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“Last Chance” at the Glen brings out the fall colors



Team Planet Miata shows off their pink roof in the fight against breast cancer.

Bob Smart, Adam Figarsky, TJ Hanifan, and Michael Lo on the grid.



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RE REPORT

November Report

2010

The motorsports season is rapidly coming to an end, time to winterize the motor homes and get out the hunting equipment. Looking back at MoHud's year, I believe we had a good year. We started the year with a Rally. Our Solo program had another great year and we put on a successful Race. If you are interested in what we do in 2010, I suggest you come to the November meeting and voice your opinions. If you cannot make it to the meeting email me and I will share your thoughts with the membership.

Paul Hacker

It was noted in last months KO that we had lost long time member Paul Hacker to cancer. At the October meeting it was agreed that the Club Racing award for Driver of the Year would be named the **Paul Hacker Driver of the Year Award**.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual meeting and Awards Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Wolf Road on Saturday December 5th. The region will be subsidizing the meal so that the cost will be \$35- no cost for infants.

RE's Monthly Quiz

Congratulations to last months winner- Greg Rickes. Greg correctly identified Jack Hanifan, Jim Bishop, Van Asamakis and John Stim. Marie Corrin was also in the background.



NOVEMBER QUIZ

Name the make of this race car and what was it's most famous finish.



Jack Hanifan

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2009 NOVEMBER COMPETITION REPORT

MoHud Regional Road Racing Championship with correction

It is that time of year again; we will be presenting T-shirts to every driver who enters. This year I am working on sponsorships to pay for the shirts.

The rules are: you can count any 5 races; they can be Nationals, Regionals, Pro or Enduros. If you were in an Enduro you must have actually driven in the race. Points are awarded for each race as follows: 1st-20, 2nd-15, 3rd-12, 4th-10, 5th-8, 6th-6, 7th-4, 8th-2, and 9th and higher -1. In addition, you get one point for every car in your class that you beat. Your best 5 races should be totaled. Remember you could conceivably win one race and finish 2nd in another but the 2nd place race could give you more points if the field was larger. The races have to have been run in 2009 and you have until November 15th to submit your points to me at JackHanifan@hotmail.com **All of the above is correct, but I failed to mention that any MoHud race counts as double, if you ran any of our races on August 1st, please take another look at your results and recalculate if necessary.** Also remember that if you worked the MoHud race and that precluded you from racing, you can select any other race as a double point's event.

MoHud dominates Glen Enduro

The Four hour Enduro at WGI on October 11th was dominated by MoHud drivers. 55 teams participated and seven of them were comprised of MoHud members.

In Spec Miata, MoHud took First through Fifth. 1st Lendrum Racing- David and Alan Lendrum, 2nd Plum Crazy Racing- Charlie and Tom Campbell, 3rd Patrick Racing-Jared and Eric Lendrum, 4th MoHud Combined- Ken Lendrum and BK Karl, 5th Kuitwaard/Wechsler- John Kuitwaard with John Wechsler.

In SSM, MoHud was 1st with Adam and Max Figarsky leading Team Figmented to the top of the podium. **In ITB**, Bob Smart and Jack Hanifan finished 3rd.

In the Regional races the next day MoHud also did well.

Race 1 SM-Michael Lo, Charlie Campbell, John Kuitwaard, Alan Lendrum, Jared Lendrum and Eric Lendrum finished 3 through 8th. 17th – BK Karl, 28th David Lendrum and Ken Lendrum was taken out in a first lap incident.

Race 3 for SRF and Production was event filled but the MoHud drivers survived and did well. SRF-2nd Pat Stringer, 6th Daryl Carl, 2nd FP- Tom Campbell, 3rd FP- Kim Graff, 4th FP- Hillary Erin Graff, 2nd EP – Mitchell Ware

In Race 6 – Adam Figarsky was 1st in SSM and set a new lap record. (Adam you are still being listed as and NER member- please fix it) TJ Hanifan finished 4th.

I was in Race 7 and suffered from low fuel pressure.

NYSRRC and NARRC

I and your driver reps will be attending the Mini Convention in Pittsburgh. NYSRRC and NARRC meetings will be held to discuss changes for 2010, if you have any concerns or ideas please email me ASAP.

WGI @ THE LAST CHANCE RACE



Father Kim Graff and daughter Hilary Erin on grid.



Daryl Carl, Tom Campbell are ready for their race.



Pat Stringer, Rob Reed, Charlie Campbell and Tom Campbell at impound.



Chief Steward Joe Willer looks like an old Marine DI. He was!



Always wondered what was under that SRF bodywork.



