

# KNOCKOFF



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## *MoHud Hosts Another Great Race!*



*Look at those legs, woohoo!*



*Work, work, work!*



*Can you hear me now?*

**Thanks Workers!!**



*Wish he'd stop asking me!*

*When MoHud puts on a race, there's little time for much else but work for the volunteers! Thanks to each and every one of them. Although the ground was dampened, the spirits were anything but at LRP for MoHud race day workers and drivers.*

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# RE REPORT

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The region had an event filled month in August. We had our John Stim Memorial Race, Go-kart night, the annual golf outing and a Solo event. They were all successful.

## **The Race**

Gene Tricozzi was Race Chairman and he did a masterful job organizing a great event. The National Race was supplemented by two regional races, a Restricted Regional for SSM, SM, ITA and ITB and a round of the Team DI Pro IT series.

The event was so successful because of the contributions of many of the region members. Our Race Specialty Chiefs – Registration- Nancy Boice, Timing and Scoring- Marie Sheehe, Grid- Peter Kroth and Dennis Curley, Pits- Clark Nicholls and Dave Hathaway, Tech- Rich Welty, F & C- Rich Alexander all did an excellent job recruiting many qualified workers. (We had 4 Divisional Administrators among our workers.) Our Stewards- Roly Heacox, John Sheridan, Tom Campbell and Dave Canavan all did outstanding work.

Pete Smith orchestrated a great Friday night cookout and Jim Garry organized an excellent worker lunch on Saturday. Chip VanSlyke was there not only to race but he also took care of the worker lunch on Friday and worker giveaways both nights. Lisa Hanifan used her artistic ability to design both our logo and the trophies. Without the effort of all these Chiefs and the other region members the race would not have been a success. Jim Garry managed to secure a set of Hoosier tires as a raffle prize and Dave Canavan spearheaded a raffle selling campaign which netted about \$1800 to offset our race expenditures. We cannot forget the region drivers who participated- a list appears in the competition article.

## **Go-kart night**

Dick Stewart arranged another enjoyable go-kart extravaganza. It was nice to see some old faces and some new members.

## **MoHud Golf Championship**

Dick Stewart once again organized a fun filled golf outing at the Burden Lake Country Club. 14 golfers competed in a scramble with the foursome of Pete Smith, Frank Zalucki, Doug and Thom O'Connor tying Dick Stewart and Jack Hanifan with 2 over Par. The Championship was decided by a coin toss- Sorry Pete.

## **August Solo Event at Clifton Country Mall**

Over 60 competitors braved the 90+ degree heat on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> to compete at the Clifton Country Mall.

All in all a very good month for MoHud.



## RE's Monthly Quiz/ Contest



*Congratulations to last month's winner- Greg Rickes. Greg correctly identified location as the Roly Heacox farm in East Berne. It was the infamous "Fun & Beer" gymkhana which Roly hosted in the 60's & 70's.*

This month- identify the three SCCA competition drivers in this photo.  
*Note: relatives are not eligible.*



# September Competition Report

by Jack Hanifan

In the RE report, I mentioned the workers who helped us have a successful race, I want to thank each and every MoHud driver who competed in the races. Special thanks to Tom Campbell who contacted each driver and personally asked them to participate. Congratulations to all no matter where they finished.

## Thank You

Thank you to the following MoHud Drivers who participated in the John Stim Memorial.

### National Race

Chip VanSlyke	2 <sup>nd</sup> STU
Bob Smart	5 <sup>th</sup> FP
Tom Campbell	6 <sup>th</sup> FP
Jeremy Treadway	1 <sup>st</sup> FF
Tony Leone	6 <sup>th</sup> FV
Jeanette Udway	7 <sup>th</sup> GT 1
Hilton Tallman	7 <sup>th</sup> FC
Michael Lo	4 <sup>th</sup> SM
Robert Reed	3 <sup>rd</sup> SRF
Jeff Lehner	5 <sup>th</sup> SRF
Doug Garrison	9 <sup>th</sup> SRF

### Regional Race

David Lendrum	2 <sup>nd</sup> SM
Robert Karl Jr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> SM
Alan Lendrum	5 <sup>th</sup> SM
Dominic Karl	6 <sup>th</sup> SM
Jared Lendrum	7 <sup>th</sup> SM
Ken Lendrum	8 <sup>th</sup> SM
Pete Smith	3 <sup>rd</sup> SSM
James Sheridan	4 <sup>th</sup> SSM
BK Karl	11 <sup>th</sup> SM
TJ Hanifan	5 <sup>th</sup> SSM
Al Smith	17 <sup>th</sup> SM

### Team DI Pro IT

Robert Karl Jr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> SM
Dominic Karl	7 <sup>th</sup> SM
BK Karl	8 <sup>th</sup> SM
Michael Lo	10 <sup>th</sup> SM

Two of the most popular double regional events are coming up- Cheap Date at NHMS on Sept 12 & 13. The following weekend is The Fun One at Watkins Glen. These events are both reasonably priced and have two sanction numbers. This allows a driver to maintain their regional license with one weekend and if you attend both, you can maintain your national license.



