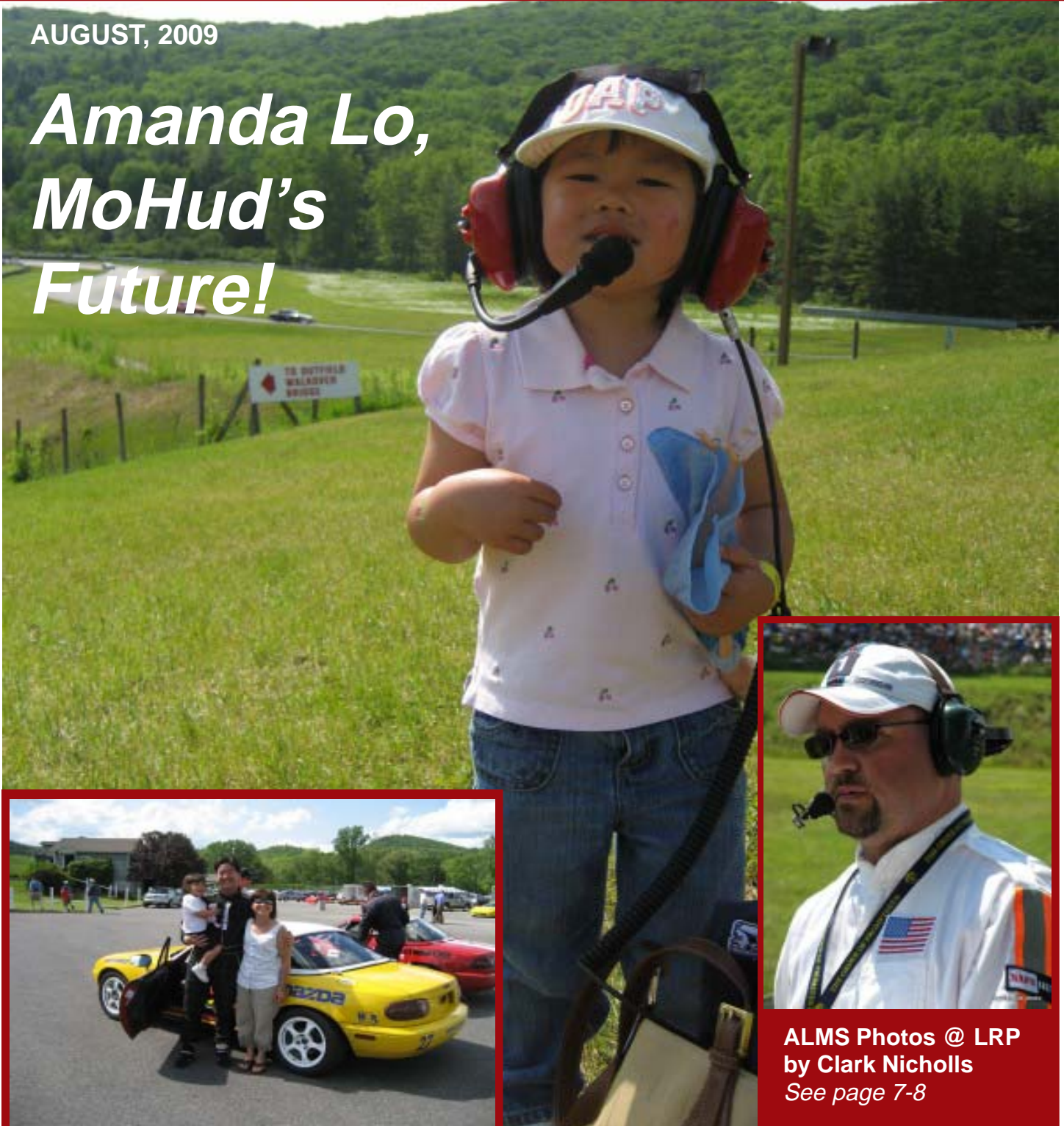


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Amanda Lo, MoHud's Future!



ALMS Photos @ LRP
by Clark Nicholls
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Amanda Lo shows how she helps her dad at the races, keeping him up-to-date on track positions. Below, her Dad Michael Lo with Amanda & wife, Elaine, pose in the paddock at LRP in June. At right, Peter Kroth, MoHud Secretary, works the ALMS event at Lime Rock.

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RE REPORT

August Report

The Race

As I write this we have 111 entries for the National and 42 entries for the \$200 Regional plus 39 entries for the Pro IT race. The maximum number of cars we can put on course for a race is 42 cars. Our treasurer estimates we need about 20 more entries for the National to not have a deficit. I believe, barring very inclement weather, we will end up with a small surplus. We have a lot of help from our neighboring regions. New England region has agreed to loan us equipment, all they ask in return is that our Stewards and drivers support their races at NHMS. NNJR is giving us a lot of support with the Driving Impressions Pro IT race. We are trying to be as conservative as possible with our expenses.

