

BREAKING NEWS!

Jim Garry wins
3rd National
Championship!

Complete story to follow next month.



Joe Gonzalez in his B Mod LeGrand!

Divisional Solo Championship Big MoHud Success! by Jim Garry

In early August Mohawk Hudson Region hosted its first Divisional Solo Championship event in nearly a decade and a half. With solid planning by a large group of MoHud autocrossers, MoHud volunteers going above and beyond in taking on various duties, and a strong turnout from MoHud's autocross community, the event was a success by any measure.

Divisional Championship events normally offer 3 runs on two courses over two days. This event saw competitors receiving 6 Saturday on and 4 Sunday runs on the Bert Huiest designed courses. Bert had also designed the NEDiv Tour courses at Fort Devens in June. Bert's Divisional courses were fast, challenging, and fun and received near universal praise (except for that one bump noted by Mod drivers). Look for Bert to expand his course design credentials to even bigger venues in the future.

The event was held at Seneca Army Depot (SeAD). Restaurants and hotels are a good distance from the site. Therefore the decision was made to offer all competitors an early Saturday evening on-site chicken BBQ dinner

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Big Winner!

MoHud's Tom Hansen won the big prize at the Solo Championship held at Seneca Army Depot; Set of Hoosier A6 Autocross Tires!

Many thanks to Hoosier Racing Tire Corp.!

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RE REPORT

Jack Hanifan

We will be hosting the NeDiv Mini Convention in November. The festivities will begin with a welcoming party on Friday November 7th. Saturday will consist of Division Meetings and Award Presentations. The NARRC Banquet will be Saturday at Noon. The meetings will determine the schedule and rule changes in the division for 2009. Sunday will conclude with the business meeting.

I hope you all participate; the region will need many volunteers to do everything from host the party to moderate meetings.

Following our very successful NeDiv Solo Championships, this will be our second opportunity to show what a leader MoHud is in the Division.

If you would like to be involved please come to the October 2nd meeting or email me.



John Stim

From the Joe Corbett archives:

Randy McKee now has most of Joe Corbett's archives and he came across this photo of John Stim. I believe this is at Bryar or what is now New Hampshire International. John Stim was not only a racer extraordinaire, he held almost every office in MoHud at one point or another. Over his many years as a member he helped make MoHud races the most well-respected and fun events in the northeast.

COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan, Chairman

October Competition Report

Time for driver's to start thinking about year end awards. The MoHud Road Racing Championship is drawing to a finish. Remember, you can count your best 5 finishes during the year and you get a bonus point for each competitor in your class that you beat. Also, we need nominations for our year end awards - Driver of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Most Improved, and the Dave Riggi Memorial Award. The Dave Riggi Award is presented to the driver who has helped his fellow racers during the year.

The 2009 racing season will be here soon. **What rule changes will affect you?**

MoHud will be hosting the **Northeast Division Mini Convention - November 7- 9,2008**. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Rd. In addition to the NARRC Banquet, there will be many meetings held which will finalize the answers to many questions, among them:

Which races will be NARRC Races?

Which races will be NYSRRC Races?

What tires will be required for Spec Miata in 2009?

Will SSM continue in 2009?

What will be the NeDiv racing schedule in 2009?

If you want input into these and other racing decisions, I urge you to attend. Terry Ozment, the Vice-President for Club Racing will be in attendance.



*Here's the question everyone was asking...
How many MoHud drivees does it take to fix No. 55?*

WGI Report

MoHud had a large number of drivers at the FLR Fun One at Watkins Glen.

On Saturday, race one had 48 cars and Brian Blizzard, Chip VanSlyke, John Sheridan and Jack Hanifan finished 9th, 12th, 18th & 19th respectively in ITA. In race two, David Lendrum was 1st in T2. Race three — The Historic Group had seven MoHud drivers. Bob Stevens was 2nd in his Shelby, Scott Stickles 4th in his XKE, Walt Ryan was

1st in his MG Midget and Mithcell Ware was 2nd in the MGB. Kim and Hillary Graff were 5th and 6th in a MG TD and MGA Coupe.

