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Summer is Here! *RACING IS IN FULL SWING!*



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RE REPORT

Jack Hanifan

June Re Report

Pocono

I wrote about how well MoHud did at the NNJR Pocono Race but most of the fun was in the paddock. There were plenty of 3rd generation MoHud kids there, between the Sheridans, Karls, Campbells and Lendurums there were about 13 kids- all having fun.

Our Race

The number of entrants at the National races has less than we hoped for. The race committee is working on options to keep our overhead down and entries up.

Come to the meeting and contribute your ideas.

Picnic

It has been suggested that we have a Region picnic in August or September. Come to the meeting and make suggestions.

RE's Monthly Contest

Each month we will publish a photo, with a question about it. The first member to email or call the RE on his cell phone with the correct answer will win a prize. The prize will come from the vast collection of MoHud inventory. Employees of the region are ineligible. The RE's decision is final. If anyone wants to provide a photo for future contests, please send it to the RE.

Question:

Identify two drivers in this photo



Congratulations to last month's winner, Mike Larimer who successfully identified Roebing Road.

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SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

June Report

The season is set. I have contracts for a 7 event season. I still have an opening in the schedule for an event if we can get another site. Here is what the schedule looks like this:

April 25, 26 at ACC, School, Event 1

May 2 at Seneca, Test and Tune

May 31 at ACC, Event 2

June 12-14 at Seneca, National Tour (not a Mohud event)

June 28 McCarty Ave OGS lot, Event 3

July 11, 12 McCarty Ave OGS lot, Test and Tune, Event 4

Aug 8, 9 at Devens MA, NE Divisional (not a Mohud event)

Aug 16 Clifton Park Center behind Boscovs, Event 5

Aug 30 looking for location Event 6

Sept 5 at Seneca, Test and Tune

Sept 20 McCarty Ave OGS lot, Event 7

Oct 4 at ACC, Event 8

The first event at ACC went well. The new surface they put down was very nice. We were hoping for a cool day so that the pavement would not overheat and pull up. What we got was a weekend forecast in the 80's. Burt designed courses that were challenging and able to withstand a wide range of lines, even though only one was correct, so the pavement would not get abused. Saturday was hot, but Sunday stayed cool and all of our worries about the pavement were unwarranted. It held up beautifully. There is one big section that is still in need of new pavement and is real bumpy, but the rest is very nice. On Saturday, for a while, we had a course that was the longest local course since the P-lot in Albany. But we tried to use the bumpy part and a couple of cars got unsettled so we decided to change the course, using only the smooth

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pavement. About 40 entrants got runs, some to shake out their cars, the rest to get instruction. The day was well received and the students really appreciated the insight from the instructors. A lot of Saturday's entrants came back for our first point's event of the season on Sunday. 62 entrants registered, unfortunately, due to the layout of the new lot configuration, getting 2 cars on course at a time was difficult limiting us to 5 runs apiece. There was one incident on Saturday. The wind took out our new tent. I had to get a replacement on the way home for Sunday's event.

Jim Garry held a Test and Tune at Seneca. As to his usual way of doing things, he picked a good day with very nice weather, set up a great course and made all 20 of his entrants happy with 40+ runs each. If you ever want to test your car out on a great surface, home of last year's divisional and this year's National Tour, and get more runs than your tires can handle, keep a look out for the next one. Jim will not let you down.

**On behalf of the Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA,
I would like to extend our thanks to
Bob Karl's Sales & Service.**

I had the van serviced and inspected and Bob's staff took very good care of the region's van. Then Bob took care of the region by taking care of the bill. He has also allowed the Tech party to be held at his facility for the past few years. Bob is a great guy and always giving back to the sport that he loves. It is very much appreciated by all and our region is better having Bob and his family as members. For anyone that needs a car, any body work or auto service, please keep Bob in mind.

