



FEBRUARY 2007

## **SNOW!... IN IRAQ?**

This photo was sent to Bruce Kosakoski from fellow solo driver, Jamie Cahill. He is presently serving his 2nd tour in Iraq. He would certainly appreciate any news from his fellow MoHud solo family. His mailing address and email follow.



***Let Jamie Cahill  
know we miss  
him in MoHud...  
drop him a line!***

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## **MISSION SOMEWHAT ACCOMPLISHED!**

Our inquiry to you, the membership, brought a mildly positive response to delivery of the KnockOff via email rather than traditional "snail mail" as the teckies call it. We are pleased to report that there are 12 members who responded to the call for help.

If you are reading this before the end of the month, you have probably received it via your email account. Those other unfortunates will have to wait until possibly the very end of the month or first of next month to get theirs.

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# RE GENE TRICOZZI REPORT

Now that the Holidays are over our work for 2007 is in high gear. The next thirty days will be the busiest time for your Mo-Hud representatives starting with the National Convention followed closely by the presentation of the 2007 Budget at the February membership meeting.

I encourage everyone to attend and participate in the process. Bruce and I will have just returned from the Convention and will give a complete report on what will affect us this year.

This year will be challenging for us and we need to work together to grow our region through the Solo program and Club Racing. I am interested in meeting with members of Marque clubs to explore options of joint events that could benefit both clubs and help increase our membership.

Greg Ricks is working with Geoff Stim to create a Lime Rock/Mo-Hud historical presentation that they hope to unveil at the February Membership meeting. Greg has some early footage of events that will be very interesting and great fun to watch. It will be very entertaining to look back to the early days and the hot racecars of the day.

Well, that's it for now. Please let me know of any concerns or interests I can take with me to the National Convention to present on Mo-Hud's behalf. Look for my report next month. There should be a lot of updates and interesting info.

As a reminder, submissions to the KO should be e-mailed to Lisa Hanifan and the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

I do look forward to any input.

Gene

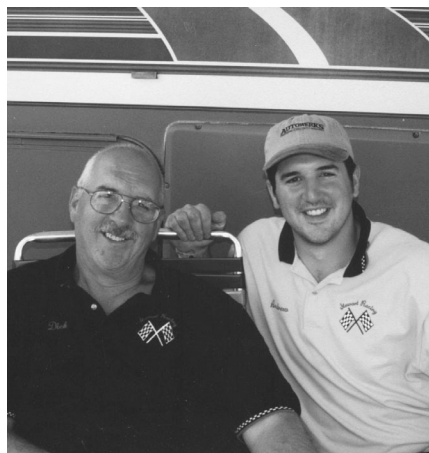
## 2007 NeDIV Schedule

Now available on the internet site. Here is the link you need to access the information:

[www.users.fast.net/~nescca/schedule.pdf](http://www.users.fast.net/~nescca/schedule.pdf)

We are unable to reprint here due to the print size of the PDF file.

It would unreadable if reduced to fit our format.



*Dick and Andy Stewart enjoy race conversation while sitting under their motorhome canopy at Lime Rock. The Stewarts are one of many MoHud families who enjoy sharing in the fun at the many MoHud events held each year.*



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## A "Little" News!

Our MoHud family continues to grow! Hearty congratulations go to David & Kelly Lendrum. They welcomed their new baby, Elise Olivia on Jan. 3, 2007.

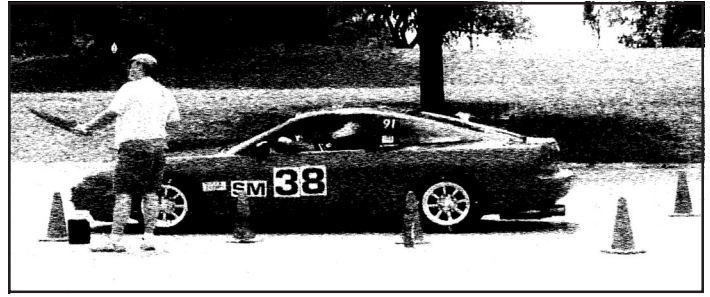
Weighing 6lbs.8oz., 20 inches long, "she is absolutely beautiful"

to quote Grandpa Kenny Lendrum.

Congratulations to all of the Lendrum family!

# Between the Cones

February 2007 Report



What to report ...hmmmm..... let me see. Snow?? Afraid not! Racing or Solo?? Only if you're in Florida. Although with the winter weather we had already, we probably could have put on a last chance challenge.

