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SOLO EVENTS STILL DRAW!



Dan Walden in his Red Volvo 4 SM

Eric Smith explaining the course in grid to another competitor



Paddock

Miguel Teixila in his black Subaru

The May 31st Solo event drew 51 entrants, all able to get 6 runs in on the course. A few 'fun' runs made for a great day all around for everyone. See Russ' Solo report on page 5.



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RE REPORT

July RE Report

Tom Trash- It is always sad when we lose a member but when it happens in a race car, it seems to hit home harder. Tom Trash, the 2007 E Production National Champion, died during qualifying at the June Sprints. Tom drove an RX7 and was a Texan. He was a 48 year old engineering graduate of Texas Tech. No details yet, but he apparently did not make an effort to turn approaching a turn and went through a gravel trap into the tire wall.

As an SOM at the Runoffs, I met Tom both at Mid Ohio and Topeka. He was an articulate gentleman and an excellent racer.

Toyo- National racing will go back to Toyo RA1's for the 2010 season. I suspect the 2010 GCR will also mandate RA1's for Regional racing but time will tell.

Our Race- The finishing touches are being put on our race. We will have six National Race groups, a \$200 Regional for SSM and others and the Pro IT. **Come to the July meeting and volunteer.**

August - The August 5th meeting will be our Kart night at the East Greenbush Funplex and our Annual Golf outing will be at Burden Lake Country Club- this is a fun event and any level of golfer is invited- the emphasis is on fun, bring your friends. Flyers for both these events are elsewhere in this issue.

July Competition Report

Kudos to Pete Smith, Pete drove with Joe Plunkett and Don Duman in the 12 hours at the Point. After 12 hours they were 7th overall and 2.6 seconds behind the SSM leader.

Anthony Leone- Tony was a victim this past weekend at LRP. He went off at 4 and they dispatched the tow truck to pull him out of the mud. The truck did a poor job pulling him out and onto the track, his FV rolled over.

Toyo RA1- The National office has announced that Toyo RA1's will again be the mandated tire for National SM racing in 2010. This is in response to driver feedback concerning the 888's.

\$200 Regional- We will have a Regional race for SSM, SM, ITA,B,C at our National on August 1st. 12 minute qualifying and a 20minute race.

Jeremy Treadway- Jeremy finished 2nd at the June Sprints in his Formula Ford.

June 20 Regional at LRP-There were close to 200 cars registered for the race but the threat of rain increased the no shows and the final count was 171. **Greg Rickes** had a conflict so he was not the announcer. Frank did a good job but Greg was missed. I don't know how many tracks I have been to but Greg is by far the best announcer ever. I may be prejudiced but I thought the best race of the day was TJ who went from 14th to 6th on the first lap and got as high as 2nd before he was hit – finishing 3rd. Old timers- 1st in FP was Bob **Spreen-** yes that Bob Spreen.

SM race BK Karl 13th, Dominick Karl 21st and Walt Ryan 36th. There were 39 Spec Miatas

SSM- TJ Hanifan 3rd, Pete Smith 6th,

Adam Figarsky 11th, Les Apple 24th there were 33 cars.

FV- Chris Zarzycki 3rd, Tony Leone 6th.

ITA- Brian Blizzard 2nd, Demetrius Mossaidis 13th.

June Monthly Meeting Minutes (6/3/2009)

Meeting was called to order by R.E. Jack Hanifan at 7:30 PM.

Secretary

Minutes from the May meeting as available at the meeting were approved.

Treasury

Chip Van Slyke reported net income of -\$2122 for the month of May. Primary expense was due to renewal of insurance for the MoHud van.

The Knockoff

Jack reported that the latest issue is posted online. Lisa is still working on a postcard to send out to get up-to-date information on e-mail addresses. Jack also noted a recent article in Hemmings on the Whiteface Hill Climb with photographs courtesy of Dave McClumpha.

Membership

Dave Wachtel reported 10 new members since the May meeting and 3 significant anniversaries in June. There was discussion about an official contact letter from the region to new members.

Web

Dave Wachtel reported that updated Solo Supplemental Rules have been added to the MoHud web site along with a link to current NARRC points. In addition, contact information for the race chairman and specialty chiefs for the National have been added. Dave is also in the process of updating the Bulletin Board software.

Activities

The Golf Tournament is being scheduled for sometime around August 13. Go-Kart night is scheduled for the first Wednesday of August (8/5/2009).

Competition

Many MoHud participants made the trip to Pocono.

Congratulations to Dick Stewart who won the FV race Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at NHMS and to Anthony Leone who won the FV race Sunday of Memorial Day weekend at NHMS. Anthony also won the FV race at LRP.

Jack will hold a meeting with specialty chiefs and race chair after the Monthly Meeting to discuss the National.

Solo

Russ Burckhard reported the most recent event, May 31, at ACC had 51 entries. Next event is scheduled for Sunday, June 28 at the OGS McCarty Avenue lot.

Saratoga Auto Museum

The annual car show was a success. Thanks to all who helped out.

Director's

John Sheridan reported that currently SCCA membership is somewhere around 48,150 members.

SCCA is committed to the Toyo R888 tire for Spec Miata for 2009. However, a press release is scheduled with a remedy for the tire issue for 2010.

Language has been approved that will authorize a waiver of rules regarding Sound Control for certain events.

