

## Kart Night another Success!



Hail, hail, the gang's all here!



### Team McClumpha

Team McClumpha members L to R:  
Greg Rickes, Trish Bucci, Anthony  
Bucci, and Jim Bucci pay tribute to  
Dave McClumpha.

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# RE **REPORT**

August report from Jack Hanifan

August has been an active month for our non racing activities; the Go Kart night and the Golf outing. Pete Smith did a great job asking Dick Stewart to arrange these activities which Dick did well.

I was really happy to see the number of kids at the Go Kart night.

The Golf outing was fantastic for the 16 who participated. The course was in great shape and the food was excellent. 4<sup>th</sup> place went to Tom Campbell, Bob Stevens, John Sheridan and Leigh Favita with a 42. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to Dick Stewart, Bob Stewart, Carol Stewart and Jack Hanifan with a 41, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Thom O'Connor, Tim Stewart, Dennis Curley and Mike Larrimer with a 34. First Place went to Pete Smith, Doug Robertson, Dennis Almasi and Frank Zalucki with a 32 including an Eagle on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole. Congratulations to Pete for assembling an all-star team including Frank who is rumored to be a professional left handed golfer from Florida.

## COMPETITION REPORT

### Sept 2010 Competition Report

#### 2010 Mohawk Hudson Club Racing Championship

It is that time of year again; we will be presenting T-shirts to every driver who enters. The rules are: you can count any 5 SCCA races; they can be Nationals, Regional's, Pro or enduros. If you are in an enduro you must have actually driven in the race. **Mohawk Hudson Region Races count double.** Points are awarded for races as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>-20, 2<sup>nd</sup> 15, 3<sup>rd</sup> -12, 4<sup>th</sup> - 10, 5<sup>th</sup>-8, 6<sup>th</sup>-6, 7<sup>th</sup>-4, 8<sup>th</sup>-2 and 9<sup>th</sup> and higher -1. In addition you receive one point for every car in your class that you beat. Your best 5 races should be totaled. One race per sanction Number. Remember you could conceivably win one race and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in another but the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish could be worth more points if the field was larger. The races had to be run in 2010 and you have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to submit you points to me at [JackHanifan@hotmail.com](mailto:JackHanifan@hotmail.com).

#### Pocono National

The Pocono National was not well attended but those Mohud members who participated did well. FP- Jack Hanifan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Campbell 3<sup>rd</sup>. SM- Charlie Campbell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Enduro ITB-2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Austin and Bob Smart, HRG Regional-HRG1- Hillary Erin Graff 1<sup>st</sup>, Kim Graff and Mitchell Ware both dnf's. Miatas and Friends Regional- SM-Al Smith 1<sup>st</sup>, SSM- Jack Hanifan 1<sup>st</sup>.

I was not there until Sunday so I did not see the Enduro or HRG races but on Sunday it started to rain halfway through the Production race which enabled me to look decent on the Toyos while the other guys were on slicks. Tom retired after 10 laps because of the visibility in his open car. Charlie had a good race with his 2<sup>nd</sup> despite making a quick pit stop to get his transmission out of 5<sup>th</sup>. Al and I had a great race in the rain, I thought Al passed me at the finish line but the results had me in front, it did not make any difference we were in different classes and had a great time.



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New York-Penn  
Blood Services Region



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

# **DRIVERS**

Volunteer Drivers provide a critical service as they transport blood from area blood drives, deliver blood to hospitals, and make shuttle runs between the centers in the Region. American Red Cross vehicles are provided, however, reimbursement is given if a personal vehicle is used. Centers are located in Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Utica, and *Albany*. Time commitment and schedule are flexible based on driver's availability and interest. Driver-Navigator couples are welcome.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SCCA Runoffs to be Live Online Again in 2010



TOPEKA, Kan. (Aug. 6, 2010) – Sports Car Club of America, Inc. announced today that the 2010 SCCA National Championship Runoffs Presented by Subway will again have all 24 races broadcast live world wide, on the Internet through SpeedcastTV.com.