Go-karting? I will have to let Harry or Geoff write about that. We are going back to Connecticut in February, so look and see in this month's Knock-Off for information on the upcoming event.

The SCCA Convention is at the end of the month. Gene, John, Jack and myself will be attending. If this one is anything like the previous ones, it will be interesting. The Solo board will be meeting right after I come

back to set up the 2007 schedule. I have been informed that the green cars people who have been a part of the Saratoga Auto Museum's spring auto show will not be there this time.

I would like to take some time and ask fellow club members to write to **Jamie Cahill**, who is serving in the Armed Forces. He is doing his **second tour of duty** in Iraq. I had sent him an email around Christmas time. His address is posted in this month's Knock-Off. I'm sure that any vet who has been overseas knows how he/she feels when in that country.

That's about it, Bruce



WALLINGFORD, CT

## On-Track Karting BUS TRIP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007

MoHud will be hosting a fun bus trip to **On-Track Karting** in Wallinford Ct. on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Check out their website at [www.ontrackkarting.com](http://www.ontrackkarting.com). Each participant will get three (3) 8 minute runs, 1 practice, 1 qualify, 1 race. There will be 3 seeded groups & 1 unseeded group. Please pre-register with via email or phone to:

Geoff Stim	518.631.2439	<a href="mailto:gms26@nycap.rr.com">gms26@nycap.rr.com</a>
Harry Adalian	518.283.4063	<a href="mailto:hadalian@nycap.rr.com">hadalian@nycap.rr.com</a>

The cost will be \$70 per person. Entry's will be limited to the first 48 paying participants. MoHud members will be given first choice for entry's.

**Seal the deal** by sending a check payable to "Mohawk Hudson Region – SCCA") to:

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

*Jack Hanifan*



One change in the 2007 GCR deals with Annual Inspections, inspections are now good for 12 months. If an Annual Inspection is dated July 07, it is good until July 08. The inspector will also enter the date of the safety harness expiration in the logbook. Read page 38 of the GCR for more information.

The SSM committee has issued the rules for 2007; they are the same as 2006.

The 2007 rules are posted on the NESSCA website, the GCR section citations still have to be changed because of the section changes in the 2007 GCR.

It appears that Racearama will move back to the Big E in Springfield, the first weekend in March. There might even be a name change to something along the lines of Speedway Expo. If you need a new helmet this might be a good place to shop. I hope to have more information at the February meeting.

### **Mohawk Hudson Region SCCA General Meeting Minutes 1/3/07**

#### **RE Gene Tricozzi opened meeting 7:30pm**

**Membership report: Dave Wachtel.** No anniversaries to report. 6 new members. 365 members in the region. Increase of 8 members from last month. No report on transfers from other regions.

**Web Report: Dave Wachtel.** Latest Solo report is up. Greg Rickes sending copy of MoHud history; soon available in PDF format on the Web Site. Message board has 78 registered users, more people on-line since board has been back up. Plans to update the bulletin board to latest version to fix various minor issues

**Treasurer's Report:** by Gene T; Chip Van Slyke is in Mexico.

**Solo Report: Bruce K.** is working on a new site at 50 Wolf Road, DOT Initial contact has been made – stay tuned. Initially sounds favorable – there was no flat out NO. 103 Banquet Attendees at Mallozzi's in December. Bruce received email from Jamie – in Iraq; all is well so far.

**Competition Report: Jack Hanifan.** All drivers should have received 2007 GCR. Rule Changes: 2 bars in passenger side door. SA95 Helmets no longer allowed. Window nets must attach at the top. Check your seat belts for expiration. MoHud race is a double regional at LRP May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, so double points for MoHud Racing Championship. Double NYSSRC pts. Single NARRC pts. Morning Race will be John Stim Memorial. Afternoon Race will be David Riggi Memorial. Tech party possible dates: April 1 or 15<sup>th</sup> at Bob Karl's

Garage. Dave McClumpha mentions Race-O-Rama usually 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March is in Springfield, Mass this year. Janet asked about tentative potential Mosport Race this year, June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Knock-Off Report: Editor Lisa Hanifan.** Knock-Off went out – but late. Lisa discussed opt-out of Knock-Off paper option which will save us some money on mailings. DJ McArdle mentioned option of doing something that was not first class mail to save money – he will discuss options with Lisa.

