



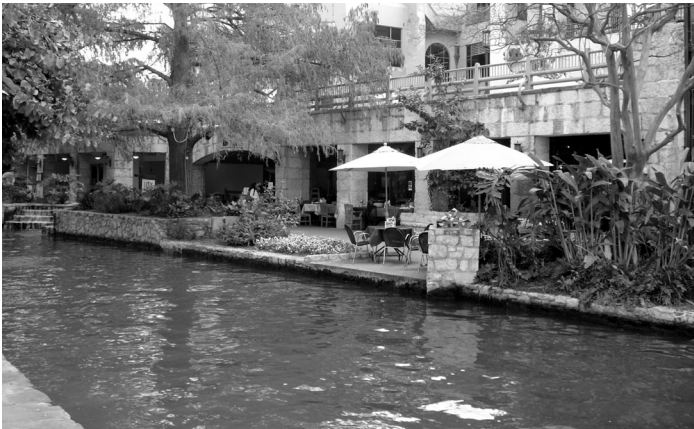
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SCCA National Convention meets in San Antonio on the Riverwalk!

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One of the many Riverwalk restaurants along the San Antonio waterway was the nightly entertainment for many of our national convention attendees.



Here is one of the many water taxis which made travel on the Riverwalk more enjoyable when conventioners feet gave out.

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RE GENE TRICOZZI REPORT

2007 National Convention

The National Convention is a great opportunity to get together and exchange ideas with not only Nediv Regional Executives but also RE's from other areas of the country. The first seminar I attended was a meeting of the Regional executives and the Board of Directors. This was a closed meeting geared toward an exchange of ideas to solve problems we face on not only the Regional level but also on the National level. The exchange of ideas we discussed help us identify problems and solutions we could all use to work towards our common goals.

The balance of that afternoon was spent in sessions of discussions, question and answer opportunities opening with a presentation by our President/CEO Jim Julow. Jim gave us an overview of future directions and anticipated events such as a rebirth of the Trans Am series in 2008. A very interesting concept some Regions are trying is what is being called a Super Event that is made up of a Solo, PDX (Performance Driving Experience), a Rallycross and a Club Race, all held at one location on the same weekend. Following Jim's presentation was the annual Board of Directors meeting, at which time business reports were presented and the condition of the club was discussed. Immediately after this presentation was the National Leadership Town Hall meeting, which was an open forum for questions from the membership. The first day of seminars ended with a Welcome Reception which gave everyone a chance to mingle and discuss Regional issues in a more relaxed setting.

The second day offered a full schedule starting with a two hour meeting for Regional planning for growth and success. I was very interested in the next two seminars which held promises of expanding our scope to other areas we are not involved in at this time. The first was an open session regarding Time Trials. There are two forms, one with the use of transponders for timing and the other akin to a PDX (Performance Driving Experience) without the use of transponders. The consensus seems to be if transponders were used, making it a timed event, and there was an incident, the participants' insurance would probably not cover it. On the other hand, a PDX falls under driver education which eliminates that issue. One of the best ideas proposed was the

use of an instructor's log book to show which tracks the instructors have experience in instructing at. There has been a Time Trial Council established on the National level to aid Regions who wish to offer these programs. I think this is an opportunity for Mo-Hud to expand our offerings. After lunch I was back at it with a session on SCCA's Teen Driving Program sponsored by The Tire Rack in conjunction with the BMW Club. The program is designed to improve teen driving skills through the use of classroom instruction and a driving course similar to a Solo event. The programs which have taken place used local schools along with local Fire Departments who used water to wet down a portion of the track to practice skid control. This type of event dovetails perfectly with our Solo program and could help us establish new Solo sites.

I will continue with my report from the National Convention as well as a NARRC update from a meeting I will be attending on March 4th. The NARRC meeting is being held to address Pro Events at Lime Rock Park that SCCA has been supporting.

As a reminder submissions to the KO should now be e-mailed to Lisa Hanifan and the deadline is the 15th of the month.

I do look forward to any input.

Gene



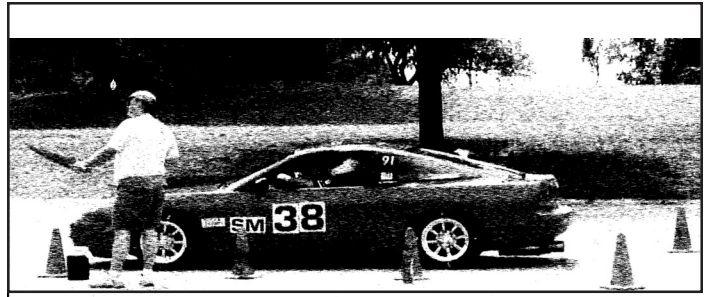
Introducing...