For the second-straight year, anyone with an Internet connection will be able to catch the drama as the best amateur road racers in North America fight for the coveted National Championship in a one race, winner-take-all event that has often been referred to as the “Olympics” of motorsports. After four days of qualifying, some 650 drivers are expected to fight for Championships in 28 different classes at Road America, Sept. 24-26.

“The feedback from the 2009 event coverage was tremendous and we committed to continue the relationship with Speedcast before the year was out,” SCCA VP of Marketing & Communications Eric Prill said. “As a collective group, we’re taking our experience and putting it toward improving the overall product and its delivery.”

The biggest change will be the expansion to two announce crews. Sports car racing fans will recognize the familiar voices of veteran Runoffs announcers Greg Creamer, Dorsey Schroeder, Jim Tretow and John Bisignano throughout the broadcast. Current Runoffs racer Bart Wolf joins as the fifth member of the broadcast team and will work the booth as an analyst alongside Creamer.

“We’re thrilled to have such experienced, knowledgeable and entertaining personalities to call the Runoffs action,” Prill said. “Last year, we put a lot of pressure on one announce team to do all 24 races. They rose to that challenge, but with two teams, and the experience these gentlemen bring to the program, we know the 2010 broadcast will be a memorable one.”

From a technical standpoint, the broadcasts will move to the Adobe® Flash® format, making it easier than ever for fans to view the action, be it on a PC or Macintosh operating system.

“I’m thrilled to offer the SCCA Runoffs on SpeedcastTV for the second year in a row,” Speedcast Productions President Clark Cambern said. “The Runoffs live webcast was our most popular show in 2009, and we’ve been working hard with our partners at the SCCA to ensure that this year’s coverage is even better.”

As was the case in 2009, all 24 races will be aired live through SpeedcastTV.com beginning Friday, Sept. 24 and concluding Saturday, Sept. 26. In the weeks following the live broadcasts, each race will be posted to the Speedcast site for free On Demand viewing. Finally, a full DVD set of the races will again be available later in the year.

The 2009 SCCA National Championship Runoffs races are still available at [www.speedcasttv.com/scca](http://www.speedcasttv.com/scca). That same page will go live with the 2010 event Friday, Sept. 24 at 8:15 a.m. (Central).



# Mohawk Hudson Region SCCA PDX 9.24.10

## Monticello Motor Club, Monticello NY

### Held under the SCCA Time Trial Rules Sanction # 10-PDX-1245-S

**Cost: -SCCA Members \$250**

**Temporary SCCA Membership \$15.00+ All prices are Per Driver.**

**FULL COURSE TRACK being used.** This will be the last opportunity to drive the full course. Next year there will be no rentals to clubs.

Mail completed application with **copy of SCCA card and check made out to "Mohud SCCA"** to:

Mohud SCCA PDX c/o Ron Bass 308 West Highland Drive Schenectady, NY 12303

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED PRIOR TO ENTRY DATES WILL BE DISCARDED

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Print Clearly or Type EMAIL Address Below – Acceptance Notification and Registration Instructions will be sent by EMAIL Only. If the info below is not readable, the application will be discarded.*

SCCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime # of track days: \_\_\_\_\_ total # of days @ Monticello : \_\_\_\_\_ # of track days last 24 months \_\_\_\_\_

Classify Yourself (Circle One):      Novice                      Intermediate                      Experienced                      Advanced

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Modifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions/Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Terms/Conditions:** This is not a racing school but rather a high performance driving school on a race circuit under close supervision by instructors. You will be taught the fine art of car control and fundamentals of vehicle dynamics. You will be able to learn the capabilities of your car and improve your driving skills at speeds that are not permitted on public roads. All drivers will be instructed on safety regulations, and general etiquette on the track. In addition to the "Pre-Event Safety Inspection" which the driver is required to have performed, an "On-Site Safety Inspection" will be performed prior to the event. A confirmation notice that explains the Safety Inspection requirements will be sent to you approximately 3 – 4 weeks before the event and after registration and payment are received and accepted.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY:**

