



*BK Karl, leader of the BK Racing team looks for his crew from his son Nick's car. Story & photos on page 6.*

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**NO JULY 2nd  
Meeting  
Meeting will  
be held on  
JULY 17th  
on the  
DUCK TOUR**

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# RE REPORT

JACK HANIFAN

## JUNE MEETING

The June meeting was held outside under the tent at the Orchard



*Russ and DJ consult their Lap Tops as the rest of the Solo crowd look on in amazement.*



*The FV boys.*

# SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> points event on June 15<sup>th</sup> (Fathers Day). The Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club (PSCC) had a contact with the Columbia Green Community College (CGCC) which allowed them to hold a trial event at the facility. Mohud assisted PSCC at the event which will count for the year end championships. PSCC had the lead for the event and all event decisions were made by them. Mohud was there to support them with help as they needed it. When all was done, PSCC was very happy with the help and support that all of the Mohud participants had given during the event. The course was short, but challenging with a couple of tight corners. That led to a problem by the end of the event. With the help of a hot, sunny day, A couple of spots started to "abuse" the new pavement and pulled a few rocks out of the asphalt. PSCC went to get some supplies to repair the damage after the event and hopefully it will be to the satisfaction of the College. The College contact was there to watch what was going on and was generally happy with the way the event was held. His concern was the pavement as we were going a little faster than he had thought we would have been going. If the other members of CGCC are OK with how the event went, we may be invited back to hold some more events there.

For me the event was a change. On one side, it was nice to sit back and watch an event without having to deal with every issue and just concentrate on driving. On the other side, it was an empty feeling not having to deal with every issue. While PSCC did a great job with the event, there were a few things that we do differently. As we hold our events, I try to find ways to make things better/easier. After watching everything at the event, I feel

some of the steps we take are better in the long run. The major difference is we have paper back up for registration and timing, which PSCC did not. When there was a problem, it took a lot longer to fix without the backup. A lot of the other differences may be because this was PSCC's first event of the year with a new Chair. I am sure that is why it did not seem to run as smooth as a Mohud event, although maybe I was just more aware as I had less to do. Again I want to thank Mark Van de Carr and his crew for a great event.

## Event highlights;

There were 68 entries. Andy Furlong had FTD with a 25.220

## Upcoming events

July 18<sup>th</sup> GTO Nationals at Wilton Mall

July 20<sup>th</sup> Event 3 at McCarty Ave

August 8-10 NE Divisionals At Seneca Army Depot

I have one complaint about a competitor at the CGCC event. After the event while leaving the parking lot, with the College contact in the lot, he left at a speed higher than the posted limit. It may not have been noticeable, but due to his exhaust being loud, you could hear him all of the way out of the college. I find this disrespectful to CGCC, PSCC, and Mohud. I will talk to this person the next time I see him and make my displeasure known. To everyone else, thank you for respecting the site and the regions involved.

Russ



*For Immediate Release:*

## SCCA Announces Runoffs® Continuous Participation Rewards Program



**TOPEKA, Kan. (June 11, 2008)** – Sports Car Club of America, Inc. announced today a new rewards program for drivers who hold active participation streaks at the National Championship Runoffs®. The program benefits will first be awarded at the 2009 event.

Designed to reward Club Racing drivers who have supported the Runoffs continuously throughout the years, SCCA has developed a program of benefits including: early registration and parking spot selection; car number priority; ability to participate in a special test day; priority event registration; and a discounted Runoffs entry fee.

“The Runoffs has been through a transition period since 2004, and it is important to recognize the racers that have supported the event over time and through the transitions,” SCCA Club Racing VP Terry Ozment said. “The program we have developed will reward these drivers without adversely affecting anyone who did not attend the Runoffs in the previous year.”

While specific details of each program will be finalized in 2009, the following components have been confirmed:

**Registration:** There will be three tiers of the opening of Registration and entry acceptance for the event. Drivers with 10 or more consecutive years of active participation will be able to register first, followed by drivers with one to nine years of consecutive participation. Finally, drivers who did not participate in the event the previous year will be able to register for the event. The final details of the timing of this will be determined at a later date, although it is expected that the early registration periods will not last for more than one week each.

**Parking:** Like Registration, paddock parking spots at Road America will be first available to the drivers with 10 or more consecutive years of active participation. The group with one to nine consecutive years of active participation will be able to choose next, followed by those drivers who did not participate in the previous year’s event. The timing will likely coincide with registration.