Elise Olivia Lendrum, newborn daughter of David & Kelly Lendrum. Another potential MoHud dynasty in the making, the Lendrums join a long list of MoHud families enjoying our sport and all the fun MoHud members enjoy.

We'll have several new little ones this coming year. Chip and Angie Van Slyke and Jimmy and Sandy Sheridan are both on the waiting list for a stork delivery.

Between the Cones

by Bruce Kosakoski



Well, the big news for this month: Russ Burckhard, our timing and scoring chief, is stepping up as a co-chair for solo events this year and will eventually be running the Solo Program. After a four-year run and for the health of the program I felt, as Solo chair, that it was time for someone else to take up the challenges. We have been talking about it since last fall. New blood running through the solo veins will be a good thing. A big plus is how active our whole committee is. With Bert as Course Designer, Eric Smith as new Timing Chief, Tom Hansen as Tech Chief, Andy Furlong, DJ,

Paul, and Jamie, as soon as he returns from overseas; this transition should be seamless. I still plan to be active with local site acquisition, safety steward stuff, or any of the speciality chiefs at events. We have contacted Gene to have Russ included to be able to sign the sanction forms. It's been a great run for me and I really enjoyed serving as the Chair.

Until next month,
Bruce

SOLO Co-Chair Report by Russ Burckhard

We are in the opening stages of what looks like another busy solo season. Having just had our first Solo Advisory Committee meeting, we started off with an announcement that I will be taking over as the Solo Events Chair. This year I will be coached by Bruce as to what needs to be done to keep the Solo program running as Co-Chair. I know I have a great teacher. Over the past few years, Bruce has taken us from a season that had lost all of its sites, to where we are now. We have 2 sites that look forward to us returning every year as well as a growing driver turnout at our events. The region has received praise for how smoothly the events are run. Bruce has done a wonderful job and I hope to be able to keep up with what he has accomplished. With Bruce's guidance and the people we already have in place, it should make the transition a little easier.

The next order of business was to set a tentative schedule for the upcoming season. There are 7 points events planned, as well as a school at ACC, a Show and Go at FMCC and a test and tune TBD. We are also looking into a few potential sites to add to the schedule. These in conjunction with the Divisional, Pro Solo and Tour, will make for a busy season.

The Supplemental rules were amended pertaining to the points structure so that we will drop the worst points event from the yearly total so that only 6 of the 7 events will count towards the championship. In addition, 5 bonus points will be awarded for all NE Divi-

sion national tours, pro's or divisional solo events participated in. Another 5 point bonus is up for grabs for participating in all 7 of our local events. Hopefully the bonus points will entice some of our drivers to attend some of the divisional races.

The meeting was concluded after a brief overview of the budget followed by a bunch of "car talk".

Russ Burckhard

Tentative Schedule:

- April 28, 29 School, Event 1**
Adirondack Community College
- June 2, 3 Test and Tune, Event 2**
Adirondack Community College
- June 9 National Tour Devens, MA**
- June 23, 24 Show & Go, Event 3**
Fulton Montgomery Community College
- July 15 Event 4**
Fulton Montgomery Community College
- July 25 Pro Solo Seneca, NY**
- August 12 Event 5**
Adirondack Community College
- September 16 Event 6**
Fulton Montgomery Community College
- September 25 Solo Nationals Topeka, KS**
- October 14 Event 7**
Adirondack Community College



Latest News from the COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan



2007 March Competition Report

The Annual Tech Party will be held at Bob Karl's Sales and Service on Saturday April 7th. This is the day before Easter and a change from the previous announced date. The change had to be made because out of division racing by some of the personnel organizing the event. As usual, the region will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. Start

time is 1pm. Please do not arrive early as Bob Karl's is open that morning for business and we will need time to clear the lot.

Remember to check your GCR for mandatory updates this year and bring your driver's suit and helmet. SA 95 helmets are acceptable this year. This year Window nets have to detach at the top.

Attention! All Race Officials & those who may want to be!

Those of us lucky enough to have our membership renewals over the winter also need to renew their Race Official licenses! Don't forget to do so!