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COMPETITION CORNER... June 2009

Jack Hanifan, *Chairman*

Pocono Double Regional

MoHud did well at the NNJR Freedom Double Regional at Pocono. This event is dedicated to our friends Linda & Joe who perished on Flight 93, on Sept. 11, 2001.

The weekend was highlighted by Bob Karl Jr. and Jared Lendrum each securing their first victories in SM competition. In SM, MoHud put on a show. On Saturday Bob Karl Jr. won followed by Jared, David and Alan Lendrum in 2nd, 3rd and 5th. Ken Lendrum – 10th, BK Karl-14th. Al Smith, Walt Ryan and Charlie Campbell rounded out the field.

The results were similar on Sunday but this time Jared Lendrum was the winner and Alan moved up to 4th. Ken, BK, Al, Walt and Charlie finished the same. Charlie was last both days because of a transmission problem on Saturday and he was hit hard enough on Sunday that his differential housing was broken.

Tom Campbell won FP both days and I managed a 1st and 2nd (out of 2) in STU. Jim Sheridan had a 1st and 2nd in American Sedan. Adam Figarsky also had a 1st and 2nd in SSM.

The 2.5 hour enduro on Sunday was also dominated by MoHud; Charlie Campbell driving by himself to a SM and Overall victory. He was followed by the following teams- Alan & David Lendrum 4th SM, Jared & Eric Lendrum 5th SM, Bob & BK Karl 7th SM, Adam & Max Figarsky 3rd SSM, John, James and John Sheridan 5th SSM.

Summit National

Jeremy Treadway won FF and set a Lap Record.

Keep up the good efforts all!



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

iRacing.com Named Official Motorsport Simulation of SCCA

Program Includes Big Discounts for All SCCA Members and Contingency Awards for Club Racing and Solo

TOPEKA, Kan. (May 7, 2009) – Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and iRacing.com Motorsport Simulations, LLC have jointly announced a multi-year partnership naming iRacing.com the “Official Motorsport Simulation of SCCA.” As part of the overall partnership, iRacing.com has also introduced the SCCA Spec Racer Ford to its service.

The partnership includes reciprocal marketing initiatives to promote both companies as well as a robust contingency program for SCCA Club Racing and Tire Rack® SCCA National Solo events.

“We’ve been working with iRacing.com since before the product was publicly launched and feel that it is the best simulator for driver training and the best value available,” SCCA VP of Marketing & Communications Eric Prill said. “Not only are there organized racing series that subscribers can join and participate in for a Championship, but there is unlimited testing time with any of the cars and tracks offered, including this year’s National Championship Runoffs venue—Road America.”

“We’re looking forward to building on the iRacing Cup contingency program that we initiated last year with SCCA and excited that now everyone who is a member of SCCA, plus their friends and families, will all have the opportunity to find out how much fun it is to get behind the wheel of the Spec Racer Ford,” said Scott McKee, iRacing’s vice president of marketing and in his spare time a Spec Racer Ford driver. “We know that because of financial and time constraints, a lot of people who would like to go racing in the physical world cannot; iRacing provides an exciting and enjoyable racing experience for just about everyone with a PC, a broadband connection and an inexpensive wheel-and-pedal set.”

As part of the partnership, SCCA members can take advantage of a special annual rate of \$75.00 to new iRacing subscribers, a more than 50 percent discount on the regular \$156.00 price of a full-year subscription. Members interested in taking advantage of the discount should e-mail their name and SCCA membership number as it appears on their membership card to scca@iracing.com.

The 2009 contingency program provides any registered participant finishing in the top three of a Club Racing Regional or National event or in a Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Tour or ProSolo event and displaying the iRacing decal on his or her car a free one-month subscription to the iRacing service. Existing iRacing members will receive a \$15.00 credit to their iRacing.com account that can be used toward extending their membership or acquiring new cars or tracks from the service. Full details of the contingency program, which will begin with events held the May 30-31 weekend, will be available on SCCA.com soon.

The SCCA Spec Racer Ford was unveiled as part of the basic subscription package in late April. Now all iRacing.com drivers, from novice to expert, will have a Spec Racer Ford in their virtual garage to race at any time.