Race five for Production and Spec Racer Fords had 5 drivers. Pat Stringer, Doug Garrison, Dave Ferguson and Rob Reed finished 9th, 11th, 18th, & 31st in SRF.

Tom Campbell won F Production.

Race six had over 50 cars and the 8 MoHud drivers did quite well. Charlie Campbell won SM followed by David Lendrum, Michael Lo, Ken Lendrum, BK Karl, & Jared Lendrum in 3rd, 8th, 12th & 14th respectively.

TJ Hanifan won SSM followed by Pete Smith in 2nd.

In Race seven, Ron Bass was 10th in FV and Rick Pocock was a DNF.

On Sunday the NASCAR short course was used. In ITA it was Brian Blizzard, BK Karl, John Sheridan, Jack Hanifan and Chip VanSlyke finished 7th, 13th, 20th, 23rd & 25th respectively.

David Lendrum had his 2nd win of the weekend in T2.

In the Historic Races, Mitchell Ware was 3rd in the MGB, Walt Ryan had his 2nd win in the Midget, Bob Stevens had a 5th in the Shelby, Charlie Pond and Brian Hanaburgh were 6th and 7th in their MGA's. Scott Stickles had a 6th with the XKE and Kim Graff and David Lucier were not classified.

In SRF, Patrick Stringer, Doug Garrison and David Ferguson finished 13, 14 and 22nd. Tom Campbell had his 2nd win in FP.

In Spec Miata Charlie Campbell won his 2nd race of the weekend followed by Michael Lo, Ken, Jared and David Lendrum and BK Karl.

In SSM Pete Smith and TJ Hanifan stood atop the podium.

In the open wheel race, Ron Bass was 12th in FV and Rick Pocock was 9th in NCFF.



Where do you find most MoHud drivewrs? In impound of course. Emma, the Lendrum's dog and her motely crew, l to r: TJ Hanifan, Michael Lo, Charlie Campbell, Jack Hanifan, David Lendrum, Pete Smith. Jared Lendrum and dad, Ken Lendrum

More photos from WGI on page 16.

ProSolo Year-End Awards Adjusted Following Nationals Disqualification



Billy Brooks, 2008 Hawk Super Challenge Overall Winner

TOPEKA, Kan. (Sept. 23, 2008) —Sports Car Club of America announced today the revision of several of its year-end Tire Rack ProSolo Series awards, including the Hawk Super Challenge, Honda Tuner Challenge and Street Touring® S class honors, following the disqualification of provisional winner Andy Hollis from The Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships on Sept. 19.

Following the adjustment, Billy Brooks, of Park City, Utah, was named the Hawk Super Challenge Overall Champion for 2008 and Kevin McCormick, of Lincoln, Calif., captured the Honda Tuner Challenge Championship for 2008.

While the events are not tied together through a common Championship, they are tied to a common rulebook. The ProSolo regulations state that “if a competitor is disqualified at *The Tire Rack® SCCA® Solo® National Championship*, all or a portion of the *Series* points may be revoked.” Therefore, ProSolo officials ruled that Hollis forfeit all points earned throughout the season.

Brooks earned the Hawk Super Challenge title off the strength of a win at the Toledo Round, a fourth at Wendover and an 18th-place finish at the Topeka finale in his Street Touring® X class COBB/Crazy Money Racing/Team AR Subaru Impreza WRX.

McCormick took the Honda Tuner Challenge in his Kumho/America’s Tire/Bilstein Honda Civic Si as the top Honda product in Super Challenge competition throughout the year. He was also awarded the Street Touring S class Championship following Hollis’ disqualification. Doug Allen moved into second in STS class points, with Katie Elder third.

In other Tire Rack ProSolo finale competition, Jonathan Roberts, of Richmond Hill, Ga., crushed the A Stock competition by 2.136 seconds in his Subaru STi to earn the top qualifying spot in the Hawk Super Challenge. Roberts’ run to glory ended there though, as 32nd, and final qualifier Tom Kubo knocked him out in the first round. Roberts did receive some consolation, winning the ChaseCam Bonus Challenge, which included all drivers knocked out of the first round of the Hawk Super Challenge.