**Car Numbers:** With registration being a stepped process, so will the assignment of numbers. Any driver remaining in the same class will have the right to the same number the following year during the early registration period. Likewise, any available number may be selected by drivers during this early registration period. Once general registration opens, all numbers will be available. If two drivers had the same number in different classes of a combined race group in 2009, the number will go to the driver with the most seniority first based on consecutive years of active participation.

**Special Test Day:** For 2009, the SCCA National Championship Runoffs will hold three days of qualifying (Tuesday through Thursday) with one session for each class each day. The Monday between the traditional promoter test week and the start of qualifying will be made an additional test day open to all drivers but with registration preference to drivers based on consecutive years of active participation. Initial invitations will be made based on the driver with the most years of consecutive Runoffs participation to the least. Additionally, all drivers with an active participation streak will run the test day at half price the normal rate of a test day. All remaining slots will be opened up for registration on a first-come, first-served basis at the regular test day price.

**Entry Fee Discount:** In 2009, any driver who participated in the previous year’s event will receive a \$50 discount on their entry fee (limit one class entry per driver).

For any of the programs utilizing a list based on consecutive seniority, car class will not be factored. For instance, Dave Weitzenhof’s current streak is at 33 years. The fact that this streak included four different classes is inconsequential to the list. Participation is defined as having been entered in the event and turned a wheel on track during the official event. Multiple classes campaigned in the same year still only count as one year of participation.

The 2008 SCCA National Championship Runoffs will be held Oct. 6-12 at Heartland Park Topeka. In 2009, the event will move to Road America. For more information about the event, please visit [www.scca.com/runoffs](http://www.scca.com/runoffs).

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*Jack Hanifan*, Chairman

### 08 July Competition Report

#### **MoHud goes to the 12 Hour at the Point.**

Three teams at the 12 hours of the Point had MoHud representatives. Pete Smith drove in SSM with the Joe Plunckett Subway Miata. Michael Lo drove in the He Man Racing ITA Miata and the BK Racing SM Miata was an all MoHud team as well with BK Karl, Bob Karl Jr, Geoff Stim and TJ Hanifan driving with Tim Moll serving as Chief mechanic and yours truly as team manager.

Although BK Racing was the fastest qualifier of the three, it was a 12 hour race. The BK Racing Miata blew a differential just past the 8 hour mark and finished 42<sup>nd</sup> overall. In the words of the great Harry Adalian we brought an 8 hour car to a 12 hour race. The He Man Racing Miata broke in the last hour and Pete and the Subway team had several good runs and lasted to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in SSM.



*The BK Racing team relaxes during the test day. From left to right: Bob Karl, Jr., TJ Hanifan, Geoff Stim, Tim Moll, and team owner, Bob Karl, Sr.*



*Geoff Stim helps TJ Hanifan with his belts during the driver change.*

*Boat people! Don't ask why there's a boat at the races. We all know that's a silly question when Pete Smith is involved. Everyone does seem to be enjoying the boat "ride" at the Point. We did have the biggest boat in the paddock.*





*Tim Moll stands next to one of the test day cars.*



*The team visits with BK during a Black Flag All for lightning.*





# Monthly Membership Report 06/16/2008

**New member report from: 4-12-08 to 6-16-08.** 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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**There were 15 records printed. There are 380 members in the region (Woo Hoo!).**

## Anniversary Report generated on: 6-16-08

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
	<b>May</b>			<b>May</b>	
David R. Cobb	05/01/73	35	William O. Brockmann	06/17/98	10
Connie E. McIntyre	05/01/73	35	Christopher J. Campbel	06/23/03	5
Mark Formel	05/07/93	15	Adam Figarsky	06/11/03	5
James R. Sheridan	05/20/98	10	John C. Kuitwaard	06/19/03	5
	<b>June</b>			<b>July</b>	
Jon B. Vandecar	06/01/73	35	Frederick Fox	07/14/93	15
Dave Guerrieri	06/29/88	20			
Maggie Guerrieri	06/29/88	20			
James V. Sheridan	06/07/93	15			
Judy M. Sheridan	06/07/93	15			

**There were 14 records printed.**

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# Webmasters Report

Plans are underway to upgrade the message board to the latest version of PHPBB due to the increasing amount of spam making it through our defenses. Hopefully this will get done before the KO is published but since it is a major upgrade it will have to be done carefully and will take some time.

In the meantime, special thanks goes out to Eric Smith for tracking down these messages and deleting them.

