

2008 Annual Awards Banquet Held

MoHud held the Annual year end awards banquet on Sunday, December 5th at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road. RE Jack Hanifan presided over the event assisted by Roly Heacox and Lisa Hanifan. A cocktail hour began at 4pm with dinner served at 5:30. Presentations were made to those who had been awarded trophies at the NeDiv MiniCon in November and were not able to attend.

Jack and Roly presented the region's racing awards for all classes to those in attendance as well as the awards for Driver of the Year, shared for 2008 by Tom Campbell and Jeremy Treadway.

Russ Burckhard presented the Solo season awards to winners in all the classes. Solo participants gave a good showing at the awards along with racers and workers.

The culmination of the ceremonies was the announcement of the winners for the worker awards. DJ McArdle, Russ Burckhard and Bruce Kosakoski were recognized with third, second, and first place worker awards in that order. Jim Garry received the Lewis Award for the second time. The Lewis award is the highest worker honor given by the region.

The party was enjoyed by all in attendance and again our NJ membership was represented by Walt and Nancy Huber who drove up for the evening.

Additional photos on page 15.



Jim Garry



MoHud member reaches Landmark!

Roly Heacox, who has held a great many offices and volunteered for many more events than most of us care to fathom reached a landmark this year. He has been a member of MoHud SCCA since 1958 marking 50 years of service. Roly's achievement was honored by all in attendance at the Annual Awards party. It is a true testament to his commitment to motorsports, SCCA, and the MoHud region. He has given his time and talents over these years to help promote our sports car club and we thank and salute him!

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RE REPORT

Jack Hanifan

Killing the Bear-There has been a lot of discussion about this subject and I believe it is something we should discuss at the **January7, 2009** meeting. It will be addressed.

Annual Meeting-The Annual meeting was a success and our workers were recognized. Roly Heacox was honored for his 50 years as a member. DJ McArdle, Russ Burckhard and Bruce Kosakoski were recognized with 3rd, 2nd and 1st place worker awards. Jim Garry received the Lewis Award for the 2nd time.

New Board Members- Peter Kroth will be our new Secretary and Russ Burckhard will be Assistant RE. They will replace Geoff Stim and Roly Heacox. Geoff will still be our merchandise chairman. The region owes both Roly and Geoff a thank you for a job well done.

2009 Race-The 2009 John Stim Memorial will be a National Race with a Pro IT race at Lime Rock. The race will be July 31, August 1st. Please plan to either enter or work this event. We need volunteers in all areas.

Communications- There are concerns about whether or not our members are reading the Knock Off. We will discuss this at the **January 7, 2009** meeting.

COMPETITION CORNER...

Jack Hanifan, Chairman

Congratulations are in order for our 2008 Road Racing Award recipients. **Tom Campbell** who was the NARRC and NYSRRC Champion in his FP Miata and **Jeremy Treadway** who was NeDiv Champion, June Sprints winner and finished 3rd at the Runoffs were **Co-Drivers of the Year**. **Walt Ryan** who started the year in FP with a couple of wins and moved to Spec Miata was our **Rookie of the Year**. **BK Karl** who was running near the front of the SM crowd all year was recognized as our **Most Improved Driver**. **Pete Smith** was awarded the **Dave Riggi Memorial Trophy** for his many years of assisting fellow competitors. **Charlie Campbell** was recognized as both NYSRRC SM Champion and NYSRRC overall Champion. **Tony Leone** was recognized for receiving the NYSRRC Whitmore FV trophy and his NARRC Championship. **Hillary Erin Graff** was recognized for her NARRC Championship in GP. Charlie, Tony and Hillary Erin were presented with **Great Season Awards**. **Charlie Campbell was the Mohawk Hudson Regional Racing Champion** for the umpteenth time. Charlie and the other Road Racing drivers in attendance received their **Mohawk Hudson Region Club Racing t-shirts**. The shirts were once again funded by **Charlie Campbell and Gene Tricozzi**. Charlie operates Campbell Trucking in Corey, Pa. and Gene is president of Northern Funding, a mortgage company in Clifton Park.

I have just received my 2009 GCR, Stewards and drivers in the warm climates receive them first, I would expect most drivers should receive them within a few weeks. Take time to read both the GCR and the Car Specifications for your class. Changes from 2008 have a black sidebar next to them and the new wording is in italics. Now is the time to get ready for spring tech. Be certain to read the section on Drivers Safety Equipment-9.3.19 pages 75, 76. If you have an older driver's suit, you may have to get a new one. If you have not yet received your GCR it should be available on line at scca.com.

MoHud will be putting on a National Race and Pro IT race at Lime Rock on July 31 and August 1, 2009. Save the date.

SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

2009 is upon us already. As we welcome the challenges of a new year, we also reflect on the past. It is in the past that we gain knowledge and experience that helps us going forward; it is also in the past that we have gained some new Champions. This year's Champions are Kevin O'Connor in Stock, Lyndon Peck in Street Prepared, Andy Furlong in Prepared/Modified, and Eric Smith in Street. These Championships would not have been possible without a few things. One of the most important things is the support from family and friends. Another is the sites; the OGS parking lot at McCarty Ave, Columbia Greene Community College, the Seneca Army Depot, and the Clifton Park Center. And yet another is the workers; Andy Furlong, Burt Huiest, Bruce Kosakoski, DJ McArdle, Eric Smith, Lyndon Peck, Joe Sell, Tom Hansen, Byron and Danielle O'Hara, Jim Garry, Arn Bebee, Kevin O'Connor, And the many others that work at all of the events.

We also had some other award winners in 2008.

Cone Hunter: This award has been given to the driver that has hit the most cones while trying to get every bit of time out of the course. While it was supposed to be a fun award, the spirit of the award was ruined at one of our events when a driver intentionally mowed down over 20 cones. So this year we decided to not give out a Cone Hunter award. Instead, I came up with the Cone Hater award. Hopefully this will be a onetime only award as we don't want to encourage this type of behavior in the future. The Cone Hater award winner is DJ McArdle.

Novice Driver: This year's Novice Driver award goes to a driver that came to a couple of events last year and got hooked. He showed up at all of the points events, the Divisional, the GTO National event and the Corvette event this year. With all of this seat time, he was able to show improvement throughout the year. He finished first in his class twice and second at the other four. This added up to a second place finish in year end points. This year's winner is John Danese.

Female Driver: This year we did not have the kind of battle that we did last year. We had 3 drivers that stood out at the first event of the year. Unfortunately the battle never continued as a couple of the drivers did not continue to compete. This driver did a couple more events and finished third in class at every event that she went to. Finishing 7th in season points, this year's winner is Lora Kanetzky.

Most improved driver: This year's winner improved from last year's average finish of 6th by placing 1st once, 3rd four times and had his lowest finish of fourth at the Divisional in his class. He improved his final points position of 7th last year by finishing 3rd in this year's Street Championship. This year's winner is Zeke Wright.

Driver of the year: This year's winner was a tough pick. We had two drivers that really stood out. Last year's Driver of the year winner, Jim Garry, went to the 2007 Nationals in Topeka and placed 1st in C mod giving Mohud its first national champion. This year he went back and did it again,

becoming Mohud's first 2 time national Champion. Add to his previous championship with New England Region making him a 3 time champion. The other driver has had an impressive year for the second year in a row. He finished first at every local event. Finished second in class at the Northeast Divisional. He had the Fastest Time of the Day at 4 events. On the Pax index which levels the playing field, he had 2 events of which his times were highest, 2 seconds and 1 fourth. At the Divisional, he was ninth overall on both days. This driver is Andy Furlong. So now the Solo Advisory Committee had the task of deciding which driver to chose. There were discussions for and against each of them and then we put it up to a secret vote. That vote produced a winner... Sort of. The vote in fact produced a tie. We had 4 votes for Jim and 4 votes for Andy and 1 voter abstained. So now what was I to do? I made an executive decision and made a choice. Sorry to say that I played favorites and picked who I thought was the most deserving and that driver is Jim Garry and Andy Furlong.

Worker of the yea: This year we had three nominees. While all three are deserving of the title, we have only one winner for this award. But first I want to acknowledge the two runners up. The Northeast Divisional would not have been as successful as it was without the leadership of Jim Garry. He was also a member of the Solo Advisory Committee, but he stepped down to allow someone who attends all of the local events to take his spot since the lots we use are not friendly to his car. That was a class act. While he allowed Lyndon Peck to take his voting position, Jim has continued to attend

the meetings offering up his valuable insight from all of his years of experience. The other nominee was Bert Hueist. We are lucky to have him as our Course Designer. His talents as a course designer have been noticed throughout the Northeast Division as his designs have been used for Divisionals and National Tours. Bert is also a member of the SOLO Advisory Committee. Now back to this year's award winner. This guy has been very helpful to the program. He is involved with the planning of the events, as he is a member of the SOLO Advisory Committee. He is instrumental during the events as one of the worker chairs and when the event is done, he still has work to do. He has helped me out with his input throughout the year. And he is helping me right now. This years winner is our Timing and Scoring Chief, Eric Smith.

