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The **RE**port

Gene sends his regards and wishes to report he's been a bit busy with his duties as grandfather and sitter to a 10 month old little girl. He's more than a bit fatigued after a week of chasing their very busy sweetheart of a granddaughter around their house. She's not walking yet but she's crawling almost as fast as any Miata he contends with on the race track. He'll be reporting in the very next issue.

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."

**SEE REGISTRATION FORM
ON PAGE 5.**

Webmaster Report

It took almost a week and a lot of fiddling around, but the message board is now fully operational. All of the message groups have been restored and only a few messages have been lost. If you registered before the board was hacked, you should be able to log in using your old name and password. Thank you all for your patience.

The registration procedure has been enhanced to include "visual confirmation". This consists of a random number displayed on the registration page that must be typed into a field in order to continue the registration process. This should eliminate some of the bogus registrations that the board has been plagued with.

Before the hack, the board search function was not working. It has been fixed. You can now search messages by keyword or author.

The backup function was broken in such a way that it failed silently. I thought backups were occurring when they were not. It is now fully operational and I will be backing up the board at least weekly. If the board should be hacked again, it can be put back on line quickly.

"Fiftieth Anniversary" has been added to "Mo-Hud General Topics" section. Any conversation regarding the 50th Anniversary should go there.

Eric Smith, a.k.a. "ejevo" has stepped forward to be one of our board moderators. Thanks Eric. Jamie Cahill is still moderating the Solo boards and Clark Nicholls is moderating the Race Worker/ Official section. Thanks Jamie and Clark.

Many of the Solo regulars have resumed posting. Russ, DJ, Eric, Jim, Bert, Lyndon and others. The board is the place to be to interact with fellow soloists, officials, drivers and other Mo-Hud members. Join the fun, register now.

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Friendship Celebration!

by Lisa Hanifan

Yours truly went ‘across the pond’ recently to Tuscany, Italy & returned very, very reluctantly. I’m telling you this so you can live vicariously through me.

The photo is a view from our loggia/patio at the villa we rented (my four girlfriends from high school and me). YES, really, from our patio. Need I say more! This was a celebration for our 60th birthdays and our lifelong friendship, two of us even before grammar school.

We arrived after two days of travel leaving NYC and flying nonstop to Milan then on to Florence by train and from there a rental car (non-import Ford Focus) to our villa outside the small ancient city of San Gimignano.

Italians, men and women both, drive like they’re always racing. Right on your bumper until they can pass and then cut right back in front. Roads are narrow and many roundabouts (traffic circles) everywhere, even in small villages. It was fun and nerve wracking at the same time. We arrived safely late on the second day.

Relaxation was a permanent condition for us while at the villa. The vino and great food helped too, of course. We found a bedroom for each one of us with views on all sides. Three bathrooms certainly made getting out early some mornings easy. Day trips were planned and spending time at the villa also a must. Too good to leave it really.

Sunday we rested, in our pjs most of the day. Shopping for vino and groceries and then back for a Tuscan meal with candles and moonlight. Someone even planned fireworks on a nearby mountaintop. I guess they were expecting us!

Looking left from our villa’s loggia (patio).



Siena, Florence with their steep streets and beautiful ancient buildings centuries old greeted our next two days. Wednesday another villa day. Did I say it was built in 1620? My ancestors hadn’t even set foot yet in the U.S. back then.

Thursday we took a trip to the west coast, to the Mediterranean, to the SEA!! The roads twisted back and forth more than a bag of pretzels. It was worth the trip and head rush we all got. Again, the views were spectacular. An adventure for all the senses.

Almost every night we ate on our patio with local wines and our meals of bruschetta, pasta and salads. The recipes came from a book Greg Rickes gave me before I left. Thanks Greg! I’ll be sure to share a lot more with you if you desire.

We experienced first-hand a total pleasure of the senses. Scrumptious dinners with views of hazy blue hills, wind-swept clouds, fields of red poppies, yellow loosestrife, silver olive trees, deep green grapes and song birds, like it looks on the postcards. Totally overcome with the majesty of it all. Waking to this beauty each day cannot be described.

All well worth the fatigue of walking and driving. There’s no litter in Tuscany. The countryside is cherished by locals & groomed into linear elegance. Tourism is their main industry besides wines, olive oil & farming. They love us there. What a nice change!

I highly recommend a journey there. If you want to believe for a short time that you have passed on to heaven, take this trip yourself.



Our villa’s kitchen.



Reception Information & RSVP

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

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a 15 year old local student
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Benefit for Mary Cameron's Grandson

On the opposite page is a flyer for a benefit for young Harold Cameron, grandson of Mary Cameron. Harold Jr. is one of a set of twin grandsons of Mary and Harold's.

On April 2nd Harold sustained a very serious back injury while helping a friend remove a tree from his property. He is now in a Shriner's hospital for rehabilitation after a serious operation at Albany Medical Center. His paralysis is hopefully temporary. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

We also ask you to help the family financially if possible with expenses while waiting for his recovery. If you cannot attend the benefit, please send a donation to Chip Van Slyke who will see to it it gets to Mary and the family.

