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Saratoga Auto Museum features MoHud Race Cars

A number of Mohawk-Hudson members' race cars were on display at the Saratoga Automobile Museum's Spring Auto Show on May 13th 2006. More photos & details on this event can be found in Bruce Kosakoski's report "Between the Cones" on page 9.

Flight 93 Movie, A Tribute

*Excerpts from an email to
the editor and others from Walt Huber*

Hi Folks,

Well, Nancy and I saw the movie on Tuesday evening. (April 25th). The movie. "United 93"

Where should I begin? I don't know....

It's now two-thirty in the morning and we only just got home from the city (NYC). I'm so keyed I know I can't go to sleep, might's well stay up and tell all about it.

We got to the hotel across the street from the Ziegfeld Theater early where a reception was held for the family and guests of the passengers & crew of Flight 93. Joe's sister and a neighbor arrived shortly after. After all guests arrived a picture was taken of all family members. (Nancy & I, along with other guests did not join in. We felt it was for real, blood-ties family only.)

We met and spoke with several family members of Flight 93 folks—folks we have now somewhat of a

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A Special Race Weekend

Linda Gronlund & Joe DeLuca were honored Sat. May 13th at Pocono Raceway by NNJ Region for their many years of dedication to the region & SCCA. They were aboard Flight 93 on Sept. 11th, 2001 which crashed in Shanksville, PA as passengers attempted to take control back from the hijackers. They are both dearly missed by all in SCCA and are true American heroes in every sense both in their lives beforehand and last moments.



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*Evening Program for Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA
50th Anniversary Celebration*

*Saratoga Auto Museum, Sunday July 16, 2006
(casual attire)*

5:30 - 6:00 registration; silent auction bidding opens (cash bar opens at 6 p.m.)

6:00 - 7:30 social and refreshments

7:30 - silent auction bidding closes

7:30 - 8:00 commemoration (introduction of officers, distinguished guests, comments from senior members [Roly Heacox & Dave McClumpha], Q&A)

8:00 - 9:00 dessert and social (bar closes at 9); silent auction winners announced

9:00 - 10:00 tour the museum

Please Remember:

1) Don't forget to REGISTER! Even though there's no cost for region members (and a guest) to attend, we need to know in advance how many people will be celebrating with us in order to place the order with the caterer. We need a final count by June 23.

2) If you know former M-H members or people from other clubs who competed in our events please pass the word about our July 16 event; they're invited too."

REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 5 OF THIS ISSUE!

The REport

I am glad to be able to open my report with a confirmation that Mo-Hud's Race at Lime Rock will indeed be an unmuffled race day. I was at Lime Rock for a BMW driver's school on May 6th and was pleased with the safety improvements made. There are some improvements in the process of completion that are difficult to picture, such as the grid area being moved to the B Paddock. It appears to me it will remove a large section of parking, but as I said it is hard to envision just how much of the area will be lost. It was nice to see the majority of the A Paddock has been paved so if you park there you will not be parking in the dirt. For those of you with motor homes there is a paved roadway leading to the infield at West Bend, eliminating the need to drive halfway around the track to enter through the pit.

I was able to stop by the first Solo event that took place at Adirondack Community College. I was not able to stay and compete, but the weather was great and the

turnout was amazing. It is encouraging to see approximately 70 entrants participating in our growing Solo program.

The plans for our 50th anniversary event at the Saratoga Auto Museum are really coming together and it looks as though it will be a very nostalgic night. That reminds me to ask if you know of any past members, please ask and encourage them to attend, they will be welcome and will be able to identify cars and drivers from our past. You can be sure there will be many racing stories both on and off the track.

The response to our Patron advertising campaign has been well received and will add additional advertising spaces to the Knockoff. I believe this is a great idea that we should continue with in the future; this can be a useful tool to offset our publishing expenses.