Looking ahead to next year, we should have another busy year. I would like to schedule at least 6 or 7 points events, 2 or 3 test and tunes, a school and supporting the Adirondack Corvette Clubs Charity event. We have the people in place to make all of this happen, we will just have to try and add to our list of sites so we have a place to hold them. In conclusion, I want to say, congratulation to this year's Champions, Kevin, Lyndon, Andy, and Eric. And this year's Specialty trophy winners, John, Lora, Zeke, Jim, Andy, and Eric. I also want to say thank you to the members of The Solo Advisory Committee, the Worker Chiefs, all of the workers and competitors at the events, The Mohawk Hudson Region Board of Directors, and all of the Regions members.

Russ

Your director, John Sheridan reports
FROM NATIONAL SCCA

Jeff Dahnert
President & CEO



For Immediate Release

Finance VP Dahnert Named Next SCCA President & CEO

TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 9, 2008) – The Sports Car Club of America Board of Directors have selected SCCA Vice President of Finance and Administration Jeff Dahnert as the Club's next President and Chief Executive Officer. Dahnert will transition to the position Jan. 1, 2009.

Dahnert arrived at SCCA in November of 2004. Since then he has brought transparency and accountability to SCCA's finances, substantially reduced loan amounts and helped bring SCCA Pro Racing back into the black. Evaluating each program and contract to the last detail and pushing for major restructuring, Dahnert has successfully turned around SCCA's finances and given the Club a bright future.

"The quality of applications received for the position was quite impressive," SCCA Chairman of the Board R.J. Gordy said. "We're so pleased to promote someone from within the organization who can bring a fresh and youthful perspective to the position. We're looking forward to moving our Club ahead and forging an exciting working relationship with our new President."

"It's an honor to be chosen as SCCA's next President," Dahnert said. "I'm very proud of what I've been able to accomplish as VP of Finance. It has prepared me for the challenges we currently face in this tough economy and given me great insight into what we can do to make the organization grow. I'm looking forward to interacting with the membership and its leaders as the Club continues to prosper."

Before his time at SCCA, Dahnert spent several years with Sprint as a Senior Financial Analyst.

A Minnesota native, Dahnert received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minn. He is a certified public accountant and recently completed an Executive Development Program at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Dahnert, his wife Laura and family, live in Lawrence, Kan.

2009 SCCA Board and Committee Appointments Made

TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 8, 2008) – Sports Car Club of America's Board of Directors made its 2009 appointments for the various Boards and Committees that govern the 50,000-member organization.

R.J. Gordy was elected by his fellow directors to serve a third year as Chairman of the Board. John Sheridan also retained his position as Vice Chairman. New appointments to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors included Mike Sauce (Treasurer), Jerry Wannarka (Secretary) and Lisa Noble (Fifth Executive Committee Member).

A complete list of appointments for 2009 are as follows:

Board of Directors Appointments

Board of Directors Officers

Chairman: R.J. Gordy

Vice Chairman: John Sheridan

Secretary: Jerry Wannarka

Assistant Secretary: Robin Langlotz

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Treasurer: Mike Sauce
Assistant Treasurer: Michael Lewis
Fifth Member Exec Committee: Lisa Noble
1st Alternate Exec Committee: Philip Creighton
2nd Alternate Exec Committee: Robin Langlotz
Board of Directors Liaisons
Solo Events Board: Lisa Noble, Robin Langlotz
Club Racing Board: Jerry Wannarka, Marcus Merideth
RoadRally Board: Howard Allen
Enterprises Board: Bob Lybarger
Stewards: Bob Introne
Court of Appeals: Howard Allen
SCCA Foundation: Michael Lewis
TTAC: Marcus Merideth
Regional Executive & Operations Liaison: Jim Christian

Board of Directors Committees

Budget & Finance: Mike Sauce, Michael Lewis, Bob Introne, Marcus Merideth, Phil Creighton
Compensation: John Sheridan (Chair), Mike Sauce, Bob Lybarger, Phil Creighton, Robin Langlotz
Director Dujour: Lisa Noble
Planning Committee: Jerry Wannarka (Chair), Jim Christian, John Sheridan, Mike Sauce, Lisa Noble, Michael Lewis
Race Track Committee: Bob Introne (Chair), Mike Sauce, Marcus Merideth, Howard Allen, Bob Lybarger
Subsidiary Boards
SCCA Foundation: Larry Dent, Doug Kinsinger, Lisa Noble, Bev Heilicher, Howard Allen, Colan Arnold (Staff Liaison)
SCCA Enterprises: Andy Porterfield (Chair), Chris Funk, VP Finance (Staff Liaison)
SCCA Pro Racing Board: Brian Holtz (Chair), Howard Allen, Cary Agajanian, Michael Lewis, Jeff Dahnert

