



Duck Tour Proves Great Fun!



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The Albany Aqua Duck tour hosted by MoHud was a great success! Our "ship" the *I. Emma Duck*, launched with a near capacity number. It was a warm sunny Thursday evening as we meandered down the city streets of Albany learning historical facts and finally plunging into the Hudson River. *Alive at Five* with Sister Sledge was performing on the Riverfront joined by the wild bunch of quackers aboard. The river was rocking with a good number of watercraft out to enjoy the music and great weather. The photos above as well as inside feature many familiar faces who attended and the many guests brought along. The Duck trip proved to great fun with many of the Albany cityfolk treated to our concophony of quacking craziness along the way. The after-party at the Orchard Tavern was a fun-filled and tasty conclusion for all who made the journey.



Top left: Boarding the Duck from the left are Linda Stewart, Russ Burckhard, and yours truly. As you can see, the evening was clear and sunny. Just above, Russ Burckhard leads the way off the Duck to join family and friends at the Orchard while Elise LaFleche and Geoff Stim follow along behind. The Orchard Tavern prepared a very tasty spread for all to enjoy after our excursion into the river. More photos on page 11-12

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RE REPORT

Jack Hanifan

Kudos to Jim Garry and the rest of the Solo Community. They have been working hard to set up the upcoming Solo Divisional. It is now up to the rest of us to support them.

Race workers can now go on line at SCCA.com and record the days that they have worked, when you renew your membership you will be credited with points which will reduce the cost of your dues.

The Duck trip was fun, thanks to Pete Smith and the staff of the Orchard. My photos are elsewhere in the KO.

Speaking of the Orchard, thanks to Mike Noonan for donating the Pizza at the alfresco June meeting.

Our August meeting will be held at the Fun Plex in East Greenbush, come and test your karting abilities against our famous club racers and solo guys.

Our annual Golf outing is scheduled for August 14th at Burden Lake Country Club. A great deal and a great meal, get 3 of your friends and form a foursome or just tell Dick Stewart you are coming and he will put you with someone else.

MoHud did well at the July Sprints at WGi, see the competition article.

MEETING NOTICE!

The August Membership Meeting
will be held at the

FUN PLEX
East Greenbush, NY

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SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

AUGUST 2008 REPORT

On July 18th, we helped out the Electric City GTO club and held an autocross for the GTO Nationals at Wilton Mall. 22 entrants came out on a hot Friday and got 8 runs apiece. The mall was very receptive to having our club put on the event and if we could use a bigger lot for a lower price, it may be worth checking into. The price paid was high and I don't think we could hold an event there at our current entry price. The E.C. GTO club was extremely appreciative of all the hard work put in by the Mohud members to make their event a success.

On July 20th, we held event #3 at the McCarty Ave lot in Albany. 48 competitors came out and got 7 runs apiece. It rained when we got there to set up, but cleared up shortly after and turned into a nice but hot day. Possibly the early rain and gloomy skies scared away some of the competitors. Bert reused the course from the last event there, only this time, he swapped the start and finish and ran the course backwards. The event was going well up until the half way point of the day when we had an unfortunate incident. One of our competitors was driving a go-kart. As he went into one of the turns, the cart flipped over. Fortunately he only had minor injuries which required only first aid administered onsite. The kart sustained some minor damage. We are looking into the possible cause and ways to prevent something like that from happening again.

There is a rumor that the McCarty Ave OGS lot will be repaved in the coming

weeks. That would be nice since we have to work around a lot of bad sections of pavement.

We have entered into an agreement with the Adirondack Corvette Club to help them with their charity event to be held at Prospect Mountain on September 6th. This is the same venue we helped out with last year. We will see if the A-10 Wart-Hogs will do a fly by as they did last year. Registration can be done online at <http://www.adirondackcorvettes.com/>.

Our next event will be the Northeast Divisional out at Seneca Army Depot. It will be held on August 8th, 9th, and 10th. So far pre-registration is a little light. Hopefully by the time the event rolls around we will get some more entrants. We are also light on help for the event. There has been a lot of effort put in by a bunch of the guys so far. We had to put a lot together in a short time and are spread thin since most of us are doubling up on tasks to try to make this as successful as possible. If anyone plans on going out and can help, please contact me (518-928-4049).