**Activities Report: Harry Adalian.** Go-Kart trip to Formula 1 Boston on 12/27/06. Compared to Wallingford On-Track trip, there were several significant differences. Wallingford was faster, longer, less passing, more time trial's. F1 Boston had slower carts but was based on finishing position, more passing and more competitive. Good time was had by almost all. Recommends all to attend 2/17/07 event at On-Track

**Directors Report: Area 10 Director John Sheridan.** 2007 Board of Officers consistent with last year. Jack H. continues as NEDIV executive steward. Harry gives Jack an attaboy. John will be Chairman of the Planning committee. SCCA Inc financials turned out on the slightly positive side for 2006. PRO Racing had a small loss in 2006. PRO Racing would have made a profit if an oil sponsor deal didn't fall through. John voted against the proposed budget for '07 due primarily to issues with PRO Racing. 2 Trans Am Events in 2006 to keep the 'Trans-Am' trademark active. Trans-Am

expected to be expanded in '08. Nominal increases in sanction fee's expected. Nominal increases in insurance fees expected. 3 new membership initiatives: 1<sup>st</sup> Gear – (replaced SpeedFreaks) was good for 18-21 without a competition license. In an effort to get younger membership 1stGear costs were set at \$45 for members, can hold a competition license good for 18-25 year olds.

John asked for feedback on two items. (1) Cost of membership to workers is getting too difficult to bear for volunteers. It is proposed that workers will earn credits for participation in regional and national racing that will be discounted from future membership for that worker. SCCA is still working out details. (2) All solo participants become members. Non-Members: a 3 day temporary membership for \$15. Can convert temporary membership into full membership within 45 days. \$10 goes to region, \$5 goes to national for solo program. Solo events board was tasked with evaluating the idea. General reaction to this idea from Mo-Hud membership was negative. MoHud already 'taxes' non members by \$10 extra for event entry fee that goes directly to the region.

**RE Report – Gene T.** NH Test Day schedule. Nediv Roundtable – March 9-11 in Buffalo. Dinner at Pierce Arrow Museum. National Convention Feb 1-3 in SanAntonio, TX.

**Tom Cambell** mentions SAM car show Sunday May 20. Saturday April 7, Bill Green – WGI Historian will be talking at SAM. Latest display currently at SAM is a showing of Skip Barbers cars. Tom is no longer on the Spec Miata Advisory Committee – stepped down this year.

**New Business:** Jack Hanifan March 24,25 flagging school at LRP. DJ – BMW Track Day info. Friday April 13 at Pocono. Saturday May 5 and October 20 at LRP. Monday and Tuesday June 18 and 19 at WGI

Harry made a motion that MoHud buy a copy of the Runoffs DVD. Second by Tom Cambell Motion passed.

Dave Hathaway pulled name for drawing of driving instruction at LRP. Charlie Cambell was the winner.

Submitted by  
Geoff Stim,  
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## Monthly Membership Report 01/08/2007

New member report 01/18/07.

**No new members since the December report**

Anniversary Report generated on 01/18/07

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
	February	
Brian Blizzard	02/11/97	10
Patricia Blizzard	02/11/97	10
William Blizzard	02/11/97	10
Wayne G. Green	02/20/02	5

*There were 5 records printed.*

**There are 364 members in the region**

## Webmaster's Report

The January KO has been posted to the web site. Preliminary details of our race have been posted, also upcoming activities.

Remember that we have an active and growing message board at <http://www.mohud-scca.org/Discuss/phpBB2/index.php> with eighty one registered users and over 1000 posts. Join the fun and interact with other Mo-Hud members.

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## 2007 NEDiv ROUNDTABLE MARCH 9 – 11, 2007

### **JOIN WESTERN NEW YORK REGION, SCCA IN CELEBRATING ITS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Western New York Region, SCCA, is observing 60 years of SCCA fun and competition in 2007.

We invite you to celebrate with us at the 2007 NEDiv Roundtable, March 9, 10 and 11, 2007 at the Buffalo Marriott Niagara, 1340 Millersport Highway, Amherst, New York 14221, Phone: 1-716-689-6900. The event room rate is \$93/night. Please make room reservations directly with the Marriott and mention the SCCA Roundtable to receive the rate.

Cocktails and dinner on Saturday evening will be at **The Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum**. There will be time to explore the Museum both before and after dining among the exhibits. Schedule information will be available soon on the NESCCA website.

*(Detach and return)*

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# The New Millineum!

MoHud SCCA history continues... by **GREG RICKES**

**2000** – Approved on a trial basis for the NARRC series is a new class called SpecMiata – it’s a mix of Improved Touring and Showroom Stock rules for Mazda’s two-seater.

