

JUNE 2008

The Future of our Sport?!



Young Doug O'Connor waits for his next run at the first Solo event at the McCarty Avenue Lot.

This seems to be the future. YOUTH getting into the Solo program. We need to get more of them involved.

At the recent Solo event at the McCarty Ave. Lot this younster was highly competitive in his go-kart. Everyone at the event showed interest in his entry and with that enthusiasm, he's sure to come back again. Hopefully he will spread the word to others in his age group and our sport will once again have new members to increase our membership and continue the sports competition in our region.

Remember, we are our best salespeople!

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P JACK HANIFAN REPORT

Congratulations to Russ and company for putting on a nice event at the McCarty Ave OGS lot. There were 48 entries and the course was fun.

The June and July meetings will be held outside, under the tent at the Orchard. Pete Smith has scheduled a Duck Outing for July 17th. We will decide at the June meeting if we want to hold our July meeting on the 2nd as normal or move it to the 17th.

Several of our members are planning to travel to Summit Point for the 12 hour race. I would

expect some interesting stories at our July meeting.

As noted elsewhere in the KO, MoHud is hosting the NeDiv Solo Championships at the Seneca Army Depot. Help is needed in many capacities, please come to the June Meeting and volunteer. Jim Garry is the Chairman.

As I write this I have been informed that the Glen Region is putting on a Rally Cross on May 31st. A good opportunity for anyone who wants to try it. More info in the KO or on the Glen Region website.

COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan, Chairman

Road America in 2009!

The SCCA Board of Directors has announced that the SCCA Runoffs will be held at Road America beginning in 2009. The track located in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin will host the Runoffs for a minimum of three years. National drivers at the WDC Summit Point National were all excited about the change of venue.

Jeremy Treadway

Speaking of Road America, MoHud Driver Jeremy Treadway is leading the NeDiv Formula Ford points with wins at both NHMS and Summit Point. Jeremy's next race is the June Sprints at Road America. Jeremy is making an attempt at the Triple Crown- Division Champion and a win at both the Sprints and the Runoffs.

License Issues

The Board of Directors raised the fee for a National License to \$85; more than one driver has only sent in \$75 and received a Regional License. It is important that when you receive your license you check it to see what it says.

As a matter of fact, always look at your new license to be sure it says Regional or National Competition. If it just says Crew it is not a Competition license, if there is something wrong with your Medical or another issue with your application, the National Office will always send you a Crew license while they are waiting for the missing information.

Divisional Solo Championships

MoHud is not putting on a race this year, but we will be hosting the NeDiv Solo Championships. In years past, the Solo community has helped us with the race now is the time for us to pay them back. Almost all of our race cars are eligible for Solo, so keep the weekend of August 9&10 open. Spec Miata runs in the DSP class. We will have special awards for MoHud Competition Drivers who enter. The Divisional will be held at the Seneca Army Depot.

SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

June report

First of all, I have the schedule for 2008.

School/Test and Tune **May 10 McCarty Ave Lot May 11 McCarty Ave Lot** Event 1 Columbia Greene CC June 15 Event 2 in association with

PSCCA (Poughkeepsie)

GTO Nationals July 18

July 20 Event 3

McCarty Ave Lot Divisional's Event 4 **Seneca Army Depot** August 8-10 September 6 **Test and Tune** Seneca Army Depot **Event 4 McCarty Ave Lot**

September 14

We are still looking to get something for late September or early October.

Jim Garry held a Test and Tune in Seneca on April 27th. 17 entries showed up and ran till they (or their tires) had enough.

Wilton Mall

On May 10th we held a combination school/test and tune at the McCarty Ave lot. 21 entrants got in a lot of runs to get their cars and driving skills ready for the upcoming season. The following day we had the first event of the season. Due to it being Mothers Day and the late timing by my getting the contracts for the event, we only had 48 entrants. While it was the first event of the year, I was expecting a few things to go wrong after having the winter break. Because of the people we have in place (thanks to them all), the event ran extremely smooth. We each had 7 runs each and then opened it up for 80+ fun runs. When all was said and done and the van was loaded and trophies handed out, it was still a little before 4:00. That allowed most to go and visit their mothers. The rest of us hung out and had a meeting about an upcoming event.

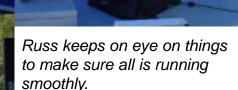
Mohawk-Hudson Region to host the Northeast Divisionals

This August 8,9, and 10 out at the Seneca Army Depot, our region will be putting on the 2008 NE Divisional. We will do our best to do the region proud and hold one of the best Divisionals the Northeast has ever seen. I believe with the way we put on our local events, we have the people to get it done. I will need a lot of help on this one. If anyone is planning on going and is interested in helping out, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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2008 MoHud Solo Season begins...

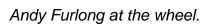
The McCarty Avenue lot was the location of the first Solo event of the 2008 season. Weather cooperated and everyone was treated to a good number of runs at winning. Considering it was Mother's Day, the tunrout was decent.



Tom Hansen conducts drivers meeting.



Someone just made a lot of squeeling tire noise and got the attention of this crowd.



Arn Beebe and Russ look pleased as the day progresses.

Doug O'Connor's go-kart gets the once over.

One of the Mini's takes the course.



Packing it up!



DJ McArdle takes one of his many trips around the course.

Who is the message from? Someone's Mom needs to know her child would rather be on the Solo course this day. Maybe he went by later.

