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MoHud members gather at the Glen for the Enduro race this past Oct. 6th from left: RE Gene Tricozzi, former COB, Tom Campbell, Merch. Chair, Geoff Stim, Elise La Fleche, David Lendrum and last but not least, Ian O'Connor. Weather, as always unpredictable, but all had a good time.

More photos courtesy of Glenda Tricozzi inside on page 5.

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## MISSED ISSUE !

Your KO editor apologizes for the lack of a publication for October. Due to unforeseen circumstances (emergency gall bladder surgery) I was unable to put out the KnockOff. I will hopefully rectify any future occurrence by providing a backup plan which is not yet in play. I will keep you all informed.

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# RE GENE TRICOZZI REPORT

As the racing season nears its finish, we are entering a time of importance for the club. The first order of business is nominations for club officers that are open till the end of the general membership meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>. I encourage everyone to consider a run for office, as a volunteer organization the club needs your involvement to strengthen the Mo-Hud region and it can even be fun. The first step is to contact the nominating committee chair Jack Hanifan. The annual awards banquet is coming up fast as well; it will be at Mallozzi's Restaurant on November 30<sup>th</sup>. You can print a copy of the registration form from our web site or use the attached form in this edition.

The next upcoming event is the mini-con in November which will be held in Rocky Mount Connecticut, near Hartford. There are always good seminars and informative meetings as well as plenty of time to catch on racing stories with your friends. With

the mini-con being held so close to the Capital District it's a good opportunity to attend.

As you read on in the competition and solo reports, you will see the C Mod Solo National Champion is our own Jim Garry. C Mod is a class dominated by Formula Fords and is very competitive, and to be the National Champion in this class speaks volumes about Jim's ability as a driver and his competitiveness. Jim is proof of the old adage of not "getting older but getting better" as you may know Jim was a Solo National champion, more than two decades ago, in 1984.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given me over the past three years and announce I will not be returning as your RE next year. I will be gathering my parting thoughts for publication in the next edition of the Knock Off.

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 Mo Hud Awards Banquet

**FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 2007**

**Mallozzi's Florentine Room**

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Eggplant Rollatini	_____	\$ _____

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# SOLO Co-Chair Report

by Russ Burckhard

**October report:** We had our ups and downs in September. Due to pavement conditions and pending construction, we made the call to move the final event from Adirondack Community College to Fulton-Montgomery Community College. I got verbal confirmation to the switch from FMCC. It looked like a smooth transition. While waiting for the paperwork, I received a disturbing call from FMCC. The college had changed insurance companies. Due to that change we were no longer welcome to use the facility. This news came 2 weeks prior to the next event. Despite trying many options, the decision had been made and we were out. After a frantic last minute search, I was able to access the OGS lot at the top of McCarty Ave in Albany for the final 2 events. We have just had the September event there with 53 entrants (I apologize to anyone who may have gone to FMCC). The course Bert designed was up to his high standards. Jim Garry and Phil Reddington assisted. Everyone who knows Phil knows what section he did (haha). A tight left hander, not in the preplanned course, was necessary due to the car left in that part of the lot where the course had been planned. The event consisted of 6 runs followed by a bunch fun runs. I heard no complaints. Spectators from the football games across the street came to watch. Jim Garry had the fastest time.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we helped out the Adirondack Corvette Club at their charity event on Prospect Mountain. 30+ drivers showed up. CC officers were very happy with our assistance and said it was one of the best events they've had. The highlight was a flyby of four A-10 Warthogs, not a lot higher than the treetops. It was definitely a real treat.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Jim Garry took equipment out to Seneca for a Test and Tune to hone his skills for the Nationals in Topeka. 10 drivers came out in the rain to dial in their cars. Some got 40 to 60 runs on a course used during a past Pro Solo.

I'm proud of our region and its competitors. Though we lost the FMCC site, it was out of our control. To my knowledge we never had any complaints or incidents and always left the site cleaner.

The college provided us the following letter of recognition to hopefully assist in getting a new site.