Matthew Braun, of Northville, Mich., came from behind to win Super Stock in his PowerPlug Lotus Elise by 0.454-second over co-driver Gary Thomason, of Oceanside, Calif. Braun’s win propelled him to the season Super Stock Championship over Thomason.

Alex Schipkov, of Albany, N.Y., had the narrowest victory of the event, taking D Street Prepared in his venerable SoloRacer.com/BMW2002.com/TCKline BMW 325i by just 0.097-second over Nathan Whipple’s FunHondas/Rallydecals Acura Integra R. Schipkov also took the season DSP Championship.

Ladies competition saw a major shakeup to the season standings, with Carrie Snyder, of Elizabethtown, Pa., taking the Topeka win and vaulting from fifth place entering the event to take the season Championship in her SSC Tint/stranoparts/Thanks Jerry! Toyota MR2. Snyder finished just seventh in the Ladies 1 class competition and was the final qualifier into the challenge, but advanced through to knock off Karen Kraus’ L1 class-winning IAG Performance/Koni Subaru Impreza WRX in the finale. Kraus, who was tied with Snyder for fifth entering the finale, jumped to second in the final Ladies Challenge Championship standings.

For final Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo point standings, please go to www.scca.com/solo.

Credit: John Steflik/SCCA

2008 NeDiv Mini Convention

Hosted by Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA

Friday, November 7th to Sunday, November 9th, 2008

Holiday Inn – Albany- Wolf Road
205 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205

Make Room Reservations directly with hotel.

Room Rate (SCCA block) \$110.

To make Reservations call 1-800-HOLIDAY

To get preferred rate ask for **Sports Car Club of America** block

This rate will be held until 3:00pm, October 24th 2008

Registration Fee – \$100

Meetings Only – \$35

Saturday Lunch Only – \$30

Saturday Dinner Only – \$40

Registration & Welcome Party: 7pm – Friday November 7th

Registration: 8am Saturday, November 8th

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Checks should be made out to MoHudSCCA.

Cut out box below and send ***with your check*** to Jack Hanifan.

Name on Badge: _____

Title: _____

Region of Record: _____

Meal Choice: (circle one)

Lunch: Beef Fish Vegetarian _____

Dinner: Beef Fish Vegetarian

Divisional Solo Championship!

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as part of their entry fee. This enabled everyone to stay on site, have a good dinner and socialize, and still be able to walk Sunday's courses without having to leave the site. It was a rousing success.



Friday afternoon featured a test and tune course at the far end of the runway. Many competitors took part, paying a nominal fee for their runs.

Registration was via an online site that offered difficulty to some folks. But the problems were covered by MoHud members involved with registration. Onsite check in was chaired by our Finger Lakes friend Marnie Soom, chairperson of the 2008 Finger Lakes Pro Solo event which was held just a couple of weeks earlier. Tech Inspection was handled by Tom Hanson and Jeff Kanetsky. Those guys were also co-chiefs of Grid. Andy Furlong was Chief of Impound. DJ McArdle was Chief of Workers and our prime salesman for T-shirts and raffle tickets. Kevin O'Connor, the MoHud Solo Chief of Waivers handled that same job for this event. Former MoHud Solo Chair Bruce Kosakoski handled Chief of Safety duties. Event Chair was Jim Garry. These people plus many other MoHudders pitched in and did double duty helping with event set up and tear down in addition to their event work assignments.

Timing and Scoring was run by MoHud Solo Chair Russ Burckhard with able assistance by our current regional timing and scoring chief Eric Smith. The mark of the high quality timing and scoring could be seen, even though there were problems with the computer, no competitors were the wiser and times were posted accurately and in a timely manner.

Chief of Protest was New England Region member Bill Goodale. Chief Steward was Kristell Janusz of Northeast PA Region.