- To participate, each driver must be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license that is not suspended or revoked.  
**DRIVER'S LICENSE WILL BE CHECKED DURING TRACK REGISTRATION.**
- All drivers must have a helmet which is SNELL rated 1995, 2000, 2005, SA or M.
- Convertibles subject to instructor availability, and must have an SCCA approved Roll bar or roll cage
- All vehicles must meet SCCA PDX rules. Production based vehicles outside of the rules, allowed in Advanced and instructor group only.  
No Tube frame or Open wheel cars allowed..
- Seatbelts: Equivalent restraints must be provided for driver and passenger. Factory seatbelts and 5 or 6 point harnesses with anti-submarine belts are permitted. 4 point harnesses are permitted on the driver and passenger sides, if factory seatbelts are also available for use on the driver and passenger sides, at the Instructor's discretion. All types must use metal to metal buckles, be in sound condition and must be mounted using the factory mounting points and/or be mounted per the SCCA General Competition Rules.
- No SUVs/SAVs, vans, trucks, limos, open wheeled cars or any inappropriate vehicles permitted.
- All cancellations will be assessed a \$25 fee. **NO REFUND** for cancellations **14 days or less** before the event.
- The Mohud Region SCCA reserves the right to reject any applicant on event day, due to failing safety inspection, inappropriate vehicle (e.g., van, limo, truck, etc.), or for any reason pertinent to the safety of the school and participants of the school..
- The Mohud SCCA PDX School staff makes all final run group decisions.
- Any incident involving your vehicle, where damage occurs or injury occurs, the SCCA, Mohud Region SCCA, event organizers, event instructors, and/or Monticello Motor club shall not be held liable. If in doubt request clarification before applying.

**SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION IS YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**??????Questions??????**

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# SOLO SOLO SOLO

## SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

### September 2010 Report

Well it has been over a month since I announced that we will be using the Fortitech site at the Schenectady Airport and I still get giddy at the thought of being there for our September event. Bert Huiest and I took another ride there to get some final measurements so he can put up one of the best courses that we have seen in the local area in years. Now don't get me wrong. Bert always puts together great courses, but he has really been limited on what he can do due to site limitations. This site takes away most of those limits and will let him work some of the same magic that can be seen at Divisional and National level events.

The other ACC event that had to be rescheduled for October has been done. We will be at Wilton Mall for the season finale. I have just received the contract from the Mall. Once it is signed and returned, we will be all set. By the time you read this, it will all have been taken care of. Despite a few setbacks this season, we were still able to keep the schedule full.

If you remember, last month was the National Tour out at Seneca Army Depot. Something happened there that made me very happy. As some of you know, my wife (Tracey) and kids made the trip out with me. While it somewhat rare for my wife to come out to our events mostly because of the distance from our house, Tracey actually spent a good amount of the day at the event watching most of the MoHuders take their runs before going back to the hotel so the boys could go swimming. During her time at the event, she was having fun. She was watching and cheering on all of the competitors from our region. She was also talking to a bunch of different people under the tent most notably Sue Cuda. During these talks, Tracey got the urge to try an event again. It had been about 10 years since the last time she wore a helmet inside of a car. This duration of time was not without my constant nagging to get her to try it again or at least to go for a ride with me. Between the Tour and our next local event it was a little weird. Every time we went somewhere in the car she would ask me questions about how to drive at an autocross. The timing could not have been better for her to try again. Our next event was a test and tune / school. Unfortunately something came up and she had to leave before getting a chance to drive. The next day she made another attempt. I asked Bruce Kosakoski if he would ride with her and give her some instruction. He did a great job keeping her on course, improving her driving, and keeping her interested in competing. She is looking forward to the next couple of events. Whether she will stay with it is yet to be determined, but I can only hope that she will.