Program Boards & Committees

Club Racing Board: Bob Dowie (Chair), Jim Drago, Chris Albin, Peter Keane, Russ McHugh, Dave Gomberg, Fred Clark
Executive Stewards: Ken Patterson (Chairman), Mike Engelke (Central), John Peterson (Great Lakes), Bob Eddy (Midwest), Gary Meeker (Northern Pacific), Tom Hoffman (Northeast), Anne Christian (Rocky Mountain), Rick Mitchell (Southeast), Barbara Knox (Southern Pacific), Tom Brown (Southwest)
Time Trials Administrative Council (TTAC): Tony Machi, Ed Settle, Dave Debrode, Matt Rowe, Josh Hadler, Ken Carter
National Administrators: Guy Ruse (Driver Licensing), Ann Hefty (Flagging & Communications), Leo Baker (Emergency Services), Marina Kraft (Race Administration), Wanda Cecil (Registration), Toni Creighton (Scrutineering), Wayne Briggs (Sound), Larry Kurkowski (Starters), Carla Heath (Timing & Scoring), Peter Hylton (Archivist/Historian), Gayle Lorenz (Grid/Pit), Dr. Jim Butler (Medical Administrator), Ed Zebrowski (Chief Driving Instructor)

Court of Appeals: Bob Horansky (Chairman), Dick Templeton (at large), David Nokes (at large), Fred Cummings (alternate), Joanne Jensen (alternate), Sue Roethel (secretary)
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Solo Events Board: Tina Reeves (Chair), Steve Wynveen, Donnie Barnes, Erik Strelnieks, Bryan Nemy, Iain Mannix, Dave Feighner

Divisional Solo Stewards: Todd Farris (SW), Robert Lewis (SE), Sam Karp (CE), Glenn Deusing (SP), Keith Brown (NP), David Newman (NE), Lindsay Wilson (RM), Donna Hill (MW), Marlene Obenour/Velma Boreen (GL)

Solo Safety Committee: Kathy Barnes (Chair), John Lieberman, Arouch Poonsapaya, Brian Robertson, Cal Craner, Jan Rick

RoadRally Board: Rick Beattie (Chair), Lois Van Vleet, Jeanne English, Kevin Poirier, James Wakemen Jr., Sasha Lanz

Divisional RoadRally Stewards: Bob Ricker (SE), Larry Scholnick (SP), Mike Bennett (GL/CE), Ted Goddard (NE), Rich Bireta (MW), Monte Saager (NP), Sasha Lanz (SW)

RoadRally Rules Committee: Jim Wakeman Jr. (Chair), Mike Thompson, Jim Friedman, W. David Teter, J. Toney, Dave Kolb

Divisional RallyCross Stewards: Richard Miller (SW), Z.B. Lorenc (GL), Brent Carlson (CE), Jerry Doctor (MW), Scott Beliveau (NE), Ben Bradley (NP), Karl Sealander (RM), David Brooks (SE), Jayson Woodruff (SP)

RallyCross Board: Mark Walker (Chairman), Tom Nelson, Mark Utecht, Jayson Woodruff, John Barnett, Matt Nichols

“Each year individuals vacate seats on our various boards and committees and we thank them all for their service and dedication,” SCCA President & CEO Jim Julow said. “We would like to recognize two individuals in particular, Jan Rick and Dave Whitworth, who were asked to step down from their positions on major program boards when their company, SPS, became SCCA’s official merchandising partner.”

Revised SCCA Fees Announced

TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 9, 2009) – The SCCA® Board of Directors finalized its 2009 fee structure for dues, sanctions and insurance. While some areas of the business will experience inflation, others will enjoy decreases.

“Overall, the news is positive for active participants in SCCA,” SCCA President and CEO Jim Julow said. “While there are some increases in our fees, we have also found considerable savings on the insurance side that offset these. The cost of running any business continues to rise, but we’ve been able to find some relief for 2009, which is passed through directly to Regions and our participants.

“Overall, the cost to Regions of running an event will not increase from 2008 to 2009.”

Membership dues will increase \$5 from \$60 to \$65. Family dues will increase \$6 to \$101, while spouse memberships will increase \$3 to \$23. This is the first dues increase in three years. First Gear memberships remain unchanged.

Fee increases were offset by a reduction in insurance fees across the board. For the first time in several years, the Club-wide insurance policy was put out to bid, with responses coming from four different carriers.

Additional changes included:

Club Racing

- Increase Regional and National competition licenses by \$5
- Elimination of distinction between spectator and non-spectator at a flat rate of \$1,400 for liability insurance
- Decrease Club Racing PA Insurance \$5 per car to \$28
- Decrease Driver School PA Insurance \$3 per car to \$19
- Decrease Time Trials/Hillclimb PA Insurance \$3 and \$4 per car, respectively

Rally

- Increase RallyCross Sanction Fee from \$3 to \$3.50 per car
- Increase Road Rally Sanction Fee for Regional events from \$2 to \$4 per car
- Sanction fee for a 3-day or longer event changed to \$500 per event
- Increase sanction fee for a charity event \$20 to \$70
- Decrease RallyCross Insurance fee \$1 per car to \$4

Solo

- Increase Regional Solo Sanction Fee from \$3.75 to \$4.50 per car
- Decrease Insurance \$1 per car to \$5

With the changes, the Solo Department has made a policy change requiring event audits to take place within two weeks from the end of the event.