“We’re very excited that the Spec Racer Ford has come online with iRacing.com,” SCCA Enterprises President Erik Skirmants said. “Not only will SCCA drivers be able to practice for upcoming events, including the Runoffs, through iRacing.com, but current, non-SCCA members will have the opportunity to race the Spec Racer Ford as well. And non-racers who have run the car in the virtual world with iRacing.com now have a real-world, cost-effective opportunity to try wheel-to-wheel racing through one of many Customer Service Representative rental programs.”

iRacing.com exists to create the world’s most authentic racing simulations, enable and organize real-time, online racing and advance and expand motorsport. The company invents and provides the tools and environment to enhance the skills of racers — novices to experts — around the world, deepening their understanding and enjoyment of the sport.

Proprietary technology assures that iRacing.com simulations deliver unprecedented accuracy of track replication and vehicle-handling dynamics. With curbing, cracks, patches and other trackside features recreated with precision measured in millimeters, and a physics engine and tire model that reproduce the feel of each particular car with absolute fidelity, the result is an experience so authentic that professional racers and experienced amateurs can hone their skills prior to on-track competition or testing.

Since iRacing opened its doors to the public in August, 2008, more than 12,000 real-world racing drivers and other motorsports enthusiasts, many of them SCCA members already, have joined the service.

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Founded in 1944, Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is a 50,000-plus member motorsports organization that incorporates all facets of autocross, rally and road racing at both club and professional levels. It annually sanctions over 2,000 events through its 114 regions and professional subsidiary. Landmark events and series for the Club include the SCCA SPEED World Challenge Championships; the Club Racing National Championship Runoffs® at Road America; and The Tire Rack® SCCA Solo National Championships and ProSolo Championship at Lincoln, Neb. For more information, please visit www.scca.com.

iRacing.com Motorsports Simulations

iRacing.com was founded in September of 2004 by Dave Kaemmer and John Henry. Kaemmer was co-founder of Papyrus Design Group, developers of award-winning racing simulations including *NASCAR Racing: 2003 Season* and *Grand Prix Legends*. Henry is principal owner of the Boston Red Sox and Fenway Sports Group – the co-owner of Roush Fenway Racing – as well as an avid simracer. The iRacing team combines more than 100 years of real-world racing experience with more than 50 years of successful racing simulation development. The company has developed numerous corporate relationships in the motorsport industry, including agreements to develop track simulations with International Speedway Corporation, Speedway Motorsports, and Panoz Motor Sports Group and vehicles with General Motors, Riley Technologies, Radical Sportscars, and 600 Racing. iRacing is the official simulation partner of the Sports Car Club of America, the Star Mazda Championship and the Skip Barber Racing School. The service is open to racers and fans of all skill levels from top-level pros to complete beginners. To join in the fun, go to www.iRacing.com.

Monthly Membership Report 05/20/2009

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Frank Barnhart	05/04/09	Johnsonville	NY
Robert Samuel Falcone	05/01/09	Albany	NY
Tim Fuller	04/26/09	Saratoga Springs	NY
Moises Samaniego	04/21/09	Selkirk	NY
Trish Watkins	04/30/09	Latham	NY
Jonathan Alexander Wetzel	05/13/09	Schenectady	NY

There were 6 records printed.

Interests Report

Club Racing

Tim Fuller	Saratoga Springs	NY
Trish Watkins	Latham	NY
Jonathan Alexander Wetzel	Schenectady	NY

Rally

Trish Watkins	Latham	NY
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Solo

Frank Barnhart	Johnsonville	NY
Robert Samuel Falcone	Albany	NY
Tim Fuller	Saratoga Springs	NY
Moises Samaniego	Selkirk	NY
Trish Watkins	Latham	NY
Jonathan Alexander Wetzel	Schenectady	NY

There were 10 records printed.