Mitchell Ware, 2nd EP, Hilary Erin Graff, 4th FP, Kim Graff, 3rd FP, and Tom Campbell, 2nd FP



VOLKSWAGEN ANNOUNCES QUALIFYING PATHS FOR 2010 JETTA TDI CUP SEASON

Now that the 2009 SCCA Pro Racing Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup season is complete, series organizers have begun looking ahead to the 2010 edition of the only clean diesel racing series in the United States. Volkswagen of America has posted an online application page for prospective drivers at www.vwmotorsportusa.com, adding one more path that drivers may follow in order to advance to the final driver selection event that will be held in February.

The final driver selection event will be held in early February 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada and is the last step in qualifying for the factory series. During the event, candidates will undergo a comprehensive examination on the asphalt and in the classroom. After driving tests, media-readiness assessment and physical fitness examination, 25 drivers will be chosen to participate in the 2010 season. Once selected, Volkswagen provides factory maintained and prepared racecars, media support and promotions, a first class at-track hospitality area as well as ongoing driving instruction for these future racing stars in hopes of advancing their careers to the next level.

Potential driver candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 26 as of January 1, 2010 and hold a passport from the U.S., Canada or Mexico. In addition, drivers entering the series for the first time must not have competed in any professional racing series regardless of location. Applicants must be able to submit a season entry fee of \$45,000 by December 11, 2009 in order to be considered for the final driver selection event. The entry fee will be fully refunded to those not chosen as a 2010 series driver. Further information on application and series rules is available at www.vwmotorsportusa.com.

Three paths now available for qualifying for the final driver selection event are:

- Online application – Applicants can visit www.vwmotorsportusa.com for an online application. On the site, candidates can submit their amateur racing resumes and other details about their past experience. Series officials will then select candidates from these applications to participate in the driver selection program. All applications must be submitted along with the series entry fee by December 11, 2009.
- iRacing.com Jetta TDI Cup online racing season – In conjunction with iRacing.com Motorsport Simulations, Volkswagen has created an online racing experience unlike any other. The Jetta TDI Cup series car has joined the list of racecars offered on iRacing.com, and iRacing has launched an online version of the series. The iRacing.com Jetta TDI Cup series participants will be battling to earn their way into the 2010 final driver selection event. The top iRacing.com driver to earn a position in the 2010 series will be awarded their season entry fee and will drive the iRacing.com car. More information is available at www.iracing.com.
- Karting qualifier competitions – Earlier this summer, the series began hosting standalone karting competitions at Boston's F1 Outdoor karting facility. The top finishers from each event will move on and compete in the final driver selection event. Like the iRacing.com path, the top-rated karting qualifier driver to earn a spot in the 2010 series will receive a fully-funded ride. Information on the karting qualifier events is available at www.volkswagenjettacup.com.

About the 2009 Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup

The 2009 season marks the second year of competition for the Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup, which

is sanctioned by SCCA Pro Racing. During the season, young, up and coming drivers (between ages 16-26) will compete in 10 events on eight road courses around North America in identical, factory-prepared clean diesel Jetta TDI's powered by Syndiesel® B5 blended biodiesel fuel. Each driver competing in the series will earn a Pro Racing license from SCCA at the conclusion of the season. In addition to more than \$50,000 in prize money at stake during the season, the series champion will win \$100,000.

The Jetta TDI Cup car is powered by a 2.0-liter, 170 hp, four-cylinder TDI clean diesel engine mated to a six-speed, double-clutch, automatic DSG transmission. The car is only slightly modified from stock with Pirelli racing tires, race suspension and brake components, driver's racing safety seat, FIA roll cage and an on-board fire extinguisher system. Series sponsors include: Pirelli, Bosch, ViON, Castrol, Oakley, Red Bull, HYPERFUELS, Aggreko, defNder, Lamin-X, Meguiar's, Sherwin-Williams, Chica goland VW, Safety-Kleen, Ringer Gloves, Jim Russell Racing School and Trellis Earth.

Follow the Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup series action on:

www.vwmotorsportusa.com

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SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

November Report

Well we did it. The Solo Advisory Committee looked it there crystal ball and picked all nice weekends. With all of the rain this season, all of our events were practically dry. There were no events on holidays. No one got hurt and I believe everyone had fun. There were a lot of new faces mixed in with the regulars. Attendance was good. It was a good year.

The final event was at Adirondack Community College. 67 participants show up to challenge another great course design from Bert. Jim Garry graced us with his presence if the 2 time National Championship winning Formula Ford. Even though the finish of the course was a little bumpy, Jim ran the first heat in it and set the fastest time of the day. Unfortunately for us, he put the car away and finished the event in Bert's BMW (that is a fun car to watch). Eric Smith wound up fastest out of the cars with fenders.