I would like some input from anyone who has ideas to help increase membership, because we are a member-driven organization it should be our goal to add and encourage participation. Please feel free to give me your thoughts.

As a reminder submissions to the KO should be e-mailed to Lisa Hanifan (lhani1@nycap.rr.com) and the deadline is the 15th of the month.

I do look forward to any input.
Gene

Mother's Day... Race Weekend?

You know a guy had to have planned this race weekend date! Who knew what, when? No one wants to claim ownership of the decision.



Pocono International Raceway, May 13th. The usual lousy weather didn't keep our MoHud families away. Shown here are Jim Sheridan, his sons, Jim and John as well as John's son in background left. The Race Team here are getting their Spec Miata ready for the race. The weekend brought a large number of MoHud members out for the Mother's Day weekend.



Our treasurer Chip Van Slyke and his beaming bride Angie, enjoy festivities Saturday evening in the Smith motorhome. A bit too chilly to sit outside, most everyone gathered where there was room to get inside.



Reception Information & RSVP

Sunday, July 16, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

Saratoga Automobile Museum,
Avenue of the Pines,
Saratoga Springs, NY

Catering by Longfellows of Saratoga Springs

-----Registration-----

Mohawk-Hudson Region Members

Name _____

No Charge

Guest _____

No Charge

Former Members, Friends, Additional Guests, @\$10 per person

Name _____

Name _____

Make check payable to: Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA

Send Form to: David McClumpha, 43 Maple Avenue, Selkirk NY 12158

RSVP (members and non-members) by June 23

Email address for updates _____

From my Viewpoint!

Lisa Hanifan, *Editor*

Jack and I spent a rather dreary weekend weatherwise at Pocono on May 13-14th. Falling for his old trick of telling me a friend (Denni Sheridan) was going I agreed to go. I believe Denni was told a similar tale by John. We both were hoodwinked into another adventure with the "boys". Why we don't learn, I have no idea.

Dreading the weekend weather report of rain both days, we expected the worst. Pleasantly surprised by sun on Friday when we arrived, the long wait for registration was a bit more bearable. That was the highlight for weather for the remaining two days. Windy, cool and wet; most of the weekend was spent getting away from the elements.

Nothing like last time when I spent the weekend at Pocono. More than a few years back, TJ went to drivers' school there and it came down in buckets the entire three days we stayed. Venturing out of the motorhome always meant a soaking. Clothing became soggy and smelly after a couple of hours. Needless to say, this past weekend seemed much more comfortable.

The race weekend was dedicated to Joe DeLuca & Linda Gronlund, the NNJ members who were aboard Flight 93 on 9-11-01 when it crashed in Shanksville, PA. A ceremony in their honor was held on Sat. noon to celebrate their lives as extraordinary members of NNJ SCCA.

Our own MoHud members arrived with their usual smiles and laughter, our region's representation included:



Jack and John display their decal dedication to race honorees, Linda Gronlund & Joe DeLuca.

the Karl Boys; Bob Sr., Bob Jr, Dominic and friend Todd; the Sheridan clan: John & Denni Sheridan, Jim(dad) & Judy(mom); Jim(son) & Sandy, John(son) and his two sons (grandsons and/or next generation); the Lendrum dynasty: Ken & Chris, David & Kelly, Eric, Jared, and Alan; yours truly and Jumpin' Jack Hanifan; Dick Stewart & Aaron Pulaski; Pete Smith, Ernie Riggi, & Geoff Stim; the Sheeren brothers, Walter and Werner; Bryan Deane; Charlie Campbell; Dave Austin; Bob Smart; Rich Alexander, Walt & Nancy Huber, Dave and Lenore Panas and lastly Jerry Zalucky. Hope I didn't leave anyone out. If so, I apologize profusely.

Saturday the weather went downhill with rain & wind on and off enough to make tire decisions difficult and take out a canopy or two. Good company, some food and spirits though livened up the place on Saturday night. Lots of laughter can always be heard when MoHud'ers get together. So it twas Sat. night in Pete Smith's motorhome.