Volunteer Incentive Programs remained unchanged from 2008.

A full list of changes will be listed in the January 2009 Fastrack® news. Additional information about the implementation process and timeline will be communicated at a later date.

Eric Prill

VP Marketing & Communications

Sports Car Club of America, Inc.

SCCA Pro Racing/SPEED World Challenge

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SCCA® Trans-Am® Series Returns In 2009

ORLANDO, Fla. (Dec. 11, 2009) – After a two-year hiatus since its last Champion was crowned, SCCA's Trans-Am® Series will return in 2009, with a planned eight-race schedule for the series which held its first race in 1966.

Five of the eight races were announced today at the Performance Racing Industry show, in Orlando, Fla., as well as the series' title sponsor for 2009—Muscle Milk®.

A joint venture between Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and subsidiary SCCA Pro Racing, the 2009 Muscle Milk® SCCA® Trans-Am® Series will consist of six events in conjunction with some of the biggest SCCA Club Racing events across the country, creating powerhouse SCCA weekends, and two key professional events. Technical rules will be based on the SCCA Club Racing GT-1 class.

“There is a dedicated group of Trans-Am loyalists who have been working to make this happen since our last licensing agreement to operate the series expired in 2005,” SCCA President & CEO Jim Julow said. “The re-birth of Trans-Am begins in 2009 with a grassroots-based series that has the potential to grow in the coming years into a full professional racing series.

“On behalf of SCCA and SCCA Pro Racing, I would like to thank Jim Derhaag for his tireless efforts to help put some of the critical pieces together and Muscle Milk for coming on board as title sponsor to make the series a reality.”

The series will begin its 42nd Championship season March 21-22 at Road Atlanta as part of the Atlanta Region SCCA's season-opening National race. The series has previously visited Road Atlanta 12 times from 1973 through 2002, with race winners including former series Champions Peter Gregg, Pete Halsmer, Dorsey Schroeder, Tommy Kendall, Scott Pruett and Boris Said.

One month later, April 17-19, the series heads from the rolling hills of Georgia North to the rolling hills of Virginia, as part of North Carolina Region's Oak Tree Double National weekend at VIRginia International Raceway. It is only the third time the historic series has visited the historic racetrack, joining 1966 and 2002.

The series treks north of the border May 15-17 to return to Mosport International Raceway for the 25th time as part of the Victoria Day Weekend with the SPEED World Challenge Championships—reuniting SCCA Pro Racing's top series from the last 20 years. Pruett won the last series appearance at Mosport in 2003.

The series' lone visit to the left coast is a big one, joining the Rose Cup Festival June 12-14 at Portland International Raceway. The huge, traditional event played host to many Trans-Am Classic races, the last being in 1995, won by Ron Fellows. From 1975-2005, the race circuit held 21 Trans-Am Series races.

One month later, it's back east to the Finger Lakes Region's National at historic Watkins Glen Raceway, July 11-12. From 1968-1998, The Glen held 25 Trans-Am Series races ranging from feature events to participants in the 6 Hours of the Glen to the opening act before the NASCAR Cup race.

Three additional races will be announced shortly.

“We're excited about the return of Trans-Am and are pleased to be able to give something back to the series that has provided so much excitement for race fans throughout the years,” said 1978 series Champion Greg Pickett, founder of CytoSport Inc., the makers of Muscle Milk.

All events are expected to be approximately 90 miles in length with no pit stops. Races in conjunction with Club Racing events will have qualifying and race sessions separate from the regular GT-1 competition grouping, so drivers have the potential to run both the GT-1 Club Racing event and the Trans-Am Series event on the same weekend.

HISTORY

The Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series dates back to its first season in 1966. From 1966-1970, the series held a Championship to crown a Manufacturers' Champion. In 1971, a Drivers' Championship was formally adopted, with both Drivers' and Manufacturers' Championships being awarded through the 2005 season. The series was split into two classes from 1976-1979, crowning Champions in each division. In 2006, two additional races were held, although no Manufacturers' Champion was recognized.

Throughout the years, some of the greatest names in motorsports have participated in the Trans-Am Series. Backdating the Drivers' Championship to the inaugural season, 30 different drivers took titles, with multiple Championships being won by Paul Gentilozzi, Tommy Kendall, Mark Donohue, Scott Pruett, Wally Dallenbach Jr., George Follmer, Peter Gregg, Horst Kwech, Scott Sharp and Bob Tullius. Gentilozzi leads all drivers, with 31 career wins.

