



## Executive Privilege



*Past RE Gene Tricozzi accepts a jacket in thanks for his terms as Regional Executive from present RE Jack Hanifan at the recent Tech Party held in Troy, NY at SCCA member Bob Karl's garage.*

## Race Cars in numbers show up at Annual Tech Party!

The annual Tech Party was held on Sunday, April 6, 2008 at Bob Karl's Garage in Troy, NY with a good number of folks coming out for their yearly inspections. The weather was cool as is usually the case this early in the season but the gang there didn't seem to mind since there was an abundance of good cheer just to be in the "car mode" again. Winter seems much longer in the early months of spring to most drivers and crews.

While the hot dogs and soda went fast, the tech people did their thing for all those who ventured out. As is always the case, there seem to be many of the same faces year after year, although this year we had some less familiar who joined the crowd and were happily gabbing about the upcoming season as well as the fuel problems of late.

Many spoke of the effects gas prices will have on all events this year and fervently hope the crunch will at least plateau and not continue the rise it has been for the last six months.

The cars looked great and the smiles were plentiful at the end of the day showing once again MoHud knows how to put on a good party. *(Photos inside)*

## In This Month's KnockOff...

### SOLO REPORT

Page 3

### TECH PARTY PROVES FUN EVENT

Page 4

### COMPETITION REPORT

Page 8

### FINGER LAKES DOUBLE REGIONAL

Page 9

### SARATOGA AUTO MUSEUM NEWS

Page 11

# MOHAWK - HUDSON REGION SCCA OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

## REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

**Jack Hanifan**  
39 Ramsey Place  
Albany, NY 12208-3016  
518-438-3754 home  
jackhanifan@hotmail.com

## ASST. REGIONAL EXEC.

**Roly Heacox**  
310 Lotville Road  
Dolgeville, NY 13329-1708  
315-429-7260

## TREASURER

**Chip VanSlyke**  
1095 Delaware Turnpike  
Delmar, NY 12054  
(518) 439-7267 home  
chipperv@earthlink.net

## SECRETARY

**Geoffrey M. Stim**  
41 Wallflower Drive  
Rexford, NY 12148  
(518) 885-9300 home

## RALLY CHAIR

**Jim Bishop**  
12 Garrison Ave.  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
518-346-8366  
jbish46@nycap.rr.com

## SOLO CHAIR

**Russ Burckhard**  
19 Carpenter Drive  
Schenectady, NY 12309  
russtduck@nycap.rr.com

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

**David Wachtel**  
1596 Best Road  
Rensselaer, NY 12144  
(518) 286-3589 home  
dwachtel@acmenet.net

## KNOCKOFF EDITOR

**Lisa Hanifan**  
39 Ramsey Place  
Albany, NY 12208  
518-438-3754 home  
lhanifa1@nycap.rr.com

## RACE OFFICIAL LICENSING

**Clark Nicholls**  
65 Hartwood Road  
Lee, MA 01238  
(413) 243-3433 home  
cwnicholls@aol.com

## SCRUTINEERING (TECH)

**Richard Welty**  
(518) 674-0436  
rwelty@krusty-motorsports.com

## MERCHANDISE

**Geoffrey M. Stim**  
41 Wallflower Drive  
Rexford, NY 12148  
(518) 885-9300 home  
mohudsec@gmail.com

## DIRECTOR

**Bruce Kosakoski**  
59 Hoffay Road  
Averill Park, NY 12018  
(518) 674-8816 home

## DIRECTOR

**Dick Stewart**  
13 Fletcher Place  
West Sand Lake, NY 12196  
(518) 674-5683 home  
(518) 674-1010 voice & fax  
stewartco@aol.com

The KnockOff is the official publication of the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club of America. Opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of the Mohawk-Hudson Region or of the Sports Car Club of America.

The general membership meeting is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at The Orchard Tavern, 68 No. Manning Blvd., Albany, NY.

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE MO-HUD MAILING LIST:**  
Go to the MoHud web site (see below), click INFO, click ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST, click LWGATE, click Subscribe to Mo-Hud DIGEST, fill out form, click SUBSCRIBE.