If you get the chance, get to a race this summer, enjoy the company and friendship of a terrific bunch of folks who make all the hard work of putting a race together and participating very worthwhile. It is a fantastic way to make some wonderful long-lasting relationships.



Pete Smith's motorhome was the scene: Denni & John Sheridan enjoy some spirits with Pete, Angie and Chip Van Slyke on Sat. after races at Pocono.

Monthly Membership Report 05/13/2006

New member report 05/13/06.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comm.</u>
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Kristin Karl	03/30/06	Ballston Lake	NY	
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William Repichowskyj	04/25/06	Essex Junction	VT	(802)878-3660(H) wrepichowskyj@adelphia.net

There were 8 records printed.

Anniversary Report 05/13/06

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on June</u>	<u>Years</u>
Lester Figarsky	06/16/86	20
Andre G. Benoit	06/19/91	15
David F. Reulet	06/18/91	15
John A. Fallone	06/05/01	5
John Vandenburg	06/13/01	5

There were 5 records printed

There are 383 members in the region.

MIATA OWNERS:

1 Set of Panaspport Wheels with Eagle GA'S mounted tires. Have less than 6K on them. Cost was \$1100, Asking \$700.

ALSO FOR SALE 1 Set of Keizer Modular Race Rims with 2 Sets of Hoosier Slicks. I'm asking \$450 for these. They worked well for SOLO II COMP. (I purchased the rims from Gene T. several years ago).

OTHER MISC. MIATA GOODIES FOR SALE Including a performance meter assy.

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phone @ 518-495-2384

Webmasters Report

Not too much to report this month. The anniversary pages continue to be updated as new material comes in. Check it often, there are some great photos from the history of Mo-Hud.

The bulletin board remains dead.

There are new solo supplemental regulations posted to the web. Results for the first event are now posted.

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Sneak Peak!

Mo-Hud Memories . . .

Can you name the year for these photos?

There were many more photos submitted to us from members than we have room for in the commemorative issue of the KnockOff. Many more will be part of the tremendous visual presentation Geoff Stim is assembling for the 50th gala on July 16th at the Saratoga Automobile Museum. Her's a small glimpse into the past that may or may not show up in either venue.



Grid Marshalls Harry Whitton and Dennis Curley man their stations on the grid at LRP.



Jim Behan runs with his Pinto back in the early 1970s at LRP.



I believe this is Carl Corrin and crew "fixin' the trailer". Ahh, the good ol' days.



John Stim beams for the camera waiting for the race to start in his Datsun 1200. Our race in named in his memory.



Another Stim, Geoff, takes a lap at NHIS in his Spec Miata. His Dad must be beaming down on him even more than seen at the photo at left.

June 2006



BETWEEN THE CONES

Well it looks like the Solo gods are with us at the beginning of our Solo season. To kick off the season, on April 29th we held the second Solo Car Control Clinic in as many years with another successful session. We had 16 students on a picture perfect sunny day. Eager students made their way through our exercises during the day culminating with a Solo course by way of connecting the different exercises of the day. Many thanks to our Solo Committee and volunteer instructors for excellent support and instruction of the students in the school. Without this group of dedicated people the Clinic could not have taken place. The icing on the schools cake was the heart felt thanks the students gave SCCA for putting on this program.

The next day, April 30 could not have been any better. Around 75 Solo entrants, a number that has not been seen by Mo-Hud Region in few years, made their way to the first points event. Once again the weather was just perfect, not a cloud in the sky and 75 degrees. With a lot of class diversity this year, it should be a great season. I would like to welcome a lot of new faces to the Solo Program and with the hope that many or all should return for the rest of the season. I would like to thank our new course designer "Bert" Bob Huiest for all his efforts and hard work that he put into the inaugural weekend of 2006. Like any of the predecessors before him, their efforts cannot be fully appreciated without knowing the amount of time it takes to come up with a design for a flowing course. With a new and younger group of Soloist coming into the flock the Solo Program grows stronger and is sure to continue.