Anniversary Report generated 05/20/09 for the year 2009

Name	Joined on June	Years
Philip Pizzoferrato	06/21/89	20
Kristine Myers	06/10/99	10
Tom L. McDermott	06/02/04	5

There were 3 records printed.

There are 352 members in the region, up four since the May report.

Membership Report

We've gained four members since the May report. I've also sent out membership information to a prospective member that will most probably be joining.

Webmasters Report

There is an update to the Regional Solo Supplemental rules (thanks Russ). These are available as a web page, PDF file or Excel file. Links can be found on the Solo and Solo Schedule pages.

I added a link to the latest NARRC point standings. Find it on our home page.

Contact information has been added to our race page for the Race Chairman and chiefs.

There is a new version of the bullion board software that we use. I was trying to get to the update last week but spent the time searching for employment instead, an unfortunate intervention by "real life". I will try to do the upgrade this week (last week in May).

Dave Wachtel

Membership Chair/Webmaster

“Family Weekend” at Pocono

To the rest of the world known as Mother’s Day



These photos attest to the longevity MoHud has going in the offspring department. Here are just some of the future racers gathered for photographer Carol Campbell at Pocono on Mother’s Day weekend. They shall remain nameless until parents and grandparents email their identities to the editor. I do know there are Campbells, Karls, Lendrums, & Sheridans but who is who could not be identified at presstime



Another generation of “Sheridan Brothers Racing” were seen taking a lap although neither of Jim and Sandy’s twins (Andrew and Ian) look particularly thrilled with having their photo taken.



Bob Karl Jr, Charlie Campbell, and Jared Lendrum go for position.



Tom Campbell out on track for one of his two FP wins.



#55 is ready on the grid.



Hilton Tallman took his Formula Continental thru its paces at Pocono.



RE Jack Hanifan thanks workers

*Tom Campbell with
his FP Miata #89*



Mo-Hud at the Museum

by Tom Campbell

On Sunday, May 17, Mo-Hud made its annual appearance at the Saratoga Auto Museum's car show. The event was a big success with close to 300 cars on display and a very good spectator turnout (it is one of the museum's major fund raisers). As in past years, Mo-Hud was invited to set up on the lawn, directly in front of the museum's main building, highly visible to all. This year we had 12 cars (and 1 truck) on display from both club racing and solo. A lot of people stopped by to look and talk about our cars and programs. This year we also had a member entered in the main show, directly across the street from the museum. Carol Campbell entered her Thunderbird in the "Future Classic" class.

John Fitch was in attendance, along with his Fitch Phoenix. Saturday evening was a big dinner event and it was announced that John had donated his collections, both automotive and aircraft related, to the Saratoga Auto Museum. A very nice John Fitch display has been put in place. It is only a start as there is so much material that the museum hasn't had a chance to sort it all out yet. There certainly are some treasures – many with ties to the early days of SCCA. Please stop by the museum soon to check it out.

Hilton Tallman with his FC



John Danese



Tom with John Fitch and his "Fitchmobile"



Cars abound at show site



Carol Campbell's T-Bird



Bruce Kosakowski's Solo BMW

Thanks go out to the following:

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- F Prod MG Midget
- G Prod MGA
- F Prod Miata
- The MoHud Van

And a special thanks to Ron Hedger and the SAM staff for their ongoing support and hospitality.

See you next year.



Jeff Campbell, Tom and Carol Campbell's son makes news working the 2009 Indy 500

Excerpted from an article which appeared in the Poststar Newspaper.

LIFE IN THE PITS

Saratoga native Campbell working at Sunday's Indy 500

By PETE TOBEY

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No matter how many times he goes to the Indianapolis 500, the excitement never gets old for Jeff Campbell.

A native of Saratoga Springs, Campbell not only has a front-row seat, he's in the thick of the action on the greatest day in racing.

Campbell is a professional racing mechanic and will be in the pits when the big race is run Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"It's absolutely incredible," said Campbell, who is working at the Indy 500 for the seventh time in his career.