*Dear Russ,*

*I wanted to take this time to say how much I enjoyed working with you and SOLO2 for the College's Alumni Association Car Show the past couple of years... it was a great partnership and so many who never heard of SOLO2 became instant fans!*

*You and your group were always responsible and kept our college grounds clean and safe. The fact that Solo brought their own technicians, setup, and even Port-A-John was wonderful. And when your event was over and the group was gone, you would've never known you were even here!*

*Again, it was a pleasure working with you.*

*Should you need to contact me, feel free to do so at any time.*

This great relationship was begun by Bruce Kosakoski and it grew from there. I only claim to have maintained it. Event participants at FMCC also deserve credit for respecting the property, keeping it clean and safe. Thanks everyone for making my job easier,

**November report:** Our autocross season ended at the OGS McCarty Ave. lot, ending as it began with a great turnout; 88 participants. Bert designed another great course. I was especially fond of the course since I was finally able to get the elusive 'Fastest Time of the Day'. As with all events this year, everyone worked together to make it a success. Only one issue, the wind blowing leaves through the timing boxes, caused false starts leading to a reruns. That and the number of entrants were the reasons we only were able to get 4 runs apiece. We finished early but not enough to get another run for everyone but we were able to finish with some fun runs. Eric Smith will weed through the results to determine this year's champions. I'll see you all at the banquet on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to present this year's trophies.

There was lots of good press coverage for us this past month. Burt Huiest made arraignments to have News Channel 9 show up to give us some coverage. Bruce Kosakoski did a great job talking to the reporter by getting across the point that we also teach young drivers about car control. Earlier in the month The Gazette had an article by Alan Edstrom in conjunction with the Saratoga Auto museum. I submitted an outline to Alan made it into an article worthy of printing.

Congratulations to Jim Garry on winning the C-Mod National Championship and his 8<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Pro solo in a combined class in Topeka. Congratulations also to Alex Schipkov on his 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in DSP and his 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the Pro Solo.

Russ

# COMPETITION CORNER...

Comp Chair Jack Hanifan is at the Runoffs in Topeka KS as this issue is preparing to go to press. His detailed report from his trip to the RunOffs will be published in the next issue!

## *Meanwhile, here in the northeast...*

The Oct. 5-7 weekend brought many MoHud members, their families, and crew out to participate in the 'Last Chance' regional race and Enduro sponsored by the Glen Region.

Although by no means was a complete report given, the rumblings have been positive. All who attended were given a 'chance' to enjoy the track and other SCCA folks.

Many MoHud families showed up for one or both races as well as the Friday school. Besides those shown in the photos here and on the cover, the families' Campbells, Smiths, Sheridans, O'Connors, Tricozzis, Lendrums, and Karls were there. Maybe not *all* members of these families were present but certainly a very strong showing for our region. Once again, the Glen Region weekend proved a great family-friendly motorsport weekend, especially for MoHud members!



*Above: Linda O'Connor oversees a tire change for Thom, their son Ian and crew member Pete Smith check over the tires. David Lendrum readies the lug wrench. Below, our MoHud treasurer, new dad Chip Van Slyke and Eric Kroff work the pit area for the Enduro at the Glen.*



*Part of the Sheridan family race team posed for photog Glenda; l to r, John, Judy, Jimmy, and Jim.*



# Monthly Membership Report 10/15/2007

## New member report

From: 08/01/07 to: 10/15/07.

*Please welcome these new members to the region.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comm.</u>
William Duffy	08/07/07	Greenwich	NY	(518)692-9021(H) wl_duffy@yahoo.com
Ginger Hardeman	08/09/07	Delanson	NY	(518)895-2765(H)
William Pax Lemmon	09/14/07	Crown Point	NY	(518)597-9200(H) pax@bluemoo.net
Michael McDuffie	10/10/07	Stuyvesant	NY	(845)742-0719(H) mcduffie.michael@gmail.com
Walter T. Ryan	08/08/07	Mayfield	NY	(518)661-5067(H) rmarine@frontiernet.net
Andrew Sheridan	08/29/07	Endicott	NY	(607)748-6065(H)
Brenda Sheridan	08/29/07	Kirkwood	NY	(607)238-0420(H)
Daniel Sheridan	08/29/07	Kirkwood	NY	(607)238-0420(H)
Ian Sheridan	08/29/07	Kirkwood	NY	(607)748-6065(H)
William Sheridan	08/29/07	Kirkwood	NY	(607)238-0420(H)

There were 10 records printed.

## Anniversary Report generated on: 10/15/07

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
	October	
Alvon MacAuley Jr	10/08/97	10
Werner Scheeren	10/30/02	5
John V. Sheridan	10/01/02	5
	November	
Richard A. Walsh	1/01/72	35

There are 372 members in the region, an increase of five since the last report.



## Webmasters Report

The solo results are up to date through the penultimate event. Check the solo results page for the final results.

The Awards Banquet information is available on the site, including the reservation form.

The message board now has 126 registered users who have made 3689 posts. The message board is the place to be if you want to interact with the rest of the membership. It's easy and a great way to keep up to date. The solo community is particularly active. Join the fun!

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