The Chuck Wagon crew headed by **Jim Garry** and assisted by **Pete Smith** and **Eric Smith** will be working the Friday dinner at the track. They will coordinate our cookout. They will also serve lunch on Saturday. **Jim Garry** has also secured a set of **Hoosier Tires** for a raffle prize at the race. Each entrant and worker will receive a free raffle ticket; additional tickets will be available for five dollars each or six for twenty dollars. **Dave Canavan** has volunteered to spear head the sale of these tickets.

Tom Campbell has secured sponsorship from the **Saratoga Auto Museum**. Each entrant and worker will receive a copy of the Saratoga Auto Museum's Lawn Show Magazine, a museum air freshener and a guest pass for the Saratoga Auto Museum. Our Race Chairman, **Gene Tricozzi**, has done a great job coordinating the necessary activities. Every member of the region is invited to the race. All you have to do is show up at registration and we'll find you a job at the race. If you have never been to Lime Rock, come down and see the most beautiful track in the USA.

Activities

Pete Smith, with the able assistance of Dick Stewart, has two events scheduled for August. Wednesday the 5th is our annual Go-Kart night at the Fun Plex in East Greenbush. Festivities begin at 6: 30 PM.

Thursday August 13th is our annual Golf Outing. This is a fun event and it is run as a scramble. It is really a low key and is designed to be a fun time. The food is good also. Call either of them for more info or check out the flyers here in the KO.

July Board Meeting Minutes (6/22/2009)

Meeting was called to order by R.E. Jack Hanifan at 7:40 PM.

Treasury

Chip Van Slyke reported net -\$1825 for month. Jack has talked with the Lime Rock Park and they have a deposit for the track rental fees. The check for the Chris Wenzel fund was returned. Jack will handle.

Competition

Jack reported the deposit for track rental for Lime Rock Park has been made and the supplemental regulations for the race have been submitted to SCCA National.

Jack also reported that the team of Smith-Duman-Crum-Plunkett featuring MoHud's own Pete Smith finished 2nd in class at the 12 Hours at the Point.

Activities

Dick Stewart reported that Go-Kart Night will be Wednesday, 8/5/2009 at the Fun Plex in East Greenbush. The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, 8/13/2009 at Burden Lake Country Club in Nassau, NY. Cost is \$34 with a 2 PM tee time.

The National

Jack advised that the Sanction application is in. Entry fee for the National is set at \$450. The timeline is being worked out but the racing now shows 6 race groups for the National along with the Pro-IT race. With extra time available on Saturday, a 7th race group will be added for as a restricted regional. The race group will consist of SM, SSM, ITA, ITB, ITC, SSB and SSC and the entry fee will be \$200

In the interest of cutting costs, we are looking at options for lunch on Saturday. Possibly pizza or subs. On Friday for lunch we are looking at passing out cash packets to workers (\$8) For dinner on Friday we are looking at a cookout. There will be no need to rent golf carts at the track.

Supplemental regulations are awaiting the sanction number to be posted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

July Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes (7/1/2009)

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

Secretary

Minutes from the June meeting as printed in The Knockoff were approved.

Treasury

Chip Van Slyke reported net -\$1825 for month. Largest expense is deposit on track rental fee for Lime Rock Park.

The Knockoff

Lisa Hanifan reported that the latest issue is posted online. She is working on updated e-mail addresses to notify members of new issues.

Solo

Russ Burckhard reported the most recent event, 6/28, at the OGS McCarty Avenue lot was another success. 7 runs each with fun runs at the end of the day. The event also featured a first with a hybrid vehicle as RPI entered their new Formula SAE car. Next event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12 at the OGS McCarty Avenue lot with a Test & Tune on Saturday and competition on Sunday.

Russ also reported that the region has a contract with Wilton Mall for an event to be held Sunday, 8/30.

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Congratulations was offered to the team of Smith-Duman-Crum-Plunkett featuring MoHud's own Pete Smith who finished 2nd in class at the 12 Hours at the Point.

Attendance at the NER Regional at Lime Rock Park was promising as the region approaches the National at Lime Rock as 200 cars were in attendance. There was one unfortunate incident at Tony Leone in Formula Vee went off track and was rolled as the wrecker attempted to tow him out of the grass.

Jack reported that once Runoffs are completed the spec tire for Spec Miata will be the Toyo RA1 instead of the Toyo R888.

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Saratoga Auto Museum

Tom Campbell reported that on Tuesday 7/7 there will be a gathering of steam-powered cars. Also, at the National at Lime Rock the museum will have a display in the paddock.

Old Business

Chris Wenzel Fund – Unfortunately, Chris Wenzel passed away on Saturday, 6/27. The check from donations from passing the hat at the last meeting was returned. The region decided to make a donation to the Hole In The Wall Gang Fund at the request of the family.

Race – Jack advised that the Sanction application is in. Entry fee for the National is set at \$450. The timeline is being worked out but the racing now shows 6 race groups for the National along with the Pro-IT race. With extra time available on Saturday, a 7th race group will be added for as a restricted regional. The race group will consist of SM, SSM, ITA, ITB, ITC, SSB and SSC and the entry fee will be \$200

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Jack and Gene Tricozzi will be meeting with D.J. McArdle after the meeting to finalize plans for a possible PDX. If no PDX, a Test & Tune will be held for time remaining on Friday.