Our next local event will be September 14th at the McCarty Ave OGS lot. As of right now, that will be the final event of the season. I am still working to plan an event for October. I will let you know if something comes through.



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COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan, Chairman

August 2008 Report

It is time to start thinking about the MoHud Regional Racing Championship. The rules are the same as in the past with one exception. Because we are not having our own race this year and we are hosting the NE Divisional Solo championships, you can count your finish at the Divisional towards your point total. If we have enough entries we will have a SM Class.

MoHud did well at the July Sprints at Watkins Glen. The Impound area was filled with MoHud drivers. In SM John Kuitwaard was 1st followed by Michael Lo in 2nd and Charlie Campbell in 5th. Bob Karl, Tim Moll and Bob Karl Jr. all had good races. In FV Tony Leone finished 3rd. Race 3, SSM and small bore production had 27 drivers and 8 of them were from MoHud. Tom Campbell won FP. TJ Hanifan, Pete Smith, Adam Figarsky, and Jim Sheridan finished 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th. Dave Dartt won GTL. Hillary Erin Graff won GP. Kim Graff was 3rd in EP and Walter Ryan was 3rd in FP. Race 6 found Thom O'Connor winning SSC while John Sheridan, Wayne Yetto and myself finished in that order in ITA driving SSM cars. In Race 8 Charlie Campbell finished 7th in ITS driving his SM. In the last race, Scott Stickle was 3rd in HRG4 driving his Jaguar.

This coming weekend is the NNJR National at Lime Rock Park, over 160 National drivers will be competing among them Jeremy Treadway. Jeremy is shooting for the Triple Crown. He has won the June Sprints and only needs two points to clinch the NeDiv Championship. He hopes to complete the crown by winning a National Championship at Heartland Park.



Adam Figarsky, Pete Smith and TJ Hanifan enjoy a bit of time before getting into their Miatas for the race at the July Sprints at Watkins Glen.



MoHud Spec Miata drivers take the pace lap in good position, left to right: #97 Pete Smith, #80 Adam Figarsky, #55 TJ Hanifan. Tom Campbell's FP #89 Miata entry can be seen just behind the #8 car.



The garage at the Glen housed a great many of the entries for the July Sprints. Thom O'Connor returns from tech as Carol Campbell gets things organized.

MoHud's 5th Annual Golf Outing

Burden Lake Golf Course
August 14th, 2008

Tee Time 2 PM

Cost is \$34 per person

includes golf cart, food and
the traditional awards ceremony
which is no more than
a nice pat on the back
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Photo Gallery



Clockwise from top left: Hillary Erin Graff, Tom and Carol Campbell, Jim Sheridan and uncle John Sheridan, Pete Smith.

All are seen enjoying the great weather at the July Sprints at Watkins Glen. MoHud had a large turnout of drivers and crew.



More Photos



At left: Adam Figarsky waiting for the Spec Miata race. Top: TJ Hanifan sits on the grid waiting for his race. Below: The garage area seems to have gone to the dogs. PS: Pete Smith might want these tires back after Wookie (big dog) and Cassie get finished dragging them around the garage floor. He'd better speak to TJ about damages.

Below: It looks like TJ Hanifan is getting an earful of advice from two "senior" racers Jack Hanifan (back to camera) and Thom O'Connor.





The Albany Aqua Duck was an event which should be repeated next year. Everyone who went enjoyed the guided tour and camaraderie. Above: Pete Smith adjusts his lens at the Orchard, while to the right Rich Alexander just couldn't sit still when everyone else simply enjoyed the views.



Above: Roly Heacox and his friend Joan smile for the camera while the folks behind them, Dave Hathaway groupies, seem to feel much the same way. At right, all aboard give a big wave for the camera. A few even blew their quackers (the orange duck bills around their necks) to let all listening know what a fun time it is when you're with friends.





The Albany riverfront, above, is jumping with folks at the Alive at Five concert series. As the sun begins to set, the Duck meanders back to the Orchard Tavern. At right, the party-goers were treated to a tasty meal at the end of the tour prepared by the staff of Mike Noonan's Orchard Tavern. Thanks to Pete Smith for the planning.



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