Dave Wachtel, Membership Chair/Webmaster



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*Chloe Shepherd*

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<http://www.nedivsolo.org/08divisionals/>

Best,  
Jim Garry

## IMPORTANT NOTES on MoHud's Constitution

**Ladies & Gents,**

The following pages contain the 'reverted' update to the MoHud Constitution. Please note that additions are underlined and green, [deletions are in brackets and red]. These changes are courtesy of Dave McClumpha and reflect my inadvertant 'editing' of the original type-written version. This update should be published in the KO for membership approval and to request membership recommendations for a final update to the Constitution and By-Laws. Please review and make any editing suggestions for our next meeting.

Regards,  
Geoff



**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the  
MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION  
SPORTS CAR CLUB, Inc.**

Revised [March 1989] June 2008

**ARTICLE I**

The Club

Section 1.

The name of the club shall be the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club, inc., hereinafter called the Club.

Section 2.

The general purpose of the Club shall be to encourage the ownership and operation of Sports Cars; to provide and regulate events and exhibitions for Sports Cars and their owners; sponsor and promote competition events; act as a source of technical information; establish rules and regulations covering all activities of the Club; encourage safe, careful and skillful driving on the public highways; enter into contractual agreements, purchase, sell, mortgage, lease real and personal property, as incidental to the foregoing purposes.

**ARTICLE II**

Officers

Section 1.

The elected officers of the Club shall be a Regional Executive, two (2) Directors-at-Large, an Assistant Regional Executive, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Director. They shall each serve for one year, or until their successors are qualified and elected. They shall constitute the Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board. The Directors-at-Large shall have previously held an elective office.

Section 2.

In case a vacancy shall occur in any of said offices, a majority of the Board shall select a qualified member in good standing to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

Section 3.

The Board shall be responsible for all operations and activities of the Club and shall be guided by the following priorities in the order listed:

- A. National Constitution, By-Laws and Policy
- B. SCCA Operations Manual
- C. Mohawk-Hudson Region Constitution and By-Laws
- D. Majority vote of the members present and voting at a duly constituted meeting of the members.
- E. Majority vote of the Board.
- F. Majority vote of appointed committee.

#### Section 4.

The Board shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of no less than three members in good standing of the Club who shall present a slate of nominees at the regular November meeting. Any ten (10) members in good standing may nominate a member in good standing as a candidate for office. Such nomination must be made in writing, signed by the members making the nomination, countersigned by the member so nominated signifying his willingness to accept the candidacy and delivered to the Secretary at the regular November meeting. Nominees for Director-at-Large must have previously served in an elective capacity. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot containing the names of all persons nominated. The Secretary shall mail said ballot to each member in good standing by-with notice of the annual meeting, under the provisions of Article V, Section 4. of these By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE III [IV]**

#### Duties of Officers

#### Section 1.

The Regional Executive shall preside at all meetings of the members and officers and shall perform the duties usually appertaining to this office. He may call special meetings of members under the provisions of Article V, Section 3. He shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club.

In addition he shall:

- A. Appoint Administrative Chairmen and committees as necessary subject to approval of a majority of the Board.
- B. Act for the Treasurer when the need arises. He shall give bond, at the Club's expense.
- C. Appoint an audit committee each year to review the Club's financial records. This committee will report its findings to the Board one month after receiving the annual financial report prepared by the Treasurer.

In the absence of the Regional Executive, or in the case of his death, resignation, or inability ~~[inabiw]~~ to act, his duties usually appertaining to that office shall be performed by the Assistant Regional Executive.

#### Section 2.

The Assistant Regional Executive shall assist the Regional Executive in the performance of any of the executive duties as the Regional Executive may delegate. In the absence of the Regional Executive from regular ~~[of]~~ or board meetings, the Assistant Regional Executive shall perform the normal duties of the Regional Executive. The Assistant Regional Executive is responsible for the inventory and management of Club property.

#### Section 3.

The Secretary, or designated representative, shall attend all meetings of the Members and Board and shall record all minutes and votes. In addition the Secretary shall:

- A. Maintain a current membership list.
- B. Give notice of all meetings of the members or Board as required by law and this Constitution.
- C. Perform all duties incident to the office, or as required by law or the Board.

D. Maintain a current copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall have custody of, all monies, debts, obligations belonging to the Club. He shall make all payments of the Clubs debts. He shall collect Regional Club dues required by National Policy. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other orders for payment or money shall be signed in the name of the Club by the Treasurer or, in his absence, by the Regional Executive subject to such other conditions and requirements as appear elsewhere in the Constitution. He shall give bond, at Club expense.

The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at all Regular meetings, and if so requested, at any other meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors may appoint an Assistant Treasurer to act in the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall submit an annual financial report to the Board no later than January 31st of the following year. This statement should indicate the overall financial status of the Club and the relative contribution of each major area of the Club activity to that status, including administrative and other expenses and income.