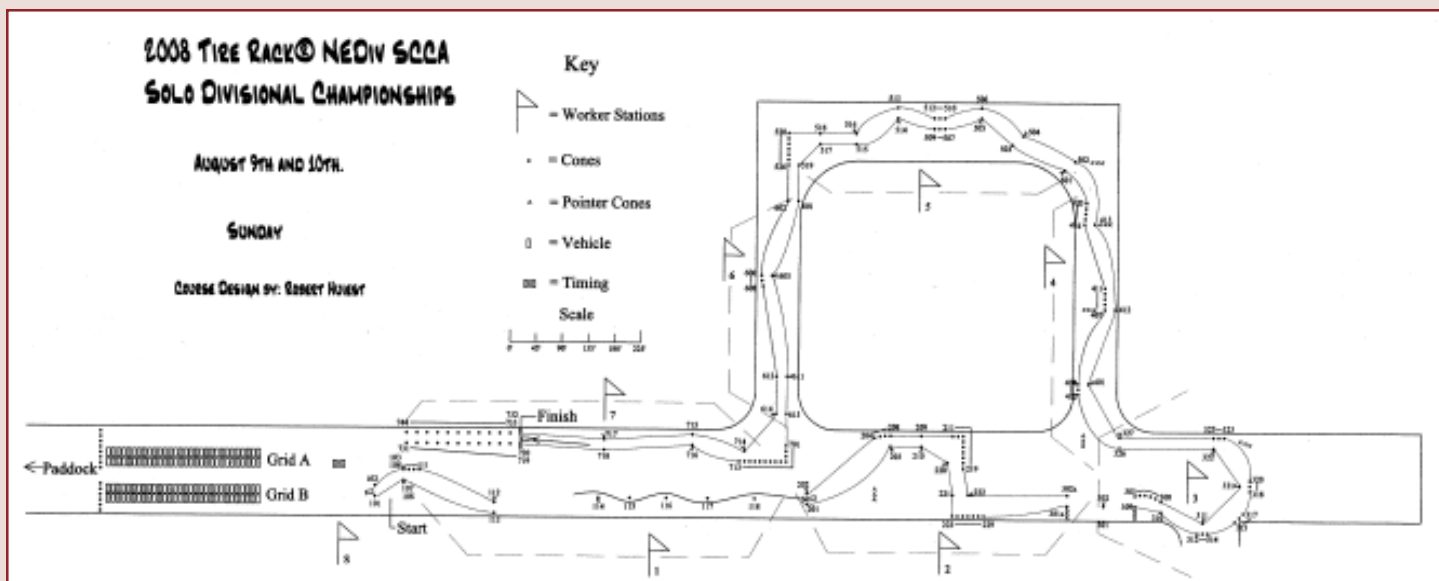
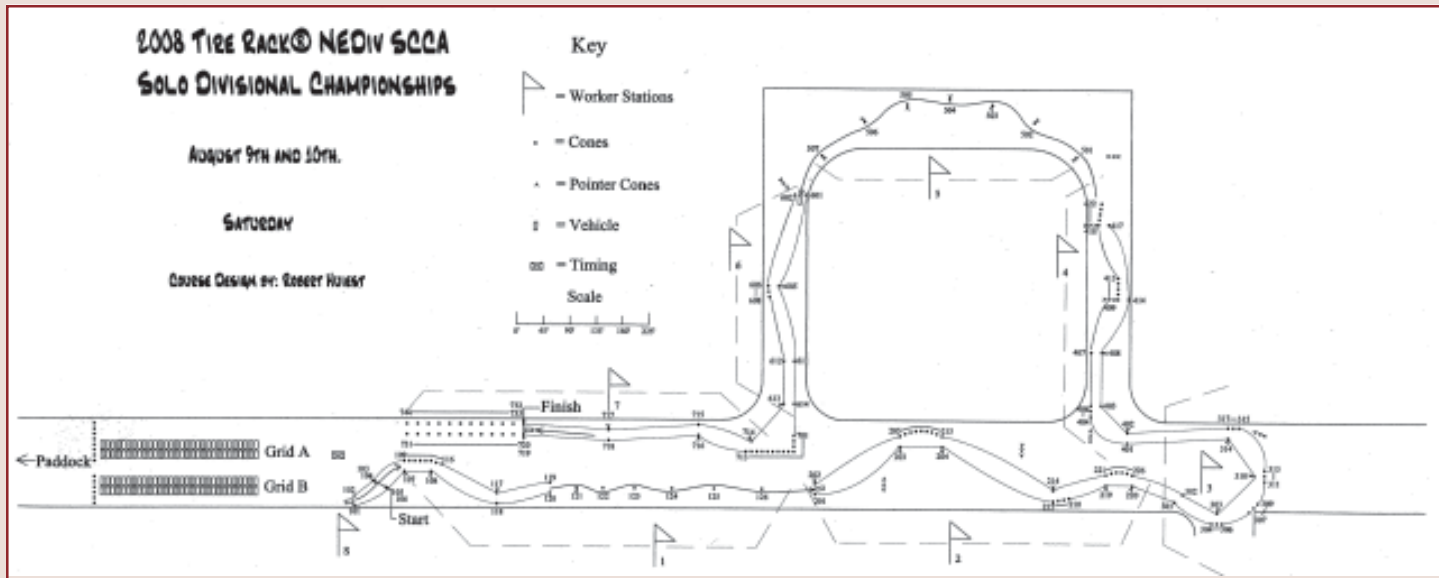
MoHud road racers were represented by MoHud Regional Executive Jack Hanifan. The