Pete Smith's Activities



Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA

5th Annual Golf Outing

Dust off those clubs and join us for 9 holes of no pressure golf!!

Burden Lake Golf Course August 14th, 2008 2 pm tee time

The cost is \$34 per person, which includes golf cart, food, and the traditional awards ceremony which includes a nice pat on the back!

REMEMBER, you do NOT have to be a good golfer to play.

In fact, we have not even invited Tiger this year!

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Albany Aqua Duck Tour

Thursday July 17th 2008

Duck leaves from Orchard Tavern at 6:30pm

Hodourves served from 6 to 6:30pm
Tour lasts about 1 1/2 hours on the Duck

Dinner at the Orchard will follow with Salad, Wings, Pizza

THERE WILL BE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON THE BACK DECK

We have reserved 2 DUCKS which will hold 84 people total, so bring anyone you can drag along, we need to fill the DUCK'S.

COST: \$35.00 per person/checks to MoHud SCCA

Please send your checks with names of your party to:

Pete Smith 35 Knollwood DR Saratoga NY 12866

Alcohol is not allowed on the Duck

Contact Pete Smith ASAP if you plan on going, or if you have any questions at 518-587-9755 or dsmith3@nycap.rr.com.

www.albanyaguaducks.com

See you on the Duck!



GO-KART NIGHT BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Bring the kids—in laws—people you always wanted to impress with your superior racing skills, they will not be disappointed.

AUGUST 6thFUNPLEX FUN PARK!

589 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush 518-477-2651

http://www.funplexfunpark.com/

Special pricing for Mo-Hud members and guests:

Go-Kart Speedway: (road course) \$3 Climbing Wall, Mini-GoKarts, Bumper Boats, Mini-Golf: \$3

THE NEWEST NEWS



MoHud's Newest Arrivals!

Nancy & Walter Huber were blessed by the arrival of two more grandkidz early in the morning of April 30th. Cole Miles (5 lbs 4 oz) and Tyler Chase (5 lbs 2 oz) were born to their daughter & son-in-law Tracy & Vic Klein by Caesarian section. They both hit the tape at 19" each. Fantastic!

Nancy has been slowing recovering from an extended stay in the hospital. We all hope her progress is rapid she will soon be back at the races giving everyone her great smile.

Congrats to all the Huber family!

Mo-Huds Newest Driver

In Mid April, in my ongoing quest to suck more people into our sport I took Wayne Yetto to Drivers School at Daytona International Speedway.

Wayne is a fairly new MO-Hud member and a neighbor/friend of



mine in Frostproof FL where we spend the winter. Wayne is from Green Island (or somewhere near there). He has been helping Thom O'connor, Dave Dartt, and myself work on our cars and crewing with us at Sebring for the last couple of years, so I thought it was time to get him behind the wheel.

With no road racing experience at all Wayne was able to get signed off on his Novice Permit in one school at Daytona, I taught him everything! His only disappointment was the school didn't include any time on the banking.

You may see him at Watkins Glen this summer in a Spec Miata. Pete Smith

Remembering Fast Friends

Ted Baran, Bill Kane,



Joe Corbett,



and Bruce Cargill



Join us on Sunday, June 8th at 2 p.m.

at the Saratoga Auto Museum

as we reminisce about these colorful characters from the Capital District sports car racing scene of the 1960s and '70s. If you were there it will bring back memories, and if you weren't it will give you a glimpse into history.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES TROPHY WINNERS

The Saratoga Automobile Museum's recent **Spring Auto Show was presented by Keeler Motor Car Company.** Best in Show judging was shared by noted automotive journalists Brock Yates & William Jeanes, both long-time writers with Car and Driver magazine.

"Our final choice was a 1934 Ford Cabriolet owned by Jason Tagliaferri of Gloversville," declared Jeanes. "It seems like it was in the spirit of Saratoga. "Right behind it, in our judgement, was a rare MG-PB from the 30's that was originally a racing car. It was a prime contender along with four or five other outstanding cars."

The awards process began with the dedication of the museum's recently acquired, one-of-a-kind Cretors Popcorn Wagon, a fixture in nearby Cambridge and at regional fairs and the Saratoga thoroughbred track for decades under the guidance of the late Dorothy Madison.



Best in Show Jason Tagliaferri's '34 Ford Cabriolet

Show co-chairs Alan Edstrom and Ron Hedger then presented trophies to the winners in some 23 classes along with the highly coveted Keeler Cups, Best in Show and People's Choice awards.

The People's Choice trophy, voted on by show visitors, went to an attention grabbing 1955 Thunderbird owned by Harold Van Aun of Katonah. Keeler Cup winners, the best of each brand sold at Keeler's Colonie multi-plex, included a Mercedes-Benz entered by Dennis Dammerman of Saratoga Springs and Kurt Warner's Land Rover.

The trophy for the best race car went to longtime Capital District stock car racer Carl Fink, whose recently restored Edmunds midget was chosen by Yates as tops in that category. Motorcycle honors were claimed by Bob Eckhardt of Saratoga with a great-looking Harley-Davidson that had an even better sound.

The winners in each class can be justifiably proud, as they were judged the best from over 250 entries on the expansive SPAC lawn. Those who have competed each year rated the 2008 turnout as the highest quality group they've seen and left the staff, volunteers and trustees of the Saratoga Automobile Museum eagerly awaiting mid-May, 2009. That's when we'll have the pleasure of doing it all over again.