The next step is to get ready for the banquet. The Solo Advisory Committee will meet and discuss the trophy winners. I will write my speech. Then we will all get together and have a nice dinner. Some of us will collect a trophy. We will have some good conversations and have a lot of fun.

The Mini Con will be held in Pittsburg this year. Eric Smith and myself will be representing the Solo community.

	Upcoming Events:	
November 6-8	Mini Con	Pittsburg, PA
December 5	Awards Banquet	Holiday Inn Wolf Rd.

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MOHAWK HUDSON REGION SCCA

Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

Saturday, December 5th

Cocktails 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm

Cocktails served with Cheese Medley with seasonal fruit, crackers and French baguettes

The Phoenix Room • Holiday Inn
205 Wolf Road • Albany, NY 12205

Dinner Choices:

Chicken Wellington–

Boneless Chicken Breast, Duxelles of Mushroom and Shallots wrapped in a Flaky Puff Pastry and Baked

Grilled Fillet of Salmon–

Seared and Broiled-Citrus Dill Sauce

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef–

Slow Roasted with Rosemary, Peppercorns and Garlic

Vegetarian Meal–Chef’s Choice

Cost for all meals \$35 dollars.

Soda and juice free all evening. No charge for infants; children’s meal of Chicken Fingers and Fries available for \$10. Following Dinner- Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting.

RSVP meal choices & a check made out to **MoHud SCCA** to:

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September Monthly Meeting Minutes 10-7-2009

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

Secretary

Peter Kroth apologized for not having meeting minutes available at the meeting. The position will be open for 2010.

Treasury

Chip Van Slyke reported that the region had a net income of \$832 for the month of September.

The Knockoff

Jack Hanifan reported that the latest issue is posted online. Lisa is working on completing a postcard for a mailing to all members to ensure that they are getting the Knockoff online. Information on the annual Banquet will be included on the postcard.

Membership

Current region membership is 348 members with 7 new members during the month of September.

Web

Dave Wachtel reported that all outages on the web site have been fixed and the newest Knockoff has been posted. Eric Smith has been given a log-in for the web site.

Activities

Jack Hanifan reported the annual banquet will be held Saturday, December 5 at 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn in Albany. Jack is looking for a projector and someone to coordinate the slide show for the event. Meal charge will be based on the most expensive choice. The Board has agreed to \$5 per head to be subsidized by the Region so we're looking at approximately \$35 per person.

Competition

Jack Hanifan reported that upcoming is the Driver's School, Regional and Enduro at Watkins Glen the weekend of the October 10 and 11 and the following weekend is 3 days of racing at New Jersey Motorsports Park including the final 2 rounds of Pro IT.

Lime Rock Park will be at the MiniCon. At this time, they are not certain on which dates will be available as they are still working with NASCAR for a race in 2010.

The NARRC Banquet will be held in the spring at the Roundtable hosted by NNJR.

NARRC is looking for input from drivers. One of the ideas on the table is having one NARRC race at each track for the 2010 season. Any input should be sent to Tom Campbell.

Drivers should submit all race results for season-ending points to Jack.

Solo

Jim Garry requested that Solo Nationals in Omaha were great but he was disappointed with his performance as he finished out of the trophies while Ken Hurd finished 2nd in class. Arn Beebe was scheduled to compete but was unable to make the trip. There were a record 1160 entries in the event this year.

Saratoga Auto Museum

Tom Campbell reported that currently the convertible show is finishing up and then in November there will be a Corvette show.

National

John Sheridan reported that the first Solo Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska were a success. The only complaint for the week was sound and National will be looking into the issue for future events.

SCCA also just had a successful Runoffs at Road America with 100 more cars entered for 2009 over 2008.

A number of topics will be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting including the status of the Honda Fit engine vs. the Ford engine for Formula Ford, competition licenses for 15-year-olds, review of head-and-neck restraints and the status of the T3 class.

Old Business

Web Site – The MoHud web site domain name has been recertified.

New Business

Competition Driver Of The Year – Motion to officially rename the award “The Paul Hacker Driver Of The Year Award”. (Rich Alexander first, Gene Tricozzi second. Motion Passed)

Nominating Committee – Gene Tricozzi has the following slate of officers for 2010:

RE – Jack Hanifan

Assistant RE – Russ Burckhard

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Secretary –

Activities – Pete Smith

Board of Directors – Dick Stewart

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Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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