Hint: Make sure you have renewed your membership prior to sending in your license renewal. If you don't, your license renewal will be held and possibly forgotten. You can't have a license if you're not a paid up member.

If you are applying for an upgrade, it will take some time (weeks) to make it from one paper-pusher to the next and finally to National. Be patient! (PK, yours is in the mail as we speak to the Divisional Admin).

Are you interested in working races, such as MoHud's XXXX Double Regional at Lime Rock in May? If you're already a member, worker/official licenses are free! Call or email SCCA National and tell them you want one. membership@scca.com Link to what specialties to choose from www.scca.com and click on Get Involved.

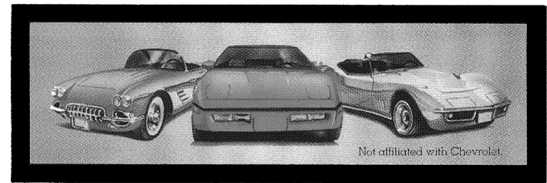
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Attention all Race Workers or those who want to be!

The notice below was sent to the F&C crowd, but all specialties are invited to attend. At very least it will broaden your understanding of how a race event is conducted and add insight to this group of volunteers. Who knows, you may get hooked and decide to join the ranks!

I plan to attend (by that date I should already have a few 2007 F&C days under my belt at LRP!), along with other Pit/Grid workers.

I understand there may be a simultaneous Stewards meeting in another chalet at Lime Rock, so we may have a session from them.

Clark W. Nicholls

NOTICE!

NER along with the NNJR, MO-HUD, and NYR regions are hosting a flag and fire school at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut.

The date is **March 24 + 25**.

The tentative schedule has class beginning at 8:00am both days with novice lessons in the morning on Saturday and advanced sessions in the afternoon. The morning session is open to everyone even if you have flagged before (i.e. it won't be boring).

Sunday morning will be run just like a real race day with a flag meeting, corner assignments, then lessons (on station) on how to setup a station.

This will be followed by crash simulations and communications with control. In the afternoon there will be the fire/burn classes.

Lunch will be provided both days.

SCCA Membership is not required to attend SO BRING A FRIEND OR FRIENDS!

The school will be held rain or shine REMEMBER 2005's 12+ inches of SNOW? Dress accordingly.

We will have a pre- registration form available soon and would like everyone to pre register so that we can guarantee food for all in attendance.

Look for more to come in the near future.

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Fred Mahler (FredMahler@rcn.com),

or our very own

Bryan Deane(flagchief@yahoo.com)

2007 NeDIV Schedule

The Schedule is now available on the internet site.

Here is the link you need to access the information:

www.users.fast.net/~nescca/schedule.pdf

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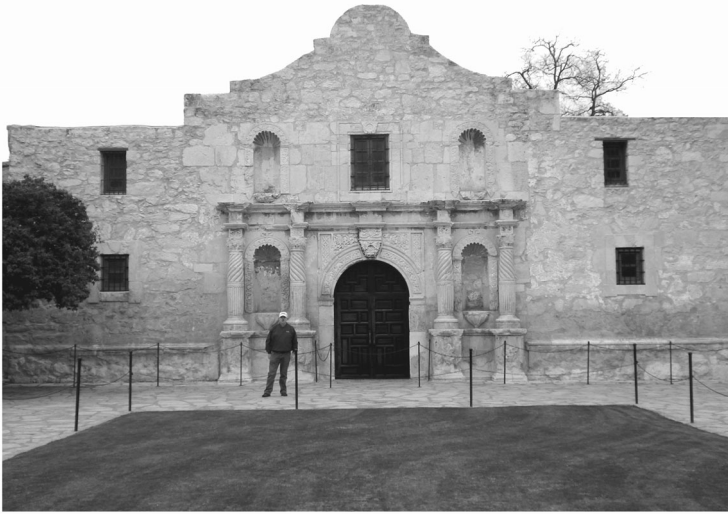
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This is the day before Easter, a change from the original planned date.

Hot Dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided by the Region.

Read your GCR, bring your shop manual, Suit and Helmet. Check your belts, etc

BOB KARL'S IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS THAT MORNING, SO PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY.



Jack Hanifan stands outside the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas while attending the SCCA National Convention last month.

SCCA Nat'l Convention enjoyed Texas hospitality in San Antonio!

