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# REREPORT

## April 2010 REReport

With the demise of the Rally Cross scheduled on the ice in Pittsfield, our first event of the year will be our Annual Tech Party at **Bob Karl's Sales and Service** in Troy. Bob has cleaned up the BBQ and we are ready to cook some dogs. Roly Heacox, Tom Campbell, Russ Burckhard, Eric Smith, DJ McCardle and I traveled to Florham Park ,NJ for the NE Div Roundtable. Also, our director, John Sheridan flew in from Florida to attend. As far as road racing was concerned it was an excellent meeting. Scheduling problems in the NE were solved and the wishes of the drivers were attended to. There will be a Double National at the Glen in 2010. This will be the only double in 2010. Read the Competition Report for more information

Sadly, Solo and Rally meetings were not scheduled but Time Trials had a session which answered our questions about our PDX in September. The 2011 Roundtable will be held in the Wilkes Barre-Scranton Area hosted by the division. Volunteers are needed to plan the program, if you have any ideas contact me. The 2011 MiniConvention will be hosted by MoHud in Saratoga.

## COMPETITION REPORT

### April 2010 Competition Report

The Big news out of the Roundtable was the change in the National Racing Schedule for 2010. Thanks to the work of Tom Campbell and Dave Patten, the driver's wishes were adhered to. Tom formulated a National Racing Committee composed of the Regions putting on a National this year plus the Regions putting on a National next year. Dave sent an excellent survey out to all national drivers; the results showed that drivers definitely are in favor of Double Nationals. At last year's MiniConvention in November, all Double Nationals were voted down. It only takes more than 5 regions to vote no, to deny a region the ability to hold a Double National. The regions who voted no did so because they thought it would hurt their own National. The Glen Region hopes to have a National Event that would someday rival the June Sprints. They have worked diligently with the WGI Corporation to secure the three days necessary for such an event. I am proud to say that MoHud always voted to support a Double National at the Glen. The National Racing Committee spent many hours deliberating a solution which would make most of the regions happy. The plan is for a Double National at the Glen in 2010 and 2011. There would be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Double National in 2011 at a track to be decided in the future. The committee will meet next at the Glen National in July. Tom did an excellent job chairing the committee and I want to single out Reed Kryder for his leadership also.

Just remember to keep May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> free for MoHud's National, SM and others regional race and Pro IT at Lime Rock Park. Your chance for triple points in the MoHud Regional Road Racing Championship.

## ANNUAL TECH PARTY

SATURDAY, March 27th 12:30pm

Bob Karl's Sales & Service – 6th Ave., Troy, NY



**Dear SCCA Member,**

One of the perks of an SCCA membership is access to a wide variety of product and service discounts. Have you ever browsed the member benefits section of the SCCA Web site or read about some of the featured companies in the member benefits sidebar in SportsCar? If not, you could be missing out on hundreds of dollars in savings. Since our last e-mail update, the member benefits program has continued to grow with a host of new and revised offers available for all SCCA members.

Listed below are the companies currently participating in the SCCA member benefits program. For full details of the discounts they offer and discount codes, visit [scca.com/benefits](http://scca.com/benefits).



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SCCA Announces New Membership Drive Contest

TOPEKA, Kan. (March 12, 2010) – Introducing new members to SCCA has never been more lucrative to current SCCA faithful, with the new SCCA Membership Drive and Contest. There are two parts to the contest, one for individual members and one for Regions.

“Membership is the lifeblood of our organization, and current SCCA members and Regions now have some great additional incentives to bring new members in, and possibly welcome some old friends back to the organization,” SCCA VP of Member and Region Services Colan Arnold said.

For each new member referral, SCCA members now receive \$10 in “SCCA Gold.” This form of new SCCA currency can be applied toward membership dues, licensing fees, merchandise or event entry fees through the SCCA National office (such as Tire Rack National Solo events, the Runoffs or the Convention). There is no limit to the amount of SCCA Gold a member can accrue and it will automatically be credited to the membership record of the member.