<http://www.mohud-scca.org/>

### ADVERTISING RATES

Type	Size	1 Issue	6 Issues
Full Pg	10x7	\$20.00	\$100.00
Half Pg	5x7	\$15.00	\$75.00
Half Pg	10x3	\$15.00	\$75.00
Qtr Pg	5x3	\$10.00	\$50.00
Bus Crd	3x2	\$5.00	\$25.00

*All ads must be prepaid. Noncommercial classified ads run in three (3) consecutive issues and are FREE to MEMBERS*

## MOHUD NE DIVISIONAL & AREA 10 CONTACTS

### AREA 10 DIRECTOR

John Sheridan  
Leesome Lane  
Altamont, NY 12009  
(518) 861-8389 home  
john12009@aol.com

### NeDiv LICENSE CHAIR

Peter W. Smith  
35 Knollwood Drive  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-5775  
518-587-9755  
dsmith3@nycap.rr.com



# RE JACK HANIFAN REPORT

Summer has arrived! As I write this the temperature is in the seventies and the hardtop is off the Miata. NeDiv has had its first Regional at NHMS and the Solo Schedule is set. Russ informs me the contracts are in for the use of the OGS McCarty lot and he will have our Solo Schedule online ASAP.

Kudos to our Solo people for putting together a good schedule and obtaining the use of a new lot at Columbia Greene Community College. CGCC is located less than a mile east of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge-less than 45 minutes from Albany.

Activities Director Pete Smith is making plans for a Duck trip again this summer. The MoHud board has voted to support two Ducks for the evening; details soon.

The next Board Meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and the next Membership Meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Both are held at the Orchard Tavern.

## SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

I don't have a lot to report yet. I am waiting to hear back from the sites I've contacted to confirm this year's schedule. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have a schedule set. Two sites which I checked on said no for this year, but may be able to help us out next year.

The Poughkeepsie Region has a contact at Columbia Green Community College and got in for a trial event. If the college likes what we do there, we will be able to go back in the future and hold multiple events. The college is about 30 miles south of Albany and has brand new pavement. Even though it is a PSCC event, we will be using that event for our points. The date for the Poughkeepsie event is **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2008**.

Keep checking the web site and message board for more details.



Superhero or Racer? Hard to tell!



# Tech Party Proves to be Fun Time



Gee Dad, I think I can figure out how this works, but thanks anyway. Lester Figarsky gives son Adam a suggestion on the wearing of his new jacket.



All the usual suspects kibbitz on the upcoming race season and gas prices while Greg Rickes, our chef, mans the dogs on the grill.



Yup, that's the engine thingy! Now where does this pink stuff go? Former RE Gene Tricozzi ponders his Miata.



Racers complain about paddock parking at the tracks but this doesn't look much better. A crowd of vehicles in Bob Karl's lot made the tech party well attended for early April.



Paperwork for officials must be complete before this #60 Miata of Jack Hall's gets through the annual tech inspection.



Another classic racing phenomenon... Put a race car on a trailer and look under it and a crowd will certainly form for an in-depth discussion.



Tech chief Rich Welty surveys the plethora of red race cars ready for inspection.



Todd Boice does the paperwork as Rich Welty takes a look at things at the back.



Angie Van Slyke, Chip's wife and their little girl Ana Marisol say hello to all in the garage.

## COMPETITION CORNER...

*Jack Hanifan*, Chairman

May 08

The season has begun. The early leader in the MoHud Regional Racing Championship is Dick Smith.

In case you haven't heard, New Hampshire International Speedway has been sold and is now known as New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

NER held its annual Opening Day Driver's School and Regional at NHMS. All six of MoHud's Stewards were present. At one time all four Control Stewards were from MoHud. Tom Campbell and I were in the tower for the entire three days and we were joined by Jim Sheridan on Saturday. John Sheridan spent Saturday as Black Flag Steward with Roly Heacox. Dave Canavan did a little of everything – serving as Tech Steward and Black Flag when needed and also working in the tower.

On Sunday morning, Roly joined Tom and me in the tower and Dave Canavan spent the afternoon with us.

The Sheridan boys were racing on Sunday. John had a good finish in ITA under the watchful eye of his crew chief twin brother Jim. The big winner of the weekend was Dick Stewart who had a first in FV.

New Hampshire had a record snowfall this winter and there was plenty of snow still on the ground at NHMS. The record snowfall caused the roofs on the NHMS Center garages to cave in. (They are the ones furthest south - the South garages have yet to be built.) The construction to repair them had both impound and pit out using the helicopter pads.

Once again thanks to all who worked at the Tech Party, photos are on a separate page.



*Please remember our troops!*



# **Pursuit Start Handicap Race Will Return**

**The Finger Lakes Region Double Regional  
will be held at**

**Nelson Ledges Road Course**

**June 28-29, 2008**

**and will again feature a  
1 hour handicap race for classes  
T3, T2, SSB, SSC, ITC, SM, SSM,  
SRF, LEGENDS, SPU, ITA, ITB, ITS, and AS**

**The winner of this race  
(*described by one of last year's competitors as*  
*"the most fun I ever had racing"*)  
will take home as much as \$500.00.**

**An added feature of this years' event will be  
a race for Formula First with their own race group. \***

\* Formula First group must have adequate number of cars.