Autocross season starts with another “century” entry at the Peripheral Lot, a pattern that continues on Memorial Day weekend at Stratton. The region also extends its venues to Griffis Tech Park (the former Griffis Air Force Base in Rome) and more of that wonderful wide unobstructed pavement. After a year of great competition, the season champs are Jim Fossum (Camaro), Bryan O’Hara (Subaru Legacy) and Jim Garry (Citation Formula Ford) for Stock, Street Prepared and Prepared/Modified respectively. Ladies champ is Nancy Bowden. Fossum is also Solo Driver of the Year.

A formal Solo Advisory Committee is formed to represent interests of the autocross community with the region.

A new addition to the racing calendar at Lime Rock is The Import Enduro Challenge, a series of races for ITA and ITS class cars as support events on pro racing

weekends. Two MoHud drivers, Brian Blizzard and Frank Pietrocola take the championship right down to the wire, with Blizzard emerging as the winner.

In a familiar scenario, Dick Stewart is again NARRC Champion in Formula Vee and Driver of the Year

The region gets back into the rallye game with The Pumpkin Rallye, a traditional TSD (time/speed/distance) formatted event. The weather turns out to be more like the Snowflake Rallyes of old, for a modest but enthusiastic entry.

**2001** – The Pittsfield Ice Trials, now run under SCCA Rallycross rules, continue their long tradition. This event too attracts more than 100 cars.

Treasury balance is \$30,627. The region buys its first car, or more correctly, van, to provide logistical support for the autocross program, and it will get pressed into service on the race weekend as well.

Disappointing news for the autocrossers is that Stratton ANG will not be available due to construction. On top of that the long range prospects for the NYS



*Nothing tells you more about our MoHud family than this photo! Whether at Lime Rock (as this photo is) or any event: race, solo, meetings, or social, MoHud members know the enjoyment of the long term friendships made from becoming a member of this large racing family!*



*Sandy and Jimmy Sheridan do the crew thing for one of the other Sheridan boys at Watkins Glen.*

Peripheral Lot are bleak as the property is for sale. Four events are planned for Griffis (there's even the opportunity for test & tune sessions preceding some Sunday dates). In spite of the gloom 109 cars sign up for the opening event, including 24 in the Street Touring class; Autobahn Performance signs on as class sponsor.

T.J. Hanifan parlays skillful wheelmanship with some savvy pit strategy to take the overall win in the LRP Import Enduro race with his Orchard Tavern/Pete Smith USMC sponsored VW Golf ITA car, run as part of the John Stim Memorial on July 4.

At the Solo II Divisionals (Griffis Tech Park) Arn Beebe (E Street Prepared Mustang) and Kelly Anderson (GS Ladies) take class wins on the course designed by MoHud Regional Exec Eric Kroth.

September 11, 2001. Our view of the world is forever changed.

Slowly a new definition of normalcy returns. Dick Stewart wins the NARRC Championship in Formula Vee. He's joined by another MoHud open-wheeler, Jim Quaile who tops the Formula Ford standings.

End-of-season solo awards go to Chip VanSlyke (Street Prepared, DSP Acura), Rich Teal (Street, Honda Civic), Mike McMullen (Prepared/Modified, CM Citation Formula Ford), while Bruce Kosakoski (GS BMW) and Jim Fossum (FS Camaro) end up in a dead heat in the Stock category.

Twelve cars enter the second edition of the Pumpkin Rallye.

By year's end, membership is 435

**2002** – An analysis of membership trends by Dave Wachtel shows that for the period 1997-2001 the region has an 86.9% retention rate and a 34% growth rate. As racing season hits its peak, membership is 483.

The autocross program remains on strong footing with an average turnout of 78 for the first two events (at the P-Lot) of the year. Regional Executive Eric Kroth continues to enhance his growing reputation as a course designer as he's selected to lay out the SCCA National Tour event at Griffis. A grand weekend for the MoHud series at Griffis brings in well over a hundred entries for each day.

It's a hot time for the John Stim Memorial at Lime Rock; track temp is measured at 126 degrees. Several members visit the new Adirondack International Speedway in Lowville New York. The track consists of a half-mile oval, with eventual plans for a mile oval and road course. There's also talk that the Clinton County Airport in Plattsburg will get converted to a race track when commercial operations are shifted to the former air force base.