"Nothing I've ever done or could think of doing is anything like race day, when you push the car out there on the track and there's a quarter-million people there, and they're so excited to see you guys, the drivers and the cars. It's an incredible feeling."

It's a time of mixed emotions for Campbell, however. Like many Americans, he was the victim of downsizing in a poor economy.

Campbell, 38, had worked full-time at Vision Racing for the last two years. When Vision planned to cut back from two cars to one, they let half their mechanics go.

"They let 15 people go, and unfortunately I was one of them," Campbell said. "The racing industry has been hit really hard by the economy. A lot of teams have let a lot of people go."

Campbell found a temporary position with Dreyer & Reinbold Racing for this month, one of many mechanics hired on to get the team's four cars ready for Indy 500 qualifying and Sunday's big race.

"(Dreyer & Reinbold) normally have a two-car team, but they went to four for Indy," Campbell said. "I called them and got a job just for the month. There are about 50 mechanics, and about half are full-time, the rest are temp guys they hired for the month. They're all people

I know from other race teams, all pro racing mechanics that are out of work right now.”

Campbell has spent most of his time this month as part of the crew working on driver Davey Hamilton’s Hewlett-Packard No. 44. Hamilton is on the starting grid in the eighth row for Sunday’s race, in the 22nd spot out of 33 cars.

For 12 years, Campbell has been a damper technician, or shock specialist, which means he takes care of the shock absorbers on the open-wheel racers. He also has eight years experience as a gearbox specialist.

Campbell will be in the pits Sunday, but he won’t be “over the wall” — actually working on a car — this time. He has more than 10 years of experience on pit crews and has worked all six positions: air jack, fuel can and four tire changers. He did not do pit crew last year because of torn cartilage in his hips, an injury he suffered in 2007 avoiding a car in the pits.

”I’ve kind of been on the DL for a while,” he said. ”I’ll be on one of the inside tires on Davey Hamilton’s car. I’ll be feeding the tire over the wall to the tire changer and taking away the old one. I sat out (pit stops) all last year with torn cartilage in both hips, so it’s probably a good thing.”

Family pastime

Racing has always been part of Campbell’s life. His father, Tom, raced sports cars at Watkins Glen and Lime Rock Park in Connecticut.

”I was always working on the cars with my dad,” said Campbell, who now lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Jamie, and their two young sons.

After college, Campbell spent four years in the Air Force as an F-16 crew chief. He was stationed for a year in Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Watch.

After the Air Force, Campbell sought another challenge in high-performance mechanics — from keeping very expensive jet fighters flying, to keeping very expensive race cars from flying off the track.

Campbell said his military training prepared him for a career of working on race car crews.

”In the military, you really learn how to function as a team and deal with different personalities and complex situations,” Campbell said. ”It absolutely translates right to a racing team. You’re on a team where everyone has a specialty.

”The driver’s out there going 236 miles per hour — his life is in your hands,” he added. ”Every nut and bolt has got to be right, and he’s got to trust you to do your job.”

To further his career, he attended the Skip Barber Racing School in Lakeville, Conn.

”In order to break into the big leagues you have to start there,” he said. ”I was able to network and meet the right people.”

In 1999, Campbell began working at Chip Ganassi Racing, where he knew Gary Neal, the chief mechanic for Juan Montoya. Campbell was on the team when Montoya won Indy in 2000. Neal is currently the team manager for Dreyer & Reinbold.

”I already have an Indy 500 ring,” Campbell said. ”I’d like to get another.”

Campbell spent eight years at Chip Ganassi as a damper and gearbox technician and pit crew member. He was on Bruno Junqueira’s team when he won the Indy 500 pole in 2002. Campbell also spent four years with Ganassi’s sports car racing operation on the Grand Am circuit, including a pair of victories in the 24 Hours of Daytona.

”I’ve traveled the world,” Campbell said. ”I’ve been to Brazil, Australia, Japan, Europe. But it’s tough now with a family.”