# Monthly Membership Report 04/18/2008

From National data current as of 03/11/2008

## New Member Report from 03/10/08 to 04/18/08

*Please welcome these new members to the region.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Comm.</u>
Christopher A. Brassard	04/11/08	Schenectady	NY	(518)356-4747(H) cbrassar@nycap.rr.com
Tony Costanzo	04/04/08	Cooperstown	NY	(607)547-4033(H) tonycostanzo@hotmail.com
Anders Ispen	04/08/08	Schenectady	NY	(518)399-6848(H) andersj88@hotmail.com
Anna Ispen	04/08/08	Schenectady	NY	(518)399-6848(H)
Heather Ispen	04/08/08	Schenectady	NY	(518)399-6848(H)
Jamie Ispen	04/08/08	Schenectady	NY	(518)399-6848(H) ispens6@hotmail.com
Amanda Lo	03/18/08	Massapequa Park	NY	
Kenneth James Hurd	03/11/08	Hinesburg	VT	(802)482-2816(H) khurd@gmavt.net
Jameson Hurd	03/11/08	Hinesburg	VT	(802)482-2816(H)

There were 9 records printed.

## Anniversary Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
	April	
Susan Butcher	04/28/03	5
Walter K. Scheeren	04/25/03	5
	May	
David R. Cobb	05/01/73	35
Connie E. McIntyre	05/01/73	35
James R. Sheridan	05/20/98	10

There were 5 records printed.

**There are 367 members in the region (+2 from last time)**

# Webmasters Report

New headlines and links have been added, including: The April KO and John Fitch regarding his pollution mitigation woes.

A notice regarding LRP construction and the cancellation of our race has been added to our racing page. Check new links on the main page to find details of the 2008 Tech Party and the upcoming SAM car show.

Dave Wachtel, Membership Chair/Webmaster



## LOST SPEEDWAYS THREE LOOKS TO BE THE BEST YET

With the Saratoga Automobile Museum's Lost Speedways Three program just over a month away, it's certain that a record number of tracks will be remembered.

"We had an all-star line-up already, then we had three notable additions recently to ice the cake," said Racing in New York gallery coordinator Ron Hedger. "Les King had planned on speaking about the Empire Raceway in Menands and the Altamont Fairgrounds but his improving health has led him to tackle a number of other "lost" speedways as well. He'll also cover the Warrensburg Fairgrounds, Mettowee Speedway in North Granville, the Corinth Fairgrounds, Schuylerville's Hudson River Speedway and McGregor Speedway north of Saratoga Springs.

"On the photo side, noted racing photographer Ray Masser of Souderton, PA will bring a collection of photos and articles covering action at the legendary Langhorne Speedway, the Reading Fairgrounds and the Trenton Speedway. He also has photos from other defunct speedways, including Hatfield and Allentown along with shots from Grandview and Pocono. Among the collection will be shots of American legend Mario Andretti in the Mataka '3n1' midget, with which he once won three features in one day.

"And for motorcycle lovers, Mark Supley will supplement his talk on gone but not forgotten flat tracks by displaying his recently restored 1975 Kawasaki 250 cc Champion-framed flattracker, which was originally owned by Perry Moak of Altamont."

The lineup also includes journalist Andy Fusco discussing the Perth Speedway, Bill Ladabouche on the tracks along the Vermont/New York border, Kenny Gypson recalling the many tracks east of Troy and National Speed Sport News columnist Gary London remembering racing at the Polo Grounds, indoors at the Kingsbridge Armory and other New York City venues. With late entries sure to surface, the event will easily be the most spectacular yet.

A number of others will be on hand with photos, scrapbooks and other memorabilia and attendees are urged to bring their treasures along to share. Tables will be available for displaying memorabilia, with museum volunteers on hand to safeguard the items during the program.

The talks will start at 1 pm on Sunday, April 27th in the Racing in New York gallery on the second floor of the museum. Anyone with items to display is urged to arrive by noon to give everyone a chance to enjoy the items, rerun old races and renew friendships. The newest racing exhibit, the Syracuse Mile, will be open as well along with the current Golub Gallery exhibit, Romance of the Roadster.

More information is available online at [www.saratogaautomuseum.org](http://www.saratogaautomuseum.org) or by e-mailing Ron Hedger at [rjhmedia@juno.com](mailto:rjhmedia@juno.com).