SCCA both owned and operated the Trans-Am Series, either internally or through its SCCA Pro Racing subsidiary, from 1966 through 2000. In 2001, SCCA began a series of outside licensing agreements for the series from 2001-2006. In its 41 seasons, the series held 446 separate races.

Regulations and Administration

Announcements regarding regulations and series administration will be made shortly, although technical regulations will be based on current GT-1 rules from the Club Racing General Competition Rules (GCR) with additional potential safety requirements.

Club Racing events will be operated primarily by the individual SCCA Regions, with alterations to the protest and appeals process to be similar to that of Pro Racing events, managed by the SCCA National Staff. A dedicated technical inspector will be at each Trans-Am Series event, regardless of Club or Pro Racing sanction.

A series Web site is being established at www.sccatrans-am.com. Future announcements will be placed there and at www.scca.com.

2009 MUSCLE MILK SCCA TRANS-AM SERIES SCHEDULE*

Date	Venue	With
March 21-22	Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga.	Atlanta National
April 17-19	VIRginia International Raceway, Alton, Va.	North Carolina National
May 15-17	Mosport International Raceway, Canada	SPEED World Challenge
June 12-14	Portland International Raceway, Portland, Ore.	Oregon Region National
July 11-12	Watkins Glen Int'l, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	Finger Lakes National

* - Three additional dates to be announced

NESCCA DIVISIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Last update: Friday, December 5, 2008 9:35:40 PM.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat, Jan. 10, 2009	Engraving Awards & Gifts Rally Cross and National Challenge	RallyCross	Stafford Motor Speedway (NER)
Sun, Jan. 11, 2009	Engraving Awards & Gifts Rally Cross and National Challenge	RallyCross	Stafford Motor Speedway (NER)
Thur, Feb. 19, 2009	National Convention	Convention	South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, Las Vegas, NV
Fri, Feb. 20, 2009	National Convention	Convention	South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, Las Vegas, NV
Sat, Feb. 21, 2009	National Convention	Convention	South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, Las Vegas, NV
Fri, March 6, 2009	Roundtable	Convention	Hartford, CT Area (NER)
Sat, March 7, 2009	Roundtable	Convention	Hartford, CT Area (NER)
Sun, March 8, 2009	Roundtable	Convention	Hartford, CT Area (NER)
Sat, March 21, 2009	Drivers School	Club Racing	New Jersey - Lightning (JRB)
Sun, March 22, 2009	Drivers School	Club Racing	New Jersey - Lightning (JRB)
Sat, March 28, 2009	Drivers School	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
	Flag School	Training	Lime Rock
Sun, March 29, 2009	Drivers School	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
	Flag School	Training	Lime Rock
Fri, Apr. 17, 2009	PDX	Level 1 - Performance Driving Experience (PDX)	Nelson Ledges (MVR)
	Drivers School	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Sat, Apr. 18, 2009	Regional Race (NERRC)	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
	Drivers School	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (MVR)
Sun, Apr. 19, 2009	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
	Drivers School	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (MVR)
Sat, May 2, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Sun, May 3, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Sat, May 9, 2009	Double Regional Race (+ Enduro)	Club Racing	Pocono (NNJ)
Sun, May 10, 2009	Double Regional Race (+ Enduro)	Club Racing	Pocono (NNJ)
Sat, May 16, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
Sun, May 17, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
Fri, May 22, 2009	SCCA Speed World Challenge	Pro Racing	Lime Rock Park
Sat, May 23, 2009	SCCA Speed World Challenge	Pro Racing	Lime Rock Park
	National Race	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (MVR)
	Double Regional Race (NERRC)	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Sun, May 24, 2009	SCCA Speed World Challenge	Pro Racing	Lime Rock Park
	National Race	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (MVR)
	Double Regional Race (NERRC)	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Mon, May 25, 2009	SCCA Speed World Challenge	Pro Racing	Lime Rock Park
	Double Regional Race (NERRC)	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Fri, May 29, 2009	PDX	Level 1 - Performance Driving Experience (PDX)	Lime Rock (NNJ)
Sat, May 30, 2009	Regional Race	Club Racing	Lime Rock (NNJ)
	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
Sun, May 31, 2009	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
Sat, June 6, 2009	National Race & Pro IT	Club Racing	New Jersey - Thunderbolt (SJR)
	Double Regional (Kryder)	Club Racing	BeaveRun (StCt)
	PDX	Level 1 - Performance Driving Experience (PDX)	BeaveRun (StCt)