His mom stays with him at Shriner's while his dad travels back and forth. His twin brother, Joshua misses him terribly. Many thanks ahead of time for your help and prayers.

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Summer Activities

We have decided to put off a dinner cruise this year due to Mo-Hud's the 50th anniversary event at the Saratoga Auto Museum on July 16th. See you there!

PLANNED EVENTS:

August 2nd

We're still going to have the Go Cart night at the Funplex Funpark in East Greenbush, bring the kids, wives, girlfriends, grandchildren and anyone else you may want to impress with your driving talents! There are also batting cages, miniature golf, and bumper boats to keep everyone entertained.

We're going to have Pizza, Soda, etc, well get things going at around 6PM. All rides, batting cages, miniature golf, bumper boats are \$2.50 each, so empty out your piggy banks.

The Funplex is located just west of the intersection of Rt 9/20 and Rt 40 in East Greenbush, near the Pizza Hut.

July 27th

We're also having the third annual Mo-Hud International Golf tournament at Burden Lake Country Club. Join in!

Everyone should be there by 2:30 and the cost is \$30.10 which includes 9 holes of golf, and food afterwards. *Watching us play golf—Priceless!*

Please call me or e-mail if you're coming. We'd like a rough count.


Thanks again, Dick!

Pete Smith

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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.

As luck would have , 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



Here's one exhibit held on May 13th of many that the Saratoga Automobile Museum continually displays at their facility on the SPAC grounds in Saratoga Springs, NY.

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



July Report

Short report this month. Many of our drivers were at the NER National at LRP, but the results are not yet posted so I will cover that next month.

Memorial Day weekend, I attended the MVR National at Nelson Ledges. There were not any MoHud drivers competing but there were about 160 entries. I had only been there three times previously but the memories of a run down track, no flush toilets, un-mowed grass, etc. were still fresh. I was pleasantly surprised; the new management has started to turn it into a very nice club facility. Registration is now located across the road from the "Barn". Registration is in a nice two door trailer that allows the registrars to do their work well. The paddock area looks great, freshly mowed grass and paint on the Pit armco really makes a difference.

There are new flush toilets and showers that are cleaned daily. A huge improvement is the repaving of much of the track. The track design is very fast with only one 2nd gear turn. The food concession is operated out of a concession trailer but the food is good and inexpensive for track food. The track has built a pavilion next to the food concession that is 3 to 4 times the size of the one at LRP. Track management has leased two large pickup trucks and installed safety equipment on them to provide state of the art emergency services.

I have to congratulate the new owners and the regions that race there on a cooperative effort to create a first class club facility. It is the type of track that we need.

Monthly Membership Report 06/15/2006

New member report 06/15/06.

From: 04/29/06 to: 06/15/06.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

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	July	
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Michael P. Moran	7/17/01	5

There are 379 members in the region.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM NAMES STEVE POTTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bob Bailey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saratoga Automobile Museum, announced the appointment of Steve Potter as Executive Director of the museum, effective June 1st.


Formerly Vice President and General Manager of Lime Rock Park, Potter has had a long career in the sports marketing and automotive public relations field, and motorsports correspondent for the New York Times.

Potter was the manager of sports marketing for Mercedes-Benz USA from 1995 to 2001 and a provider of consultant services to the New York Auto Show, Ford Motor Division, Mercedes-Benz, Mazda Motors of America and Jaguar Cars of North America. He spent six years as East Coast Public Relations Manager for Mazda Motor of America. He served as senior editor of MotorWeek Illustrated for Turner Broadcasting early in his career.


“Steve has worked in the automobile industry most of his life and is recognized throughout the country” said search committee member Jean Hoffman. “Also impressive is the fact that he is personable and goes out of his way to make people feel welcome. That is a hallmark of this auto museum, so I think he’ll fit in perfectly with our professional staff and volunteers.”

Along with his professional experience on the business side of motorsports, Potter spent 15 years behind the wheel, winning a pair of Sports Car Club of America divisional championships and competing for a season in the rough and tumble modified division at New Jersey’s Wall Stadium.

Potter holds a bachelors degree from Harvard University and did graduate work in clinical psychology at Rutgers University. His wife, Kathy Drake, is a retired editor at Money Magazine and a Skidmore graduate. They are in the process of relocating to the Saratoga area.



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Remember when...

The upcoming celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Mo-Hud SCCA at the Saratoga Automobile Museum will be filled with photos and memorabilia from the past 50 years. Here's John Stim in his Datsun #23 rounding Big Bend at Lime Rock in his usual first place. His driving skill was only one aspect of his involvement in Mo-Hud history.

Come enjoy his story along with many, many others who have lifted our club up to the standard of excellence unmatched by most. Join us at the museum on July 16th and get a true picture of these folks and their valiant efforts on track, in rallyes, solo events and club leadership. You will enjoy every minute and maybe be motivated to help out!



In the spirit of the sport!