Language has been approved regarding fuel testing beginning in 2010.

The CRB is currently reviewing language regarding the HANS device or similar head-and-neck

restraints for club racing. Currently, the board is reviewing to see if there is currently an industry standard for such restraints.

Old Business

Race – The Supplemental Regulations for the MoHud National are complete and will be posted.

New Business

Eric Kroth is looking for a used firesuit so he can assist in refueling when he works as crew. Please contact the secretary and he can give you contact information.

Jack has raffle tickets for this fall's Notre Dame vs. Boston College game for anyone interested.

A fundraising dinner with raffle is being held Friday, June 19 at the Elks Lodge in Torrington, CT for NER member Chris Wenzel who is battling cancer. Tickets are a \$25 donation. The region passed the hat and raised \$140 to be donated to the cause.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

National SCCA Spec Miata to Return to Toyo RA-1 Tire in 2010

TOPEKA, Kan. (June 11, 2009) – Sports Car Club of America announced today that the National Club Racing Spec Miata class will transition to the Toyo RA-1 tire in the 2010 season.

The class ran on the RA-1 tire from 2006 to 2008, but switched to the newer Proxes R888 tire for 2009. After receiving input from the Spec Miata racing community, both Toyo and SCCA management agreed that a change back was warranted.

“We received considerable input on the subject of Spec Miata tires this year and that input was taken very seriously by both SCCA and Toyo,” SCCA VP of Club Racing Terry Ozment said. “Toyo has been very receptive to this and will begin production of the RA-1 again for next year’s season.”

The complete transition process to the RA-1 will be determined and announced after the 2009 National Championship Runoffs®.



SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

July Report

We held the second event of the season on May 31 and it ran smoother than the first event. With some new people that are learning new positions and the returning people relearning their positions after having the winter off, we were able to follow the posted schedule a lot better than usual. The 51 entrants all got 6 runs and then we were able to open it up for some fun runs. Bert designed a course that allowed us to get a second car out earlier than at the first event allowing better use of the day, allowing us to load up earlier. Eric Smith made the best of the course by posting the fastest time of the day. Results are posted here http://www.mohud-scca.org/Solo/2009/2009_Season.html .

I have been in contact with one of the area malls and am waiting for a contract to fill an opening in our schedule at the end of August. After meeting with them, they are excited to have us at their facility. Keep an eye on the website or message board for any new details.

The Solo National Tour was held in Seneca June 12-14. Mohud had 9 drivers go out to compete.

John Danese finished 5th in F Stock, Simon Kim and Kevin O'Connor finished 5th and 6th respectively in G Stock, Bruce Kosakoski finished 2nd in F Street Prepared, Arne Beebe finished 2nd in C Prepared, Eric Smith finished 2nd in Street Modified, Zeke Wright won Street Modified FWD, and Jim Garry and Ken Hurd finished 1,2 in C Modified. I was unable to attend, but from what I heard, it was a mix of dry and rain. Congratulations to all.

Upcoming events

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 Waiting for contract Event 6

Sept 5 T&T in Seneca will not be held

Sept 20 McCarty Ave OGS lot, Event 7

Oct 4 at ACC, Event 8

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Zeke Wright takes his Blue Mini for a quick run.



Martin Quackenbush makes a run in his Black Saab



Chris Cornell in his Silver Subaru moves thru the course.



Eric Smith passes the cones in his Blue Mitsubishi





GO-KART NIGHT

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6:00 pm

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Burden Lake Golf Course
August 13th, 2009

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
from Activities Director Pete Smith.

You do not have to be a good golfer to play.
Come and enjoy a day with friends
and get a few swings in besides.

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Monthly Membership Report 06/18/2009

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Adam Vincent Hennessy	05/25/09	Ballston Spa	NY
Keith Powers	05/20/09	Alplaus	NY
Aurelia R. Schambach	05/28/09	Clifton Park	NY
Erin Schambach	05/28/09	Clifton Park	NY
William Schambach	05/28/09	Clifton Park	NY
William L. Schambach	05/28/09	Clifton Park	NY
Jennifer Lee Sell	05/28/09	Delanson	NY
Miguel Teixeira	05/30/09	Schenectady	NY

Interests Report

Club Racing

Miguel Teixeira	Schenectady	NY
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Rally

Adam Vincent Hennessy	Ballston Spa	NY
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Solo

Keith Powers	Alplaus	NY
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Jennifer Lee Sell	Delanson	NY
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Miguel Teixeira	Schenectady	NY
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Anniversary Report

Name	Joined on	Years
Fil L. Fina III	07/01/79	30.1
Thom O'Connor	07/01/79	30.1

There are 361 members in the region, up by nine since the June report.

Webmasters Report

There have been a couple of updates to the web page. The obvious one is that there is now the ability to search the site has been added. I've also updated the table of contents. Several links of general interest have been added to the main page.

The message board is chugging along. Spam is down apparently due to the recent shutdown of a few spam hosting sites. In preparation for updating the message board software, I've installed an new telnet client on my machine. The one that I was using would not work with the new server due to the encryption software being updated on the server.

George Henderson informed me that New York Region has a new web address due to a "DNS miner" grabbing the .com domain. The new address is: www.nyr-scca.org. Our site links have been updated.

Regards
Dave Wachtel
Membership Chair/Webmaster