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Sun, June 7, 2009	National Race & Pro IT	Club Racing	New Jersey - Thunderbolt (SJR)
	Double Regional (Kryder)	Club Racing	BeaveRun (StCt)
Fri, June 12, 2009	12-Hours at the Point	Enduro	Summit Point (WDC)
Sat, June 13, 2009	StCt RoadRally	RoadRally	Pittsburgh, PA (StCt)
	12-Hours at the Point	Enduro	Summit Point (WDC)
	Tire Rack SCCA Solo National	Tour	Solo Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, NY
Sun, June 14, 2009	StCt RoadRally	RoadRally	Pittsburgh, PA (StCt)
	Tire Rack SCCA Solo National	Tour	Solo Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, NY
Fri, June 19, 2009	Drivers School	Club Racing	Lime Rock (NER)
Sat, June 20, 2009	Regional Race (NERRC)	Club Racing	Lime Rock (NER)
	Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo		
	National Series	Solo	FedEx Field, Washington, DC
Sun, June 21, 2009	Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo		
	National Series	Solo	FedEx Field, Washington, DC
Sat, June 27, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Mosport (NYR)
	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
	Double Regional Race		
	(NYSRRC - Kryder)	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (FLR)
Sun, June 28, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Mosport (NYR)
	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
	Double Regional Race		
	(NYSRRC - Kryder)	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (FLR)
Sat, July 11, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (FLR)
	Regional Race (NERRC)	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Sun, July 12, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (FLR)
	Regional Race (NERRC)	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Sat, July 18, 2009	Regional Race (NJRRS - NARRC - MARRS)	Club Racing	New Jersey - Thunderbolt (JRB)
Sun, July 19, 2009	Regional Race (NJRRS - NARRC - MARRS)	Club Racing	New Jersey - Thunderbolt (JRB)
Sat, July 25, 2009	Regional Race (NYSRRC)	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (Glen)
Sun, July 26, 2009	Regional Race (NYSRRC)	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (Glen)
Fri, July 31, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Lime Rock (MoHud)
Sat, August 1, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Lime Rock (MoHud)
	Double Regional Race (Kryder)	Club Racing	BeaveRun (StCt)
	PDX	Level 1 - Performance Driving	
		Experience (PDX)	BeaveRun (StCt)
Sun, Aug. 2, 2009	Double Regional Race (Kryder)	Club Racing	BeaveRun (StCt)
Sat, Aug. 8, 2009	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
Sun, Aug. 9, 2009	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
Fri, Aug. 14, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Pocono (TriRegion)
Sat, Aug. 15, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Pocono (TriRegion)
Sun, Aug. 16, 2009	National Race	Club Racing	Pocono (TriRegion)
Sat, Aug. 22, 2009	Regional Race		
	(NJRRS - MARRS)	Club Racing	New Jersey - Lightning (JRB)
Sun, Aug. 23, 2009	Regional Race		
	(NJRRS - MARRS)	Club Racing	New Jersey - Lightning (JRB)
Sat, Aug. 29, 2009	Regional Race		
	(+ Enduro)(NERRC)	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Sun, Aug. 30, 2009	Regional Race		
	(+ Enduro)(NERRC)	Club Racing	New Hampshire (NER)
Sat, Sept. 5, 2009	SCCA Tire Rack Pro Solo Finale	Solo	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
	Double Regional (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
Sun, Sept. 6, 2009	SCCA Tire Rack Pro Solo Finale	Solo	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
	Double Regional (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)