To read the entire article, check out the link below:

<http://www.poststar.com/articles/2009/05/23/sports/today/14815313.prt>

Saratoga Automobile Museum's First Two Day Car Show A Huge Success

The Saratoga Auto Museum's annual car show, expanded to two days in 2009 with the introduction of the Saratoga Invitational on Saturday, attracted a record crowd and a superb lineup of automobiles.

The event's location was also changed, with the new show field directly across the Avenue of the Pines allowing visitors easy access to the auto museum and the other attractions of the Saratoga Spa State Park.

Saturday's Saratoga Invitational, featuring a circle of concours quality automobiles and exhibitions by various regional clubs scheduled to have their own shows on museum grounds during the upcoming Lawn Show series, was judged by national known experts Ken Gross and Al McEwen.

A 1938 Mercedes 540K with a "one of a kind" Erdmann and Rossi body, owned by Utica's Alan Rosenblum, was named Best of Show while Best Racer went to Robert Seymour from New Preston, CT for his 1932 Frazer-Nash, the Best Preserved Car went to Gloversville native Jason Tagliaferri for his 1934 Ford Cabriolet, and Best Brass Era Car was awarded to William Wheeler's 1904 Oldsmobile Curved Dash Pie Delivery Wagon.

Sunday's "Traditional" Show saw nearly 200 entrants vie for unique trophies custom designed by automotive artist Craig Booth in some 24 categories.

Paul Chase's 1921 Model T Ford claimed the Brass and Antique award, then returned to collect Best in Show honors to bookend the trophy presentation ceremony.

He was followed in the awards ceremony by Alvin Johnson's beautiful 1928 Chrysler, winner in the Pre-War category.

Ralph Palmer's 1955 Ford and Jim Taylor's 1966 Shelby Cobra were the winners in FoMoCo 1946-1960 and FoMoCo 1961-1984, respectively. In the GM categories, Gerald Linen's 1956 Bel Air convertible won the 1946-1960



*Best In Show 1921 Model T
Paul Chase*

segment with 1961-1984 honors claimed by a 1969 GTO Judge belonging to Ray DeCresanzo.

Camaro or Firebird (thru 1984) winner was Bob Lyman with his 1969 Camaro while the Mopar 1946-1984 class featured the day's only tie. Trophies were awarded to both Ron Glaim's 1971 Dodge Challenger and the 1961 Imperial convertible of John Corey.

The unusual Orphan category, for cars such as Packard, AMC, Nash and Willys, saw Jerry Thomas' 1966 Corvair prevail. Richard Delorey's 1965 MG was the winner in Foreign Sports Car (thru 1984) while Dr. Jim Hoehn took the Foreign Sedan (thru 1984) trophy with his 1975 Jaguar.

The winner in the always popular Mustang (thru 1984) category was Ted Saccia while John Harrington's 1950 Chevrolet prevailed in the Truck and Van category. They were trailed to the podium by the event's loudest and raciest looking entry, the Lister kit car owned by Michael Ciccotelli, winner of the Special Interest trophy.

Moving to the Future Classic categories, Ron Brewster's 2005 GT40 took FoMoCo honors with the 1992 Camaro of Dennis Smith claiming the GM trophy. They were joined by MoPar winner Adam Sweeney in his 1986 Shelby GLHS and Foreign Manufacturer winner Robert Kosky at the wheel of his 1989 Saab Turbo.

Terry Plant's 1965 Corvette was judged the best in the Corvette class while Rod and Custom honors were awarded to Mike Leo's 1933 Chevrolet sedan. The Green category honors went to the outstanding 1932 Detroit Electric of William McKay, which whisked silently through the awards presentation area. Much louder were the 1975 Kawasaki ridden by Motorcycle winner Shawn Donegan and the Best Race Car, a 1914 Metz Speedster driven by Chick Chandler.



Best in Show Spring Invitational Alan Rosenblum

The roster of winner's was rounded out by a 1947 Cadillac belonging to Michael Koerner, voted as People's Choice winner by show patrons.