Section 5.

The Board shall submit for membership approval a proposed annual budget for the ensuing year no later than the Regular February meeting.

Section 6.

No obligation, debt, or other liability shall be incurred by any officer or member without the specific prior approval of a majority of the Board, with the exception of Event Chairpersons while operating within previously approved budgets.

Section 7.

It shall be the duties of the Activities Director to arrange all events for the year as specified under Article 1, Section 1, Section 2, of this Constitution. The Activities Director shall submit to the members a tentative schedule for the ensuing year at the regular February meeting and keep members advised as to events of other local Sports Car Clubs and any changes in the schedule. The Activities Director shall maintain and make available[,] a permanent file of all event instructions, course maps, route instructions, event general and supplemental regulations and car classifications.

Section 8.

There shall be a Regional Protest Board consisting of the Activities Director and both Directors-at-Large who shall resolve all protests lodged by competitors in any event except where otherwise provided in event or other regulations. Decisions of the Protest Board shall be final. In case one or more of the above named is directly involved in such a protest, they shall be replaced by the Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive, Secretary, Treasurer, in that order.

Section 9.

The Competition Chairman, appointed by the Regional Executive, shall act as the Liaison between the Competition Board of the SCCA, Inc. and the Region and its members. He shall be responsible for enforcing all Competition Regulations of SCCA, Inc. within the



Region. He will approve competition drivers in accordance with SCCA, Inc. regulations. He will keep the members of the Region informed of changes in Competition Regulations, procedures, schedules of [Drivaes] Drivers' schools, races, and other matters which pertain to the Competition Program of SCCA, Inc.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Membership and Dues**

#### **Section 1.**

All members in good standing of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., residing in the counties of Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, ~~Hamillton~~ Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and, Washington of the State of New York, shall constitute the members of the Club.

#### **Section 2.**

New Members: Applications for membership in the Mohawk-Hudson Region Sports Car Club, Inc., and the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., shall be forwarded to the National Office of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., for processing. The applicant shall be considered a member in good standing upon receipt of the application and annual dues by the National Office.

#### **Section 3.**

The annual Region Club Dues may be changed only by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting the purpose of such meeting having been announced in the Club's publication at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting, and any such change in dues shall take effect in accordance with National Policy.

#### **Section 4.**

Membership in the Club will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues concurrent with National deadlines.

#### **Section 5.**

Any member may be suspended until the next Regular meeting for infraction of Club rules by vote of a majority of the Board, or for other cause if a majority of the Board shall deem such suspension to be in the best interest of the Club. Upon such suspension, the member shall be so informed in writing and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard thereon before the Board. Any member suspended as provided above shall be presented at the next regular meeting for expulsion and shall be expelled if the majority of the members present and voting, vote to expel him or her. If the majority of the members present and voting do not vote expulsion, the member shall automatically and immediately be re-instated as a member in good standing. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

#### **Section 6.**

Any member may resign by directing a letter of resignation to the Secretary. His resignation shall be effective on receipt provided all indebtedness to the Club is paid.

## **ARTICLE V**

### Meetings and Members

#### Section 1.

The annual meeting of the Region shall be held at the regular meeting in December of each year for the election of officers, and such other business as lawfully may come before the meeting.

A written notice, stating the place, day, hour, and purpose of the annual meeting or any special meeting of the Region shall be given by the Secretary not less than seven days nor more than thirty (30) days before such meeting to each member by mailing first class, to the address appearing on the Club's Roster, said notice.

#### Section 2.

Other [meeting] meetings of the Members of the Board may be called by the Regional Executive or by a majority of the Board.

#### Section 3.

Board meetings shall be scheduled by the Regional Executive. All actions taken by the Board shall be entered into the minutes and be presented to the membership for information at the next regular meeting.

#### Section 4.

All [action] actions, except amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be by a majority vote of those members present and voting. Voting by absentee ballot, except for amendment of the Constitution shall not be allowed, except with approval of the majority of the Board in accordance with the rules they prescribe and with notice to all members.

#### Section 5.

All meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the latest published revision of Roberts Rules of Order

## **ARTICLE VI**

### Amendment of the Constitution and By Laws

#### Section 1.

The Board of Directors, or any five members in good standing, by written petition submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws. Upon such proposal being made, a copy thereof shall be included in a notice of the next meeting of the members, together with a ballot upon which members may vote for or against said proposal. If two-thirds of the ballots cast favor the proposal, the proposed amendment shall thereby be approved and adopted.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Fiscal Year

#### Section 1.

The fiscal year of the Club shall be the Calendar year.