San Antonio, Texas was host city for the SCCA National Convention this past month. Although the weather was cooler than expected, most attendees seemed appreciative of the warm welcome received from the locals. Texas hospitality was out in force.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel hosted all meetings and events planned by SCCA officials and was deemed by most as comfortable and accommodating. The five days scheduled for the meetings and festivities went as smoothly as hoped.

Jack and I, along with a large group of SCCA friends, took a riding tour of the many missions and city historical sites. We were able to spend an extended time at the Alamo. It had been touted as a disappointment before we went but turned out to be a great treasure. A wonderful film on the battle and some very knowledgeable docents who had dozens of historical tidbits to impart to us made it extremely interesting and informative.

Texas beef steaks and TexMex menus proved delicious and a few of us “gringos” discovered a new tasty brew. Most meals outside the convention were shared by large groups from all over the country. We thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie

and friendship of SCCA members nationwide exchanging timely club information as well as many, many stories of past race follies.

My experience was thoroughly enjoyable and I'm sure very informative for all attending to club business. Our officers should be very proud of the work they do on our behalf. Many long hours were put in to benefit MoHud members by these people. Tell them thanks when you get the chance!



Glenda and Gene Tricozzi look over the menu while relaxing and dining out after a long day of meetings and in-depth discussions.



MoHud members Walt and Nancy Huber, yours truly, Lenore Panas, and Glen region's Ed Jakubos strolled the Riverwalk on the Wednesday before business meetings began in earnest on the Thursday opening day for the Convention.



Terry Roberts poses for a glamorous shot with one of the Mariachi players near the Riverwalk.



Above, Peter Roberts on his knees is a sight to behold. He made the rounds of the tables at the Texas Land and Cattle Co. which proved to be one of the fun spots on the Riverwalk frequented by many conventioners that particular evening.



At left above, Brian Holtz listens in while Dave Panas gets hearty laughs from Lisa Hanifan, Denni Sheridan and Denni's husband, Area 10 Director John Sheridan in the hotel bar.



Nancy Huber, Lenore Panas and Lisa Hanifan enjoy the music (?) of the mariachi players outside the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Antonio.

The UNABRIDGED History of the Mohawk-Hudson Region
of the Sports Car Club of America

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

2004 – Starting point for membership is 435.

The region awards a special trophy, the Hard-Charger Award, in honor of Paul Tariello at Lime Rock's 35th anniversary Formula Ford race; Krista Botsford wins the award by driving from 31st to 15th in a two-segment race marked by changeable weather.

The region's date at Lime Rock moves to mid-June. The driver's school that accompanies the region's John Stim Memorial race at Lime Rock is named in honor of Harold Cameron. Entry fee for the race is \$200. Turn-out is outstanding at 311 cars.

The region also provides staffing for the Ferrari Festival in July.

Under the guidance of Jim Bucci, a permanent corner display area at the Saratoga Automobile Museum is designated for the Mohawk-Hudson Region.

The autocross program gets back on its feet with events at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (Johnstown) and Adirondack CC (Queensbury).



A long held tradition in MoHud is the Annual Awards Banquet which presents the yearend race, solo and worker awards. Shown here is our Area 10 Director presenting our current Regional Exec, Gene Tricozzi, his award.

Before the year is out there will be three more friends gone – Jim Vaill, founding father of Lime Rock Park, Bill Kane, whose racing experience spanned years and continents, passes away in June, and then in August his compatriot and former Knock-Off editor Joe Corbett loses the battle with cancer.

Tom Campbell completes his term as SCCA Director for Area 10, and in the ensuing election John Sheridan is the peoples' choice as his replacement.

As the autocross program gets back up to speed the annual awards return. Championship winners are Phil Reddington (Stock, BS Honda S2000), Bruce Kosakoski (Street Prepared, FSP BMW 320i), Arn Beebe (Prepared/Modified, CP Ford Mustang), and Bryon O'Hara (Street, STS Subaru RS).

Bob Smart/Dave Austin continue their winning ways in the NESSCA Endurance Series.

Charlie Campbell (Tom's brother) wins the SpecMiata championship in the New York State Road Racing Championship and is also overall tops points scorer. Charlie is also Mohud's Driver of the Year. Pete Smith wins the MoHud Road Racing Championship for his SpecMiata efforts, while the whole Karl family (Bob, Bob jr. and Dominic) is named Rookie of the Year for the enthusiastic debut performance with a trio of SpecMiatas.

At year's end membership is 408.