New Business

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, 7/20/2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Monthly Membership Report 07/18/2009

NEW MEMBER REPORT 07/18/09. FROM: 05/31/09 TO: 07/18/09.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Olga Bogdanova	06/30/09	Albany	NY
Don Cooper	07/08/09	Hudson Falls	NY
Sheryl Cooper	07/08/09	Hudson Falls	NY
Robert Clark Graves	07/07/09	Schenectady	NY
Justin Gullotta	07/07/09	Troy	NY
David T. Kosla	06/30/09	Pittsfield	MA
Heather Kosla	06/30/09	Pittsfield	MA
Thomas Kosla	06/30/09	Pittsfield	MA
Russell John George Oechsle	06/26/09	Troy	NY

There were 9 records printed.

INTERESTS REPORT GENERATED ON: 07/18/09.

Club Racing

Justin Gullotta	Troy	NY
David T. Kosla	Pittsfield	MA

Rally

Don Cooper	Hudson Falls	NY
Sheryl Cooper	Hudson Falls	NY

Solo

Don Cooper	Hudson Falls	NY
Sheryl Cooper	Hudson Falls	NY
Robert Clark Graves	Schenectady	NY
Justin Gullotta	Troy	NY
David T. Kosla	Pittsfield	MA
Russell John George Oechsle	Troy	NY

There were 10 records printed.

Anniversary Report generated on: 07/18/09 for the year 2009

Name	Joined on	Years
	July	
Fil L. Fina III	07/01/79	30
Thom O'Connor	07/01/79	30
	August	
Nancy G. Huber	08/22/84	25
Dermot J. McArdle	08/04/89	20
David Lendrum	08/02/04	5
Eric Lendrum	08/18/04	5
Demetrius Mossaidis	08/10/04	5
Philip Redington	08/16/04	5
Laura L. Smith	08/27/04	5

There were 9 records printed.

There are 360 members in the region.

Webmasters Report

Information about the race, including officials, race groups, entry forms including a link to on line registration has been published.


Upcoming events have been posted including the Golf outing and the Funplex go kart meeting.

Regards


Dave Wachtel

Membership Chair/Webmaster

RE's Monthly Quiz/ Contest

No winner last time, The car on the left is Sean O'Connor in his then ITA rabbit, the car on the right is Jack Hanifan in his 1984 Dodge Shelby SSB. The driver in the middle was from the Glen or FLR, it was a Renault. 



This month — Identify the site of this very competitive annual event. 



2009 ALMS event @ LRP Sat., July 18th.

All Photos courtesy of Clark Nicholls.



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Clark Nicholls*





GO-KART NIGHT

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Bring the kids—in laws—people you always wanted to impress with your superior racing skills, they will not be disappointed.

AUGUST 5, 2009

6:00 pm

FUNPLEX FUN PARK!

589 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush
518-477-2651

<http://www.funplexfunpark.com/>

Special pricing for Mo-Hud members and guests.

Climbing Wall, Mini-GoKarts, Bumper Boats, Mini-Golf

MoHud's 6th Annual Golf Outing

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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SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

August Report

What a busy month July has been both personally and with the club. I started the month at Watkins Glen for the IRL race. Unfortunately, I did not get to see much as I was busy cooking for the crowd. We had a great spot right at the gate for the garages and I was able to see some cars up close. Too bad for the teams that they were on the back of tow trucks. It did offer good views at the undercarriage though. I also was able to walk through the garage areas to take some good pictures. It was my first IRL race and I was surprised at the light attendance. I must be used to NASCAR races. We are going to try to make it an annual event, which is fine by me. When I got back from Watkins Glen, I started a new job. Between that, school and the family, it has not left me with much free time.



The free time that I had went into putting on three events. The first was on June 28th at the OGS lot at McCarty Ave. 48 participants showed up and were able to make 7 runs apiece before we opened it up to some fun runs. A competitor from another region made a comment that we were "very friendly and helpful".

The next 2 events were held back to back on July 11th and 12th also at the McCarty Ave. lot. On Saturday, we held a test and tune/school. 24 people took runs to try and improve themselves. Most got over a dozen runs by the time the day was done. A lot of the participants took advantage of the instruction that was available. It was nice to see a steady drop in their times throughout the day. Over half returned the next day to compete in the 4th point's event of the year. 47 entered for their chance to run a short, but challenging course. We made up for the short course by having eight timed runs. We also had time for a bunch of fun runs.

The last event brought us to the halfway point of the season. The event that has been on the schedule as a possibility for August 30th has become a reality. The Wilton Mall has graciously allowed us to use their fine facility for that event. As some of you may remember, we were there with the GTO nationals last year. We will be in the same lot and will have access to the food court and the rest rooms, both of which are relatively close to the lot we will be using.



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

Aug 16 Clifton Park Center behind Boscovs, Event 5

Aug 30 Wilton Mall Event 6

Sept 20 McCarty Ave OGS lot, Event 7

Oct 4 at ACC, Event 8