Additionally, for each new member referral, a member’s name will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing. The awards are as follows:

First Place: Skip Barber Racing School

Second Place: \$1,500 Tire Rack Gift Certificate

Third Place: \$500 SCCA Merchandise Gift Certificate

Regions are eligible for rewards based on an overall increase in their total membership and their membership retention rate. Region goals are set at a growth rate of two percent and a retention rate of 80 percent annually.

Rewards Rewards are offered for four levels of success:

Level One: Achievement of two percent growth: Region receives \$20 in SCCA Gold for each member (Individual and SafeRacer First Gear) and \$30 in SCCA Gold per Family Membership above the 2009 membership levels in each category.

Level Two: Achievement of two percent growth and 80 percent retention: Same SCCA Gold amounts as Level One, plus a discount of five percent on all 2011 event sanction fees (excluding insurance and late fees).

Level Three: Achievement of 10 percent growth and 80 percent retention: Same SCCA Gold amounts as Level One, plus a discount of 10 percent on all 2011 event sanction fees (excluding insurance and late fees).

Level Four: Achievement of 20 percent growth and 80 percent retention: Same SCCA Gold amounts as Level One, plus a discount of 15 percent on all 2011 event sanction fees (excluding insurance and late fees).

The top 10 referring members and top 10 Regions in new member and retention percentage will be recognized monthly in Inside Line and SportsCar Magazine. To be eligible for the member rewards, a member must be in good standing through December 31, 2010. Regions must also be in good standing to be eligible for rewards.

An individual is recognized as a “new” member if they have never previously belonged to SCCA or have not been a member in the six months prior to the date of the new membership. A new member with a corresponding family or spouse membership counts only as one new membership for the contest.

New members may join one of two ways, either online or through a mail-in or fax-in form. Online, applicants may click on the “Join Now” button at [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com) <<http://www.scca.com/>> and submit the online application. To obtain a paper form or membership brochure, contact SCCA's Member Services Department at (800) 770-2055. For a current member to receive credit for the Membership Drive and Contest, the new member must include the referring members name and membership number on either the online application or the mail/fax-in form.

Full details of the Membership Drive and Contest are available at [http://www.scca.com/documents/membership/SCCA Membership Contest Rules R3.pdf](http://www.scca.com/documents/membership/SCCA%20Membership%20Contest%20Rules%20R3.pdf) <<http://www.scca.com/documents/membership/SCCA%20Membership%20Contest%20Rules%20R3.pdf>>.

## ***MORE NEWS from National***

### **First Solo Tour of 2010 Draws Record-Breaking Numbers**

**CECIL, Ga. (March 15, 2010)** –The 2010 Tire Rack® SCCA Solo National Tour officially opened this past weekend, with record-breaking participation headlining the Dixie National Tour.

Nearly 300 entries arrived at South Georgia Motorsports Park to open the Solo National Tour on a pair of courses designed by Dixie Region member Robert Lewis.

The Lewis-designed course blended transition maneuvers, including slalom sections and offset gates, with hairpin turns and a fast sweeper. The courses made use of the available space in the South Georgia Motorsports Park paddock, a multi-use facility that hosts drag races and oval track events, in addition to its fourth year hosting a Solo National Tour event.

While the weather was cool and breezy for most of the weekend, it was clear that competitors were ready to break the winter doldrums and get back behind the wheel. Among the Southeast Division participants in their home event were competitors from New York, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Missouri, Texas and Washington, which helped the Dixie Tour event become the largest Solo event in the history of the Southeast Division.

After a Friday night barbecue, timed sessions began on Friday morning. Not only was H Stock the largest class, but it had the closest margin of victory on the weekend. Jack Burns, of Hamilton, Ohio, drove a brand-new 2010 JB Racewheels Mini Cooper to a 0.045-second win over 17 competitors, including fellow Mini driver Joe Austin. Burns earned the win after Austin ever-so-lightly bumped a cone near the end of his run, resulting in a two-second penalty which covered the final gap.