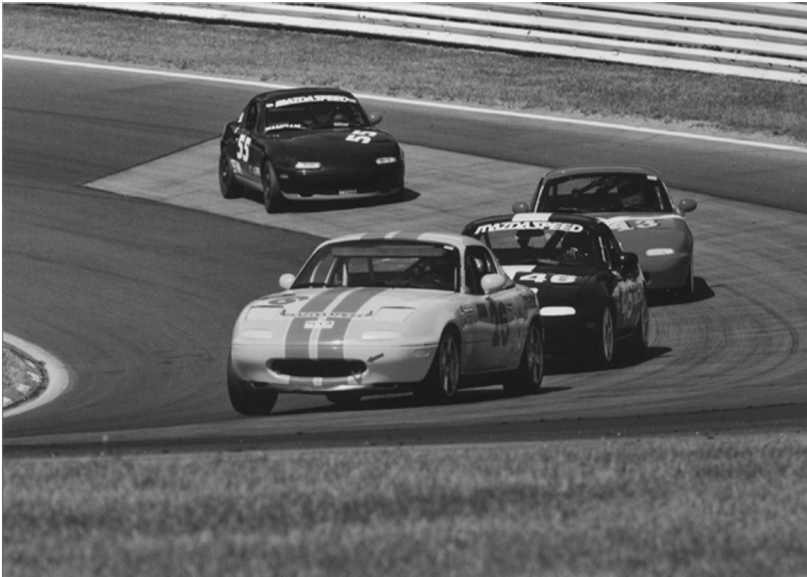
Jim Garry gives the region (to say nothing of himself, his family, and driving partner Mike McMullen) a terrible scare when he's injured at the SCCA Solo Nationals in Kansas. Jim spends several days in the hospital after falling off his bike and hitting his head. He recounts the whole (mis)adventure for The Knock-Off in his traditionally detailed Nationals report.

There are some new names earning solo awards for the year: Dave Stehlik (Stock, ES Miata), Andy Furlong (Street Prepared, DSP Acura), Bryon O'Hara



*Rich Welty and Harry Adalian talk over the incoming storm ramifications to the next race at our MoHud event at Lime Rock.*





*The toe of the boot at Watkins Glen is the scene of the tight competition in Spec Miata racing. All these cars are MoHud members, front to back: Geoff Stim, Jimmy Sheridan, David Lendrum, and TJ Hanifan.*

(Street, STS Nissan 240SX), as well as the long-serving D.J. McArdle (Prepared/Modified, EP Datsun 510).

Having served a year as SCCA Director, Tom Campbell is named Chairman of the SCCA Board of Directors.

**2003** – A year that will be remembered somberly. In June, GT1 racer and former Knock-Off publisher George Smith suffers a fatal heart attack while racing at Lime Rock. In October, the stalwart Harold Cameron, whose involvement goes back to the early '60s, succumbs while in the hospital for routine tests. Lastly, on December 30 Formula Ford driver Paul Tariello passes away after a brief illness; his wake and funeral will mark the early days of the next year.

On a happier note, the Snowflake Rallye is back! Twelve teams turn out for what is now an afternoon event, ending at the Malt River Brewing Company in Latham. The winning team of John and Diane Svatek are driving a Chrysler PT Cruiser. MoHud rally chairman Jim Bishop and Troy Dollar runner-up, in an Oldsmobile

Alero, and Harry and Dawn Adalian take the final podium spot in a BMW330xi.

The solo program suffers severe setbacks with the loss of both the Albany Peripheral Lot and Griffis. The loss of the sites has nothing to do with the conduct of the events but rather due to expanded commercial development at both locations.

51 drivers in the region currently hold competition licenses.

Scheduling for the annual race at Lime Rock takes a unique twist. The race date is Thursday July 3, but due to Lime Rock's complicated operating injunction only the afternoon is available for unmuffled operations. In addition to devising a schedule that squeezes qualifying and racing into half a day, the morning is designated for a car control clinic open to solo event enthusiasts.

Fulton-Montgomery Community College comes online as an autocross venue in September, salvaging an otherwise bleak season.

Ticonderoga's Jeremy Treadway wins the SCCA Pro Racing Formula SCCA Championship.

In the NESSCA Endurance Series, the BMW of Dave Austin and Bob Smart takes the ITB class title. Jeff Lehner (SpecRacer) is the top scorer in the MoHud Road Racing Championship.

*History continued to the final chapter!*



*Jack's Diner NORTH! Jack Hanifan, diner owner John Murtaugh, Roly Heacox and Phil Donnelley take time out from their breakfast routines to pose with the corral of Miatas in the parking lot at the diner.*

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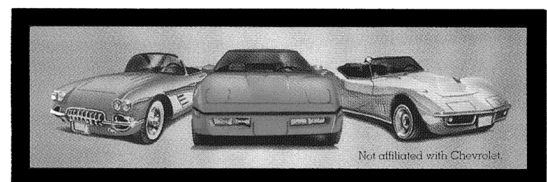
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