Tom Campbell's Spec Miata



Jeanette Udway's Vette



Jim Lehrner's Spec Racer Ford

My solo BMW heads the pack



As luck would have it, and with a better than 60% chance of rain on Saturday May 13th the Saratoga Auto Show happened without a drop of rain. The threat was definitely there though. Tod, Jeanette, Bob, Tom, Andy, Paul and myself, ...did I leave anyone out?... represented Mo-Hud at the car show. Once again we had prime spots right in front of the Auto Museum. We have to thank Alan and Ron for the Museums support of SCCA, they always treat us well.

The support that we provided for NESEA's autocross also did very well. Bill B. provided the start, and Russ did timing and scoring. Andy, Ed, Kevin and son, Paul, and myself provided safety and station support for the show. Once again it was much appreciated by the participants for an excellent course. A good time was had by all. We by now the season is in full swing so.....

Until Next Month,
Bruce

Bob Stevens' Mustang



Todd Boice's Camaro

Flight 93 Movie, A Tribute

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kinship with. Marion Britton's sister-in-law & nephew were there—Reverend Britton was not. I met & exchanged a hug & kisses with Alice Hoagland. We spoke with Todd Beamer's parents, Honor Elizabeth Wainio's stepmother, I don't remember who-all else. Former mayor Rudy Guiliano was there—certainly he had a right to be there. He was a strong presence in immediate post-9/11 period.

Doris and Elsa were there. (Linda's mom & sister) Doris is simply a fantastic lady. Elsa is no less a charmer. More hugs and kisses. Joe's sister, Carol.... Another sweetheart.

By 7 pm we left the hotel and went across the street to the Ziegfeld. Nancy & I avoided the red carpet, sidling up along the curb to the entrance.

We saw Arthur Pearson and Jodie Lynne McClintock. Arthur (for Non-SCCA members) is a Northern New Jersey Region-SCCA member. His wife, Jodie Lynne, an actress, portrays Marion Britton in the movie.

We sat next to the sister & brother-in-law of Donald Greene. Sitting behind me was Christian Clemenson who portrays Tom Burnett in the movie, you may recognize him from the cast of TV show *Boston Legal*.

Things got under way, Robert DeNiro, founder of the Tribeca Film Festival spoke. Then speeches by some Universal Pictures folks, a member of the Families of Flight 93, and director Paul Greengrass spoke.

The lights went down. The curtain parted. Sound came up—the movie. This was a powerful movie for me.

See it. Please see the movie....

Admittedly, for us who knew two of the folks, it was probably a more intense viewing than for others. Unless your sensitivities are totally cauterized, or unless you're completely braindead, you will be affected by this movie. No, not just affected. You will be very - completely - absolutely - **affected**.

When the movie ended,—no surprise ending—you know the end—the sound, music continued for a moment. When it faded, there were sobs, SOBS & wailing & crying coming from family members seated all around us. "Stand ready to be affected."

Some are saying it is too soon for this movie to have been made. Not enough time has elapsed since the actual tragedy. *Hogwarsh! Bull-dingies!* Too much time has elapsed and we **still** haven't demonstrated we're fully



Linda & Joe beam happiness on a bright day!

aware of the impact, importance of what happened in two-thousand-one & the future expectation of what can be expected to be attempted again.

If you see the movie,—No, WHEN you see the movie be aware of the credits and note how many people—air traffic controllers, military personnel, etc.—are portrayed by those people who *actually lived the drama themselves*.

As the lights came up I was motionless. Finally, I turned in my seat and reaching back touched the arm of Mr. Clemenson. When I had his attention, I simply said—"Thank you." His response, an equally quiet, "Thank you."