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## **Honda Performance Development, Inc. Launches Grassroots Motorsports Initiative** *Will Develop Products, Services for Amateur, Lower-Level Professional Racers*

**ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (July 24, 2009)** – Honda Performance Development, Inc. (HPD), the authorized Honda and Acura auto racing company in North America, today announced a new automotive initiative targeted at expanding its presence in the grassroots motorsports market.

The broad-based initiative will include the development of products and services that support competition in the amateur and entry-level professional ranks, and will also include integrated marketing activities designed to raise the profile of Honda Racing and HPD.

“For many years, Honda enthusiasts have campaigned our products in racing series throughout the U.S.,” said Erik Berkman, President of Honda Performance Development. “On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Honda brand in the United States, we are pleased to announce that we will now support those efforts directly, by introducing products and services geared toward helping our customers fulfill their racing dreams.”

The new program will ultimately include an array of products and services for Honda and Acura customers who compete in amateur and professional racing. These products include both original equipment parts and racing-performance parts.

To launch its new grassroots initiative, HPD will operate the Honda Racing Line, a club targeted at licensed participants in amateur and entry-level professional racing. The Honda Racing Line will provide its members with a direct connection to Honda Performance Development and its unparalleled record of success at the pinnacle levels of motorsport.

This channel to factory support, which will offer Honda Racing Line members the opportunity to purchase racing-performance parts for expedited delivery, has not existed previously.

“Thousands of our customers are racing Hondas or Acuras today with a need for regular access to parts,” Berkman noted. “A market has clearly been established for a service like the Honda Racing Line. We are pleased to provide that service, and look forward to expanding the roster of benefits and services available to Honda Racing Line members.”

Competitors may register for the Honda Racing Line club and gain access to the parts catalogue through a website portal, [HondaRacingLine.com](http://HondaRacingLine.com). Additional Racing Line membership benefits will be announced as they are developed.



HPD's new grassroots motorsports initiative also supports the fans of grassroots racing through an integrated marketing plan, focusing on fan identification with the Honda Racing brand through merchandise sales and additional services.

Specific details regarding other components of the new grassroots motorsports initiative will be announced throughout the year.

Honda Performance Development, Inc. (HPD) is the factory-authorized Honda and Acura racing company within North America. Founded in 1993, and located in Santa Clarita, Calif., HPD is the technical operations center for Honda and Acura's high-performance racing cars and engines. In addition to its grassroots motorsports participation, HPD is the single engine supplier to the IndyCar Series and competes in prototype sports-car racing under the Acura banner in the American Le Mans Series.

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*Some of the MoHud "boys" at the Glen: John Sheridan, TJ Hanifan, Jack Hanifan, Jim Sheridan, son Jim Sheridan, and Pete Smith pose in their garage.*



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SCCA “Beat the Boss” Runoffs Foot Race to Raise Money for Foundation

**TOPEKA, Kan. (July 30, 2009)** – In a move straight off of playgrounds across the United States, Sports Car Club of America President & CEO Jeff Dahnert has challenged the Club members to a foot race. On September 25, after the first day of racing at the SCCA National Championship Runoffs, Dahnert will resurrect the “Beat the Boss” challenge, in a four-mile run around Road America to raise money for the SCCA Foundation.

Unlike past renditions of “Beat the Boss,” which involved safety gear and racecars, Dahnert will stick to his strength, doing his racing on the track in a pair of running shoes.

“Earlier this year, we challenged Club Racers to shoot for excellence through the new Super Sweep. Now, I’d like to challenge everyone to join me for four miles of challenging hills around our new Runoffs host site – Road America,” Dahnert said. “Everyone who enters will receive a ‘Beat the Boss’ tee shirt, and anyone who beats me to the finish will receive a special memento proclaiming their accomplishment for all to see.”

When asked what kind of pace could be expected, SCCA’s top man kept things close to the cuff.

“I have a number in mind, but I don’t want [SCCA Enterprises President & CEO] Erik Skirmants to have that for a training target,” Dahnert joked. “I can live with pretty much anyone beating me in this except Skirmants. I see the beginning of a pretty fierce rivalry here, but my ‘chassis’ is a little older than his. I’ll need to keep a couple of tricks up my sleeve.

“All joking aside, this is for fun and charity. Whether you run a four-minute mile or a 12-minute mile, you’re welcome to come and join us.”

Not to be left silent in the smack-talk, Skirmants fired his own shot back to Dahnert.