E Mod car (unknown driver)



Food line with Jack in it.



current SCCA Area 10 Director (and former MoHud Regional Executive) John Sheridan attended on Saturday, worked the event, and made himself available for various discussions with members during Saturday's dinner.

At the conclusion of the event on Sunday, most of the event's participants gathered under the big tent for the raffle awards. Two certificates in the amounts of \$100 and \$50 were presented to lucky folks for merchandise from Solo Performance Specialties (SPS). The big prize of the weekend was for a free set of Hoosier A6 autocross tires. The first ticket drawn resulted in no one appearing to claim the tires. After waiting and calling, we pulled another ticket and MoHud's own Tom Hansen was the winner! And you'd better believe he was happy, especially given that the tires he's been running on were built a few years after humans discovered fire. The back story to this is that first unclaimed ticket. A week or so after the event, Bruce Kosakoski was rummaging through his wallet only to find the first winning ticket!

With only 100 entries, turnout was light by Divisional Championship standards. This occurred because the event did not get onto the Divisional schedule until around May or June, well after regional schedules had been set. With a traditional memorial event in Philly region that weekend, and the Pennsylvania State Championships being held the following weekend, the Divisional Championship event was missing nearly every competitor from south of the New

York border. The reasons for the late scheduling of the event were many, the most important one being that Divisional Championship events are no longer scheduled in the preceding Autumn as they used to be. The new Divisional Steward had pledged to end that bad habit and has already begun planning the 2009 event to be held in Susquehanna Region. They have a great site in Harrisburg, about 5 1/2 hours from Albany. It's a longish ride but the event will be well worth it.

Thanks to all of our Mohud members for a great turnout and lots of help. It led to a wonderful event that was enjoyed by all!



MoHud's van



Tom Hansen



Jim Garry, C Mod Citation



An E Mod car at the start line at Divs



Lotus on course

Monthly Membership Report 09/21/2008

New member report 09/21/08. From: 05/30/08 to: 09/21/08.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

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Anniversary Report generated on: 09/21/08

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	June			July	
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Dave Guerrieri	06/29/88	20.0		August	
Maggie Guerrieri	06/29/88	20.0	Skip Barber	08/01/58	50.1
James V. Sheridan	06/07/93	15.1	Robert A. Bunce	08/01/68	40.1
Judy M. Sheridan	06/07/93	15.1	James H. Bishop	08/01/78	30.1
William O. Brockmann	06/17/98	10.0	Patrick Prendergast	08/20/98	10.0
Christopher J. Campbell	06/23/03	5.0		October	
Adam Figarsky	06/11/03	5.1	William Sarno	10/14/93	15.0
John C. Kuitwaard	06/19/03	5.0			

There are 375 members in the region.

There were 15 records printed.