2005 – Mohawk-Hudson Region's website (Dave Wachtel, webmaster) wins first place in the Medium-Large category judging at the SCCA National Convention.

To more fully recognize and remember significant figures in the region's racing program, the John Stim Memorial event (an SCCA National this year) dedicates individual races as a remembrance of the club's heritage. The idea starts with naming the special SpecMiata event for Harold Cameron, and grows from there. Formula Ford/Formula Continental becomes the Paul Tariello/Phil Groggins Trophy Race, Formula SCCA/Sports Racing is the McClumpha Family Trophy, small production/GT becomes the namesake of Bill Kane and Gene & Connie Birdsey, Formula Vee/F500 remembers Dave Riggi and Ted Baran, GT1 is

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in honor of George Smith, Showroom Stock becomes the Bruce Cargill Tribute.

The solo program is sustained by the continued availability of Fulton-Montgomery and Adirondack CC. In spite of (or maybe because of) the outlying locations, entries are on the rebound.

A group of volunteers from the autocross program also lend technical support to the autocross portion of Tour de Sol held in conjunction with the Saratoga Auto Museum Spring Car Show. Though its well out of our territory, the autocross program also makes a one-time foray to Monticello Raceway.

Near year's end Jim Bucci turns over editorship of The Knock-Off to Lisa Hanifan. Jim has served as newsletter editor for 8 years, an extraordinary term of service (more than a few KO editors haven't even lasted eight months).

It's a trifecta in the NESCCA Enduros for Smart and Austin.

Reinforcing the notion that SCCA is a family activity, five members of the Lendrum family (Dave, Eric, Ken, Jared, and Alan) hold SCCA competition licenses. There are also four Sheridans, three Karls, and two each Campbell, Sheeren, Alexander (the only father-daughter pairing with Rich and Libby) and Hanifans. The O'Connor and Figarsky families also notch in there, sometimes two, sometimes three.

MoHud drivers make a clean sweep of the SpecMiata class (not to be confused with the Showroom SpecMiata class) in the NYSRRC series. Its Charlie Campbell, Bob Karl Jr, Dominic Karl, and Bob Karl Sr in spots 1-4. For the second year in a row Charlie Campbell is Driver of the Year. Dave Lendrum (SpecMiata) is the winner of the MoHud Road Racing Championship, and Eric Lendrum is Rookie of the Year.

In NARRC, the perennial Dick Stewart again tops FV, Jerry Zalucky is the title-holder in Club Formula Continental, and Eric Lendrum wins it all in SSB.

Not to be outdone, there are Autocross awards too. In the season championships winners are Joe Sell (Street), Bill Bennett (Stock), Russ Burckhard (Street Prepared) and Paul Turnbull (Prepared/Modified). Carmine Russo is their Rookie of the Year, and Bill Bennett is Solo Driver of the Year.

Membership count is 384.

2006 – Mohawk-Hudson Region celebrates its 50th anniversary. The occasion is commemorated with a special edition of The Knock-Off and a reception at the Saratoga Automobile Museum attended by over 150 members and guests.

Region membership is 390.



Ron Hedger speaks to the crowd of MoHud members past and present as well as many other friends at the Gala to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mohawk Hudson Region SCCA at the Saratoga Auto Museum in Saratoga, NY in July, 2006.

The region organizes its traditional regional race at Lime Rock, on Tuesday July 4; the event counts for both the North Atlantic Road Racing Championship (NARRC) and the New York State Road Racing Championship (NYSRCC). Such are the economics of racing (at least at Lime Rock) that a turnout of 175 cars with an entry fee of \$240 is barely a break-even proposition.

Monthly meetings continue at The Orchard Tavern, an Albany landmark since 1903. Autocross continues to thrive at Adirondack Community College (Queensbury) and Fulton-Montgomery Community College (Johnstown) even as hopes continue for a larger, more central location. In addition to their regular series of regional championship events the autocross contingent also puts on a special event at FMCC that serves as a fund-raiser for the campus scholarship fund.

The saga continues.....

David and Ann Canavan, twin grandchildren of MoHud members Dave & Louie Canavan, take a different approach to entertainment in these winter months.



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Evan Karl fixing his grandfather's new Spec Miata Motor

MoHud's Newest Wrench!

We will all be waiting to see how much better the Karl machinery will work this year under the careful scrutiny of the youngest Karl family member to become involved in mechanics. If Grandpa Bob has any real luck this coming race season, his successes will have to be shared with his grandson, who looks like he may have the magic touch.