



Have they moved over to the DARK SIDE?

Two characters under normal circumstances, these two MoHud drivers seem to have moved to the dark side of racing now. "Grave Digger" is not what we normally see at our SCCA races but on a recent return trip from the Outer Banks in June, Pete and Jack had to stop and see the goings-on at a remote control car event where the 'Grave Digger' along with other monster cars were on display. Aside from the very hot temperatures, we enjoyed seeing these very unique and extremely large 'vehicles'. This was just one more stop along the road on another one of our Pete and Jack adventures. Heaven help me! I (your editor) married the one on the right.

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RE REPORT

GENE TRICOZZI

For those of you who may have missed the press conference during the ALMS weekend at Lime Rock Park let me bring you up to speed. Skip Barber announced his plan for the future of the track. "The objective is to guarantee Lime Rock Park remains the premier race course in the Northeast; that the facility is significantly improved without losing any of its charm or character; and the track is a viable business for the next fifty years." As a step towards these goals, Skip has created "The Club at Lime Rock Park".

"The Club at Lime Rock Park is an opportunity for a limited number of people, 300 maximum, to have significant track time with 60 dates annually to choose from while also enjoying the company of like-minded enthusiasts. This is unprecedented access to Lime Rock Park where it is currently impossible to rent even an hour".

"Since opening in 1957 it's been the "home Track" to many of the East Coast's motor head population. On the way there you get to see some marvelous old houses, farms and estates. This is where the old money lives quietly and without ostentation and you can smell the history and pedigree in the atmosphere. The track fits in perfectly with the majestic green of the Berkshires rising all around, an old stone church just across the way, and track buildings that reflect and respect their surroundings. There's even a clear mountain stream running right alongside the pit straight and unmatched spectating from the shady hillsides overlooking the Esses. A perfect setting for a motor sport club and the only one currently open in the Northeast".

"The membership cost at The Club at Lime Rock Park is \$100,000.00 and the length of membership is 50 years. Membership can be passed down in the family if sold through The Club".

"My biggest fear is that, if the business and finances of Lime Rock Park are not sufficiently strong, the value of this beautiful piece of property could exceed its value as a race track and when I am no longer around a future owner will be tempted to convert it to a golf course...like what happened at Bridgehampton".

"The membership dollars will be used to improve the entire Park. This is a way to guarantee that all the improvements on the "wish list" will happen. Everything from repaving the track to new bathrooms, an up-

dated Media Center/Clubhouse and a larger and more efficient entrance, to name a few". The economics of a road racing track by itself won't pay for this magnitude of improvements. Future owners will not have to make these capital expenditures".

"More good news is that all the track's constituents, spectators, amateur racers, professional racers, club members, students and mechanics, will benefit from the improved facility. Everyone will benefit from The Club at Lime Rock Park".

"The Club at Lime Rock Park's first full season will be 2008. However, there are four dates reserved this fall for qualified Club applicants to sample the facilities".

"We are asking everyone, except major events, to give up some track time. For some this is actually a blessing. For example, last Saturday the traditional car club that used the track was only able to generate 20 track users and obviously had great difficulty paying the track rent. Next year the car club would run alternating sessions throughout the day with The Club at Lime Rock. Their rent would be significantly reduced and would still have more track time than they need".

"On the other hand, the large and successful Porsche clubs that currently have to turn away entries may suffer. We are going to do our best to spread the pain fairly, but everyone needs to remember this is THE way to preserve the future".

I don't believe all the details have come to light yet, but I have heard, in addition to the one time buy in of \$100,000.00, there will also be a \$500 monthly charge. I will keep you all up to date as this unfolds.

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

I do look forward to any input.

Gene

SOLO Co-Chair Report

by Russ Burckhard

We ordered 60 new cones that Bert put to good use on another great course on June 24th at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. There was a great battle for the top spot at the end of the event. Seven drivers were in the heat of battle running in the 55 second range with the FTD (fastest time of the day) going to Eric Smith at 55.289, it was just enough to squeak by DJ McArdle by .003 of a second. With the times hovering near a minute, you can tell the length of the course is longer than usual, putting those cones to good use. Despite timing problems due to a software update, we were able to get in 5 runs a piece while having 60 competitors competing. While basking in the glory of having the FTD, Eric went home and got to the bottom of the software problem, the updated software would not recognize cars classed using small letters, and then he sorted through the results and sent them to Dave to get posted on the web.

On the previous day, the college held a car show/craft fair in the front lot while we held an exhibition autocross in the middle lot. About 30 drivers participated including a few new drivers that were attending the car show and decided to try out autocrossing. There were also a few that paid a couple of bucks to take a ride in one of the vehicles. Andy Furlong's Atomic Rabbit and Bruce's BMW were the cars of choice for the rides. I brought one of the members of the college for a ride and she loved it. It brings a better understanding to the college of what we do and how much fun it is.

JVG Motorsports came through again with Joe sell getting this event's \$25.00 gift certificate.

Congratulations to Andy Furlong on winning the NE Divisional's down in Pennsylvania for the second year in a row and Arn Bebee for his second place finish.