The Street Touring® Sport class featured 16 drivers and was capped by Dave Montgomery, of St. Louis, Mo., in a 1988 Honda CRX Si. Montgomery topped co-driver Marc Osgood, of Simpsonville, S.C., by 0.166-second.

Multi-time National Champion Matthew Braun, of Northville, Mich., won the Super Stock class by 3.398 seconds in his 2007 PowerPlug Lotus Elise. Past champion Elliott Harvey, of Wesley Chapel, Fla., won the C Street Prepared class with the oldest car competing in the class, his 1966 Bos Dynotune and Chassis Shop Datsun 2000 – proving once again that Harvey and the Datsun are a formidable driver/car combination.

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The newest SCCA Solo class, Street Touring R, was launched at the Dixie Tour as a national supplemental class to 13 competitors, making it one of the largest classes in the field. Veteran national competitor Tommy Pulliam, of Duluth, Ga., won the class by 1.975 seconds in his 2006 WJCo Honda S200. While the S2000 appears to be the base line for the class, claiming the top three positions, the hunt is already on for a competitor. Included in this weekend's event was a stock Mazda MX-5 that is being developed for the class through a partnership with Tire Rack and Grassroots Magazine. Chris Harvey finished eighth in the car, which was picked up on Friday with less than 500 miles on the odometer to serve as the baseline for modifications.

Preparations are already underway for the Texas National Tour, which takes place this weekend at Mineral Wells Airport.

For full results from the Dixie National Tour and more information on all upcoming Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Tour events, visit [www.scca.com/solo](http://www.scca.com/solo) <<http://www.scca.com/solo>>.



*Matthew Braun captured the Super Stock class at the Tire Rack SCCA Solo National tour opener. Credit: Grassroots Motorsports*



# March Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2010

**Treasurer:** Chip Van Slyke reported \$4800.37 in expenses (primarily Monticello PDX track deposit) and \$400 income (membership dues).

**Knock Off:** Publication of the Knock Off is late this month by a couple of days. The publisher has had unscheduled family activities that needed to be attended to.

**Solo:** The recently scheduled rally cross in Pittsfield was canceled due to weather conditions. The unexpected recent warm temperatures reduced the ice thickness on Onota Lake.

Russ has been in contact with the Clifton Park Mall. The site will not be available this year due to construction. The Adirondack Community College site may also not be available this year. The site is being used by the College's motorcycle safety school. Russ is working with the College to try to work out a schedule.

**Road Racing:** The spring Tech Inspection party will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Bob Karl's shop, 2791 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Troy. Start time is 12:30 pm.

Jack Hanifan reminded competitors that at the completion of a race they should check the results to make certain there are no errors, all members should confirm that the region they have on record is Mo Hud, and that competitors have 30 minutes following the race to file a protest.

**Membership:** Dave Wachtel reported that the Region had two new members in the past month both expressing interest in Solo. Dave distributed a number of Membership Anniversary SCCA pins. A discussion on how new members learn about the Region's activities as well as get on the email list to obtain the Knockoff ensued. Dave explained that he contacts new members and puts them in touch with Region representatives for info on their areas of interest, e.g., Solo, Road Racing. Additionally, National provides email addresses of new members to Dave, who shares them with Lisa so that she can add them to the list of individuals who receive the electronic version of the Knock Off. Any members that have not provided email addresses to National or to Lisa can access the Knock Off at the Mo Hud web page.

**Activities:** No report. Though, Jack asked the membership to present any ideas they may have to the Activities Director.

**Old Business:** Jack encouraged Chief of Specialties, as well as all other interested members, to attend the upcoming Roundtable in NJ. Mo Hud will pick up one night's lodging and the registration fee (which includes a couple of meals).