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Tues, Sept. 8, 2009	SCCA Tire Rack Solo National Championships	Solo	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
Wed, Sept. 9, 2009	SCCA Tire Rack Solo National Championships	Solo	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
Thurs, Sept. 10, 2009	SCCA Tire Rack Solo National Championships	Solo	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
Fri, Sept. 11, 2009	SCCA Tire Rack Solo National Championships	Solo	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
Sat, Sept. 12, 2009	Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup	Pro Racing	New Jersey Motorsports Park
	Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup Regional Race (NERRC)	Pro Racing Club Racing	New Jersey Motorsports Park New Hampshire (NER)
Sun, Sept. 13, 2009	Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup Regional Race (NERRC)	Pro Racing Club Racing	New Jersey Motorsports Park New Hampshire (NER)
Sat, Sept. 19, 2009	Double Regional Race (NYSRRC)	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (FLR)
Sun, Sept. 20, 2009	Double Regional Race (NYSRRC)	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (FLR)
Tues, Sept. 22, 2009	SCCA National Championship Runoffs	Club Racing	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
Wed, Sept. 23, 2009	SCCA National Championship Runoffs	Club Racing	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
Thurs, Sept. 24, 2009	SCCA National Championship Runoffs	Club Racing	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
Fri, Sept. 25, 2009	SCCA National Championship Runoffs	Club Racing	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
Sat, Sept. 26, 2009	SCCA National Championship Runoffs	Club Racing	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
Sun, Sept. 27, 2009	SCCA National Championship Runoffs	Club Racing	Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
Fri, Oct. 2, 2009	NARRC Runoffs	Club Racing	Lime Rock (NYR)
Sat, Oct. 3, 2009	NARRC Runoffs	Club Racing	Lime Rock (NYR)
Fri, Oct. 9, 2009	Drivers School	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (Glen)
Sat, Oct. 10, 2009	Drivers School	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (Glen)
Sun, Oct. 11, 2009	Regional Race (NYSRRC)	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (Glen)
	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
	Regional Race (NYSRRC)	Club Racing	Watkins Glen (Glen)
Sat, Oct. 17, 2009	Regional Race (MARRS)	Club Racing	Summit Point (WDC)
	Regional Race & Pro IT	Club Racing	New Jersey - Lightning (NNJ)
Sun, Oct. 18, 2009	Double Regional Race (Kryder)	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (MVR)
	Regional Race & Pro IT	Club Racing	New Jersey - Lightning (NNJ)
Sat, Oct. 24, 2009	Double Regional Race (Kryder)	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (MVR)
	Regional Race (+ Enduro) (NYSRRC - Kryder)	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (WNY)
Sun, Oct. 25, 2009	Regional Race (+ Enduro) (NYSRRC - Kryder)	Club Racing	Nelson Ledges (WNY)
Fri, Nov. 6, 2009	Mini-Con	Convention	Pittsburgh Radisson Hotel - Green Tree, PA (StCt)
Sat, Nov. 7, 2009	Mini-Con	Convention	Pittsburgh Radisson Hotel - Green Tree, PA (StCt)
Sun, Nov. 8, 2009	Mini-Con	Convention	Pittsburgh Radisson Hotel - Green Tree, PA (StCt)

2008 Annual Awards Banquet

Sunday, December 5, 2008



RE Jack Hanifan prepares for the ceremonies looking over notes at the podium



MoHud treasurer Chip Van Slyke arrives with daughter Marisol for the festivities.



Solo Chairman Russ Burckhard addresses the crowd while presenting the Solo Awards



New Jersey members Walt & Nancy Huber found lots to be smiling about as they enjoyed the evening at MoHud's year-end party.



Recognized for his 50 year membership, Roly Heacox and friend Joan enjoyed themselves amid his congratulations from fellow members.

NEW ARRIVAL



NEWEST CAMPBELL GRANDCHILD...

Baby William Campbell arrived Dec 9 at 1:36pm.

William Bradley Campbell
8 pounds 1 ounce, 20 inches long

At Left: Brad, baby William, Amelia and Stephanie



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Race Car Marathon takes the Green Flag at Saratoga Automobile Museum

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The Saratoga Automobile Museum today announced the installation of four **HotSeat Racer GTX** Simulators that will be part of a January 17, 2009 driving event called "SAM's Racing Battle Royale." To celebrate their installation, the Museum will be pitting twenty-four 16 -18 year olds against each other in a series of simulated races in a marathon, eight-hour contest.

" We really wanted to celebrate a whole new level of interactivity at the Museum and the partnership that we have developed with **HotSeat** Surround Sound Simulation offers us that opportunity," said Alan Edstrom, Director of Programs and Events. "For the next six months, we'll be able to give young drivers a chance not only to compete, but to learn new safe driving skills with a curriculum developed specifically for the **HotSeat Racer GTX** ."

The staff at the Museum and **HotSeat Chassis** are teaming up for the inaugural event in January with Automotive Engineering Students from RPI's Formula SAE Racing Team, racing professionals from the Sports Car Club of America, and a team of teen Museum Volunteers lovingly referred to as "The Dudes." The assembled team will facilitate the organization and operation of the marathon.



HotSeat Surround Sound Simulation will be the main event in January at the Saratoga Automobile Museum.

Additionally, High School students throughout the Capital Region will be offered the opportunity to try out their driving skills through the end of May in simulated events in preparation for the "24 Hours of Saratoga," a marathon race session set for the museum's Spring Auto Show. Teachers can contact the Museum, located in the Saratoga Spa State Park, to schedule trips that offer free admission for their students.

Any student who would like to be entered in the January 17, 2009 "SAM's Racing Battle Royale" (you must be 16-18 years old and live in the Capital Region) can contact Alan Edstrom at the Saratoga Automobile Museum by e-mail at alan.edstrom@saratogaautomuseum.org until 5pm on January 5, 2009. Please include your name, address, and phone number in the text of the e-mail message to be eligible. The twenty-four racers plus two alternates will be chosen at random from all entrants for this premier event.

If you'd like to add a **HotSeat Chassis** Surround Sound Simulator to your personal collection, or as a great gift for your "Car Guy's" man-cave, you can buy one through the Saratoga Automobile Museum, with a generous portion of the proceeds going to help programs and exhibits at the Museum.