Event #4 was held on July 15th. 57 drivers showed up to run on a challenging course. About 250 total cones went down and 65 runs were off course proving how tough the course was. In the end, Andy Furlong got the fastest time of the day of 53.114 on his first run, which was good because he broke a hub on his second run. Joe Sell was second quick followed by Eric Smith.

Event 4's winner of the JVG Motorsports \$25.00 gift certificate was Bill Bennett.

Upcoming events:

August 12 ACC

September 16 FMCC

Sept 25-28 Solo Nationals Topeka, KS

October 14 ACC

JVG Motorsports in Albany, NY has been kind enough to welcome us to their new shop for a Chill and Grill! We will be having food, drinks, and checking out JVG's brand new shop.

This will be a "Pot Luck" event for food. Everyone that attends is encouraged to bring something to contribute to the grill or a salad of sorts or refreshments (NO ALCOHOL!) ALL are welcome! Bring friends.

Date: Sunday, August 19th

Time: Noon until whenever

Place: JVG Motorsports

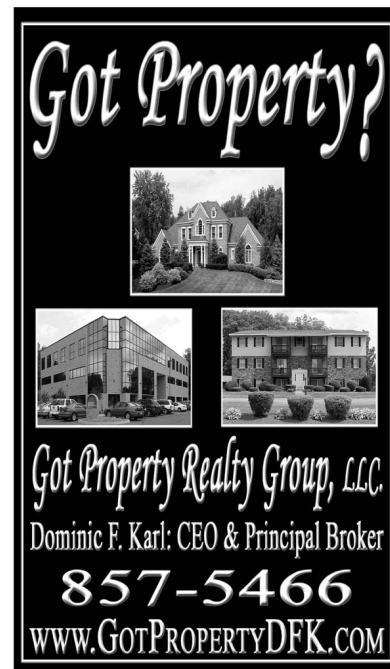
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Latest News from the COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan



August Competition Report

Only two MoHud drivers made the trip to Mosport for the NYR National. Pete Smith and I were entered in the SM race. The small field of 10 SM cars shared the race group with seven SS and T3 cars. Pete had a great race finishing fourth; he battled most of the race with Ken Payson before pulling away in the last few laps. I managed a top ten finish. It had been 25 years since I last drove at Mosport and I forgot what a great, demanding track it is. The locals were very hospitable and we all attended the oval track racing on Saturday night. It was Canada Day and there were plenty of fireworks. The trip

across the border was without incident. I urge all of you to make the 400 mile trip next year.

Next week many of us will be making the trip to Watkins Glen for the annual July Sprints, a combination MARRS, NYSRRC and NERRC race. It is always well attended and should have some excellent racing on America's premier road racing track.

One of our drivers's recently had a problem renewing his license; the problem was his physician had incorrectly checked one of the sections on his Medical Form. The moral is before you leave the doctors office, check what he has written and avoid yourself a lot of hassle.

UPDATE ON JOHN TRAVERS:

Hi everyone,

I spoke to Pat Travers this evening regarding John's continuing recovery. She tells me that John has been feeling better every day since his return from Vasser Brothers Hospital this past Saturday.

Pat wanted to again thank everyone involved for their quick reaction, notably Scott and Peg Dowd and the EMS crew from Lime Rock Park for the outstanding job and professionalism they demonstrated.

Additionally, thank you to all the individual members of our racing family who had perhaps just a very small part but never the less an important role in John's successful treatment and recovery.

Thanks everyone,
Serge Lentz



HOT RODS & CUSTOMS BLAST JULY 28

On Saturday, July 28th from 9am-3pm, the Saratoga Automobile Museum will be loading up its front lawn with the Hot Rods and Customs Blast, where Ken Gross, renowned international automotive journalist and Tom Cotter, best selling author of "The Cobra in the Barn" will be guest judges. Entry fees for cars is \$5.00 per car. Although the Museum exhibits will be closed for installation of its new exhibit "Barn Finds", the restrooms and gift shop will be available.

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Monthly Membership Report 07/17/07

New member 06/21/07 to: 07/17/07.

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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Yoongeu Kim	07/06/07	Schenectady	NY	(646)825-1279(H) ygsimon@hotmail.com
Jennifer Lee Newport	06/21/07	Duanesburg	NY	(518)727-2488(H) scubajenny21@hotmail.com

There were 3 records printed.

Webmasters Report

Web site updates include the results of the July 15'th Solo event at FMCC and the Funplex meeting/outing. Old headlines have been moved to a separate archive page. Links to videos taken by some of our solo competitors have been added to the solo pages. Some minor page formatting issues have been addressed and some pages have been changed slightly to provide more information and a better look.

The Message Board has 112 registered users. Assuming they are all members, this represents almost sixty percent of the members who have internet connectivity. The Solo community is the most active group of posters. *Come on racers, join in the fun. You have your own section and it is nearly free of posts!*

Anniversary Report 07/17/07

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
Rick Pocock	August 08/05/87	20
Bryan D. Deane	08/13/92	15

There were 2 records printed.

There are 380 members in the region.

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Activities

Pete Smith,
Activities Director

Activities Report

- 1) Due to a lack of interest there will not be a Dinner Cruise on the Hudson this year, we only had enough people to fill my Pontoon boat!
- 2) Also please note that the **Go Kart night** will be on **Wednesday, August 1st** in place of the Monthly meeting.

Pete Smith



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