Particular congratulations goes out to Skip Barber. Skip is the second longest tenured member of Mo-Hud after Roly Heacox. Roly beats Skip by 0.5 years. (I am seventh on the list at 41.1 years)

Well, it's been awhile. Between hardware crashes, building a new computer, national not sending galleys and having to figure out how to get the National downloads Excel membership files into my program and about 200 lines of Delphi code later, everything seems to be sorted out. National changed the format of their Excel files, hence the code writing binge that I've been on over the last week. All is well and the Mo-Hud membership DB is finally up to date. Whew, what an adventure!

It's not all whining though, the national file now includes interests! Not as many as was in the initial text files I used to get back around 2000, but at least it's something. Not to be too negative but I hope the IT consultants didn't charge a lot of money for there "efforts".

I would urge members who share an interest with these new members to get in touch with them. It would make the region more "user friendly" and help the newbies get off on the right foot.

Now on to membership matters.

Retention is still a problem but in looking at the data there are a lot of new first gear members. This should be good news to us greybeards who have wondered for a long time whether the SCCA would turn into an old folk's home. We have the Solo program to thank for this. Well done indeed! Now if we could get more of these youngsters to meetings and get them to volunteer for administrative positions in the region the picture would be complete. (Sigh)

At some point an analysis of the demographics of the region membership will be done. I think there are some pleasant surprises lurking in the data.

I apologize for not being at meetings over the summer. Between not getting updates from National, the occasional ill timed emergencies of my clients and various failures of my aging hardware has made it difficult to attend meeting. This is changing though with my brand new home brew computer and with the realization that I will have to do the National download – convert – update DB dance every month in order to keep the Mo-Hud DB current. With the new software up and running I should be able to keep up and attend some meetings.

Webmaster Report

It came to my attention that the board and membership thought it would be a good idea to have some backup for maintaining the web site. Oddly enough, I had been talking to Eric Smith, principle moderator of our message board, about this very thing. It's a good idea and Eric and I are making arrangements for EJ to get the software that I use to maintain the site. I will be setting up an account that will allow him to also make changes to the site. I need to do some coordination with our provider, Rich Welty but I don't foresee any particular problems in getting this done. EJ should be up and running as "associate" web master in a week or so.

Unfortunately, we are still at the older version of PHPBB due to the distractions mentioned above. I still hope to get the newsgroup software updated to the latest version but it's going to be a little while until it actually gets done.

Changes to the web site include an update to the solo results. There are also essays by Walt Huber and Clark Nicholls dealing poignantly with our SCCA comrades lost on 9/11. There will also be links to photos of Linda and Joe in happier days. I've just gotten clearance from Clark and Walt to publish the material so it should be up on the site within the week.

See you at the next general membership meeting.

Dave Wachtel

Membership Char/Webmaster

CLASSIFIEDS (members' stuff)

1987 Taurus Wagon - Free

My beloved 1987 Taurus station wagon/yard shed is going to the recycler.

Hasn't been on the road for about 6 years.

3.0 V-6 push rod engine runs well, leaky exhaust manifold.

Automatic transaxle works fine.

Heater core leaks, was the final straw.

Car body rough, interior smelly.

Electric driver split bench front seat.

Small parts may be removed at my house.

If you want the engine and/or transaxle you need to take the whole car.

Fixable 1995 Mercury Sable wagon LS

Dark green, tan leather interior.

3.8L V-6 has blown head gasket.

Off the road parked in driveway for almost 3 years.

Makes great mail drop-off.

Many new suspension/brake parts prior to demise.

Engine intake removed, exhaust detached from manifolds.

Will need new muffler.

Make an offer.

Clark

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Two of the usual suspects in their comedy roles as Kings of "Stuff".



Tom Campbell talks things over with young Jim Sheridan in the garage at WGI.



No this is not a trick of the editor. Pete Smith was standing up on the door of his race car to be "a head" of TJ Hanifan on Saturday. TJ proved to be too quick and Pete lost his bet with Michael Lo or as Pete described it, "lost his mojo".

Sunday proved to be a different story for the Smith-Hanifan rivalry. Pete was finally able to collect his \$5 from Micheal Lo after beating out TJ in a real battle for 1st place.



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