The Monticello PDX is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. A track inspection will be required prior to the school. Rich Alexander expressed an interest in participating in the track inspection process.

The Saratoga Auto Museum Car Show is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. Interested members should contact Tom Campbell for more info.

**New Business:** None

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.*

## MoHud Board Meeting March 3. 2010

Attending: Jack Hanifan, Russ Burckhard, Chip VanSlyke, Dave Wachtel, Ron Bass

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Chip Van Slyke.

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Solo/Rally Cross

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Competition

The MoHud national race is scheduled for Lime Rock Park, May 14-15.

The Tech Party is scheduled at Bob Karl's for March 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm.

Activities

No report.

Membership

No report.

New Business

- Banquet Elks Club is already booked for the season.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

## NEDiv Roundtable NNJR

The 2010 Roundtable was held March 12-14th in Florham Park, NJ and was accorded high praise for the hotel and the great food.

They held session that had something to please everyone. Mo-Hud had 5 upstate members and 2 local Jersey members there representing our region. We all had a really good time and our own Tom Campbell operated the NEDiv show with very good results. Jack Hanifan did the Council voting for Mo-Hud and held a division meeting and also helped with awards and trophies, a busy man, our RE.

This Roundtable was well set up and handled by our friends of NNJR. My thanks to them and our region members who made this event so memorable to me, thanks!

***Roly Heacox.***

# SOLO SOLO SOLO

## **SOLO Report** by Russ Burckhard

### **April 2010 Report**

The Rally Cross on Onota Lake on February 28<sup>th</sup> did not happen. While the ice was thick enough, all of the water from the rain leading up to the event was too much. Dave Kosla had made the call to cancel the event on the Friday prior to the event. I have to commend Dave for all of his efforts that he put in to get this event to almost happen. It is unfortunate that his efforts never made it to reality

This year's 2010 Roundtable on March 12-14 was put on by the Northern New Jersey Region down at the Hamilton Park Hotel & Convention Center in Florham Park, NJ. I rode down with Eric Smith and met up with a few other Mohud members. Jack Hanifan, Roly Heacox, Tom Campbell, John Sheridan and D.J. McArdle. Eric, D.J., and myself sat in on a PDX seminar that added a lot of insight as to what we will need for our event this fall. We also sat in a Division improvement seminar hosted by Jack and then a flagger and steward seminar. It was a little disappointing that there were not any SOLO related seminars, but it was nice to learn about flagging and to put in my two cents on the divisional meeting issues. While there Jeff Dahnert, The SCCA President, spoke about an upcoming feature that will be on the SCCA website. "What can I do with my car". You plug in your car and it gives you an idea where it can compete. You plug in your zip code and it will tell you where you can compete. It will also link to the website of the nearest region.

Some interesting statistics; There were 89,000 SOLO competitors nationally. The northeast has one of the largest SOLO communities. Only 15% of the competitors in the northeast have a SOLO Safety Stewards license. We are in need of more safety stewards. There is a three year SSS license available. Last year there were around a thousand SOLO events. Out of these events there were around 60 incidents. Around 40 of them were on course, 15 in paddock or grid, and less than 10 involved workers. If we increase the number of Safety Stewards, I would bet that the number of incidents would go down.

On the local SOLO front, I received some good and bad news from one of our sites. Adirondack Community College has agreed to four weekends for this year. The bad news is that the small new lot is now designated for motorcycle training and is not available for our use.

### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**April 24-25 - ACC**

**May 8 test and tune at Seneca**

**May 23 - ACC**

**May 29-30 NE Divisional Championship Solo -  
hosted by WDC Region - FedEx Field in Landover Maryland**

**June 6 - tbd**

**June 27 - tbd**

**July 11-12 Seneca National Tour (FLR)**

**July 24-25 - tbd**

**August 22 - tbd**

**September 11 Adirondack Corvette Club at Prospect**

**September 19 - ACC**

**October 3 - ACC**