Shuttles took us to the Four Seasons restaurant on the east side for the reception. Shortly after we arrive, Doris, Elsa, Carol, Sandy & others we've known or recently met arrive. Food is available at stations all over. This set someone back BIG TIME! Gotta say it: "Cripes!" (a Joe-phamism) - more shrimp, lobster, crab, sushi, beef, pork, chicken, yada, yada, etc. I didn't eat a thing. No, still just too keyed to eat.

Eventually found Arthur & Jodie in another area of the Four Seasons. (Passed and greeted Ken Burns while looking for them.) We talked, and talked, and talked some more. Doris & Elsa were there also. A lady in a red dress came along with her husband. I knew that this was Lorna Dallas, the lady who portrays Linda in *United 93*. I touched Lorna's arm and said, "I know who you

are. You played someone I knew quite well in this movie.” I told her my name, without actually knowing who I was, she gave me a hug and a kiss.

Our little group—occasionally joined by others—continued to enjoy the hospitality for several hours. Lorna insists she wants to sing the National Anthem at NNJ region’s May 13-14 races at Pocono. Tell me: “Can you possibly NOT love this lady?”

We took leave of the gathering about one o’clock. The ferries no longer running, we took (a very expensive) cab back to ferry terminal in Weehawken. Then home.

Damn. The sun is starting to come up. I am still not one bit sleepy.

Here’s hoping & praying you will be similarly affected by the movie—but you won’t similarly be kept awake. I bid you all “Adieu!”

My best to all,
Walter



Start/finish line at Pocono Raceway. The raceway was the site of a celebration race weekend for Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund on May 13-14, 2006.



Latest News from the COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan



June Competition Report

The NER National at NHIS was not well attended. MoHud had only 4 of the 165 entries. Vince Constantino and John Vandenberg finished 13th and 14th in SM, respectively. Jeannette Udway finished 6th in GT1 and Jeffrey Lehner was our highest finisher with a 4th in SRF. Roly Heacox, John Sheridan, Dave Canavan and myself were Stewards.

The NNJR “Freedom” Double Regional and Enduro, the following weekend, was well attended. The races were dedicated to Linda Gronlund and Joe DeLuca, NNJR members who were killed on Flight 93, September 11th, 2001.

The weekend was highlighted by a dedication ceremony during the Saturday Lunch Break.

MoHud drivers that I saw included 5 Lendrums, 4 Sheridans, 3 Karls, 2 Scheerens and one each –VanSlyke, Stim, Stewart, Pulaski, Stewart, C. Campbell, Smith, Zalucky and myself.

I do not have the results for the races other than the Enduro, but I believe Dr. Dick Stewart and Aaron Pulaski were podium finishers and Jerry Zalucky won his race.

MoHud did well in the Sunday Enduro. 33 cars started the two and half hour race, Bob Karl Jr. and Charlie Campbell led the way with a 3rd in class and overall in Bob’s SM. Other teams and their class/ overall finishes were:

BK Karl, Pete Smith 5th SM-6thOA, Jim and John V. Sheridan 2nd SSM-8thOA,

D. Karl/Geoff Stim 7th SM-10th OA, Jack Hanifan/John C. Sheridan 1st ITA-12th OA. David Lendrum/Allen Lendrum 11th SM/24th OA. The teams of Eric Lendrum/ Jared Lendrum, Walther and Werner Scheeren, and Dave Austin/Bob Smart were DNF’s. Remember keep the 4th of July open for the MoHud-John Stim Memorial at Lime Rock.

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REMEMBER WHEN?



These were a common sight back in the 60s & 70s when all event participants received them upon registering for the rallies, hillclimbs, autocrosses, and races. They have become more of a rarity nowadays. Look for these and lots of other memorabilia at MoHud's 50th Anniversary Celebration on July 16th at the Saratoga Auto Museum. Details inside this issue.

Photo credit: Self portrait by Pete Smith



Moped Man

Honestly, would you buy anything from this creature?