Runoffs pending the outcome of negotiations.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **NOTABLE SPEAKERS IN THE AREA**

Greg Rickes announced that Janet Guthrie will be at the NYS Writers Institute on Sept. 22 at 8:00 PM speaking about her pioneering race career and new book, "**Janet Guthrie: A Life at Full Throttle**". Chris Economaki will appear at the Saratoga Auto Museum for a special SAM evening on September 22nd.

##### **MOTIONS ON THE FLOOR**

Jack Hanifan proposed a motion (Tow Fund) to provide drivers who participate in the Solo and National Runoffs a sum of \$200.00 providing an article is submitted by each to the Knock Off. Motion was seconded from floor and passed unanimously.

##### **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED**

Submitted by David G. Wachtel,  
*Substituting for Bryan Deane.*

## Babies, Babies, Babies *In birth order*



*Gene and Glenda Tricozzi welcomed their beautiful granddaughter Emily, born on July 27, 4:00pm, 6 lbs 13 oz, 19" long.*



*Dave & Louie Canavan welcomed their sweet twin grandchildren August 25th, David Ryan, 7lb 10oz., and Ann Ruth, 7lb 4oz., at 11am.*





October 2005 Report

# BETWEEN THE CONES

Things are still hopping in the Mo-Hud Region. We do have confirmation of a co-sanctioned event that, by the time you read this, will have taken place at Monticello Raceway on September 24<sup>th</sup>. With our friends in the NY Chapter of SCCA the Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club, the event is an additional venue for both clubs at a new site. In SCCA's quest for acquiring potential sites most clubs will always take up this extra effort to expand their program.

I have to thank our own dedicated Solo Committee for all the commitment and support they have for our program. It is these committee persons that make our program run so well. We also have new people taking interest in the program. George Gunderson has completed the two required events as Assistant Solo2 Safety Steward to acquire his Solo2 Safety Steward License. Thank you, George. And Bob Hueist, a course designer in the making, who has completed two Solo2 course designs for our region events, is on his way to becoming a regular in our Solo support group.

Jamie Cahill will be moving for Topeka, Kansas in the next month or two to start a new chapter in his life book. As a member of the Solo2 Board he will be missed. He has been a great asset to the club and has

supported the Mo-Hud Regions' Solo Program since he joined. Consequently, there will be an opening on the Solo Board, anyone interested please contact me.

Adirondack Community College will be the last points event of the Solo2 season on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the points are tight and the competition has been excellent in all the categories.

Nancy Hazzard, of Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, has once again asked for our support next season in designing a autocross course, for their group. I have

emailed her and said that we were comfortable with our level of involvement in assisting them last season and could do so next season.

This would be the weekend of May 13th. The awards banquet will be coming up in December. The food has been great, and the company superb. I encourage Mo-Hud members to take the time and enjoy this great evening out. The flyer should be in this months issue of the Knock-Off, please help me out and get your reservation in early.

Until Next Month, Bruce

## webmaster's report

I've got the Bulletin Board database reconstructed as I outlined in last months KO and Richard has updated the BB code. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I haven't had a chance to re-install it on the server. Hopefully, it will be back up sometime next week. Thanks for your forbearance.

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# Who, What, When, Where?

## Historic Trivia ? Contest ?



Starting this month, the *KnockOff* will feature a photo/momento from the past. Your job, if you choose to participate, will be to guess the “**who, what, when, where**” of the month. A prize will be given to the

winner who correctly identifies each of the four questions on the month’s quiz at the next membership meeting. October 5th in this case. Each entry could be submitted to KO editor at [ghanifa1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ghanifa1@nycap.rr.com) no

later than the next membership meeting. The various entries, as well as the winning entry, will be published in the KO the following month. Good luck to all of you!!



## Monthly Membership Report 09/16/2005

### New Members Report from 08/10/05 to 09/16/05.

Please welcome this new member to the region.

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### Anniversary Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
K. L. Danneil	10/01/65	40
Benny Sangiorgi	10/12/90	15
Lorraine Sangiorgi	10/12/90	15

*There are 386 members in the region.*

# Duck Tour proves to be Wet and Wacky! Or should we say "Quacky"?



The Albany Duck Tour for MoHud members on August 31st was a great success! If you missed it, MoHud may do it again next summer, so you'll have another chance to take a swim with "the Duck".

All MoHud "Duckies" met at the Orchard Tavern at 6pm. Most of us punctual non-webbed creatures enjoyed a few drinks and h'dourves while waiting for the two DUCKS we chartered to arrive.

Of course, it hadn't rained in days so we were well overdue. As our crowd began to board the two amphibious vehicles the skies opened up and we enjoyed a real ducky experience. The vehicles are properly equipped with a secure top and plastic drop curtains for such an occurrence. So we all helped to drop the curtains and keep the downpour at bay while we got comfortably seated inside.

The Duck itself stands at least two stories tall and looks much like a boat out of water, which it is. Our



*Woah! They sure pack in those ducks, don't they?*

guides explained a bit about how the boat is works and assured us it is both land and sea worthy.

Once everyone settled in, we were off.

Each of the Ducks took us down thru Albany. Each onboard guide related events and stories in Albany history of various areas and buildings of interest in the city. While one Duck of our group toured the downtown city streets, the other went out on the Hudson River for a panoramic view of both sides on the Hudson; Albany and Rensselaer.

The boatlaunch site st the Cornig Preserve was the destination of our second part of the tour. Just as our Duck propelled itself

into the Hudson waters, the sky cleared of all the rain clouds. All of us aboard were able to enjoy a beautiful view of the Albany skyline and the other side of the river as well

We returned to the Orchard Tavern after our hour and a half tour to a mighty tasty buffet of wings, pizza, salad, and ziti. When everyone was finally fed and the seating became navigable, the MoHud Duckies milled around and chatted away on all manner of subjects. It certainly seemed to me that all thoroughly enjoyed the evening activity.

If it proves to be possible, we may do it again next year.



*NER is all it's "quacked" up to be.*



*Look who found a "large" liquid refreshment.*



*Look, Roly put Kay under his spell.*



*Our meeting place stands proudly!!*



*Think we had way too many photographers on the Duck Tour?*



*These people continue to help MoHud live up to our party reputation!!*



## Out & About...

Give us your ideas, we'll review and fit them in if possible. Send to [ghanifa1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ghanifa1@nycap.rr.com)



### *Queen for a Day, Oops, a Night anyway!*

*Carol Cambell became Queen for an evening at a recent North Country outing in the Adirondacks. Everyone assured us she reigned with the utmost dignity having been crowned by Princess Diane Smith. We're told a bit of frivolity was had by all but Queen Carol maintained order amongst her subjects. MoHud members in attendance included Lee Schaller, Tom Cambell (the Queen's husband), John and Denni Sheridan, Jack and Lisa Hanifan as well as Pete and Princess Diane Smith. Merriment was had by all.*

### **Great White Hunter?**



*Here's our Activities Director, Pete Smith, hard at work, or is it 'hardly working', hunting for new activities for the club.*