“Jeff has become a friend and a coach to me in my running efforts, but it is time for the student to become the master,” Skirmants said. “I have gone side-by-side through the kink before, but I can tell you there isn’t going to be room for Jeff next to me!”

The cost to enter the “Beat the Boss 4-Mile” is \$25. Registration is handled through SCCA’s registration system at [ams.scca.com](http://ams.scca.com). Simply log in and select from the “Events” tab. All proceeds will be donated to the SCCA Foundation.





The FINGER LAKES REGION, SCCA

Presents the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual

# *Fun One*

A Double Regional at the famous  
*Watkins Glen Road Course*

Long Course - Saturday, September 19  
Short Course - Sunday, September 20

Promotors test day - Friday, September 18  
(call (607) 535-2486 ext. 256 for test day information)

**Enter Early** ...Get your favorite number and a chance for special gifts...and other treats.

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Registrar - Marsha Toombs

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If all else fails, call the race chairman

Bob Henderson

(561) 222-6686



# MoHud Race Photo Gallery



*Tech tent kept the workers cool and dry during the long work day.*



*All the great workers kept things running smoothly for drivers.*



*Photos on these two pages courtesy of Russ Burkhard*





*The Esses get a work out.*





# MoHud Race Photo Gallery continued

*Photos on these two pages  
courtesy of Ernie Riggi*



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CWNichols photo



EmieRigg photo



CWNichols photo

# SOLO SOLO SOLO SOLO

## *SOLO Report*

by Russ Burckhard

*Photos courtesy of Russ Burckhard*



*Bruce Kosakoski pushes the pedal thru the course.*



*Nick Mastri takes a through the cones.*

*Eric Smith puts more heat on the pavement.*

*Arne Beebe does another turn on course.*





# SOLO SOLO SOLO SOLO



*Alex Shchipkov finds the line at the solo event.*

## **September Report**

This year's North East Divisional was hosted by the New England Region out at Devens. 133 entrants competed in the two day event, 13 of which were from Mohud. Alex Shchipkov, Bruce Kosakoski, Daryl Beck, Arnold Beebe, Jim Garry, Eric Smith, and Olga Bogdanova were all trophy winners. We had 3 drivers in the top ten on the pax adjusted time list. From the feedback I heard, it was a nice weekend on a couple of great courses that were designed by our own Bert Hueist.

In the middle of August we found ourselves at Clifton Park Center. What started out looking like a problem, turned out to be no problem at all. A couple of days before the event, I was informed that some of the construction debris from the mall was being dumped in the lot that we were to use. Fortunately the mall was able to move and consolidate the piles to the back of the lot. Jeff the Marketing and Promotion Manager at the mall spent most of the day on Saturday sweeping the left over sand from the lot. Tim Fuller found out about this prior to the event and brought in a couple of leaf blowers to help with the clean up (thanks Tim). With a "clean" track, we had 69 people sign up for the event. Burt did his magic and designed a great 30+ second course. Alex Shchipkov showed us why he is a multiple National Champion and set the Fastest Time of the Day. With the amount of people there, we were able to have some of the competitors work only one heat instead of both. That was welcomed due to the very hot day that had a high near 90°. As we were loading up the van, a rain shower rolled through. Some hid under cover while others stayed out to cool down. It lasted long enough to cool it down, but the humidity increased. A group of us went to Moe's afterward for a relaxing dinner in an air conditioned place.

### ***Upcoming events:***

**Aug 30 Wilton Mall Event 6**

**Sept 20 McCarty Ave OGS lot, Event 7**

**Oct 4 at ACC, Event 8**

## Monthly Membership Report 08/20/2009

New member report 08/20/09. From: 07/09/09 to: 08/20/09.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Joan Tallman	08/03/09	Middle Grove	NY

### Anniversary Report

Name	Joined on September	Years
Raymond J. Gilman	09/14/94	15
David Ferguson	09/22/99	10
Joan Ferguson	09/22/99	10
Joan Ferguson	09/22/99	10
Michael Ferguson	09/22/99	10
Nicole Ferguson	09/22/99	10
Nicole Ferguson	09/22/99	10
Theodore D. Bapp	09/27/04	5

There were 8 records printed.

There are 348 members in the region.

During the last month I fielded a call from a prospective Solo participant. The caller mentioned that he had four friends that were also interested in competing. I did a "brain dump" of everything I know about Solo, referred him to the relevant solo and membership pages and informed Russ. Hopefully there will be four more Solo competitors in the near future.

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## Webmasters Report

The results of the John Stim Memorial National and Pro IT race was published to the web nearly as soon as it became official Thanks to race T&S Chief Marie Sheehy !

There have been some minor updates to the Solo pages after a new solo prospect mentioned that they had trouble finding information about the typical event schedule. The change mentions some of the topics covered in the Solo Supps. This should make finding information a little easier.

Regards  
Dave Wachtel  
Membership Chair/Webmaster

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