The weekend of July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the McCarty Ave lot was the date of our last event. All I can say was "wow that was fun". It was a great weekend. We were met Saturday with an eager group of students. Some were with us for the first time and others have been with us for a while. By the end of the day, times were dropping by leaps and bounds. It is a great feeling to see that what you are teaching is getting through to the student and is making a difference in how they are driving which is visible on the time sheets. The course that Bert had set up had a good mix of technical elements. We tried something new this time. We marked the important cones with blue tape. It was an eye opening



experience to the students to see just how many cones do not really matter when picking out the proper line to drive. The teaching methods we used seemed to be a big hit and we will continue these in the future.

Sunday's event had 43 drivers competing. Most of the ones from Saturday returned to put their newly gained knowledge to use. At the fast end of the time sheet, there was a battle for the top spot. There were 4 drivers that were trying to have the **Fastest Time of the Day**. When all of the runs were done Eric Smith topped the chart followed by myself, Bert Huiest, and Will Schambach by a difference of about a half a second. We all got 6 runs. My attempts to get a seventh run and another shot at the FTD were quickly shot down. That was okay because as good as Eric was running, he probably would have just increased the gap.

### Upcoming events;

**August 22 - Wilton Mall**

**September 11 - Adirondack Corvette club at Prospect**

**September 19 - Fortitech (at the Schenectady Airport)**

**October 3 - ACC Wilton Mall**

## Team McClumpha

By Jim Bucci

My son, Anthony, wanted to remember Dave McClumpha in a special way at the MoHud go-kart night and we thought the t-shirts were a great idea. The front of the shirt has a picture of Dave and the back says "Team McClumpha. Anthony always looked forward to our go-kart nights, not just for the fun of riding the karts, but because Dave always had some friendly chat and an interesting story of the "old days" of MoHud to tell him about. Team McClumpha members L to R: Jim, Anthony, and Trish Bucci.



# Night Out for MoHud!



MoHud's Kart Night Out attracted all the usual suspects!!





All winners, these future MoHud racers had a great time. L-R Colleen and Bob Karl Jr.'s son, Evan, Andy and Jill Stewart's boys, Jacob and Gregory, Ernie and Kay Riggi's grandson, Lucas Riggi, Russ' sons Gregory and Johnathon Burckhard, Jim Buccis son, Anthony, and Cassidy Karl. They all had a great "night out" as their smiles show!





Will the next generation of racers be more of the feminine persuasion? Bob Karl Jr. with daughter Cassidy and Chip Van Slyke with his daughter Marisol enjoyed the fun.



Let the games begin!



Grandpa Gene Tricozzi gets grandson Jacob ready for a spin on the track!



Evan Karl takes a break from the action.



Russ Burckhard's son Gregory takes the corner with determination.



Johnathon Burckhard noses out Anthony Bucci as they both try for better position..

Russ Burckhard, his son Gregory, and Evan and Cassidy Karl give Jack Hanifan the blow by blow after the go karts finished.





Competition was stiff as always!



The Riggi family from left to right, Jennifer, Debbie, Kay, and friend Dick Stewart join Ernie and grandson Lukas for an evening of fun on kart night!

## Golf outing enjoyed by all attendees!



Above, Thom O'Connor gives the guys at the table a few pointers. Discussion is always lively!



Left, Doug Robertson, Pete Smith, Pete's friend from FL Dennis Almasi and Frank Zalucki took time to pose for a group shot.



John Sheridan, Leigh Favita, Doug Robertson & Bob Stevens enjoy after golf refreshments.

Below, Dennis Curley and Tom Campbell exchange the details of their games.



Tim Stewart, Mike Larimer, Dennis Curley, and Thom O'Connor pose before tee off.



Jack Hanifan, Bob Stewart, Carol Stewart and Dick Stewart pause for a photo.



Thom O'Connor and Mike Larimer have smiles for the camera.

# Monthly Membership Report 08-17-2010

New member report 08/17/10. From: 06/27/10 to: 08/17/10.

**Please welcome these new members to the region.**

Name	Joined	City	State	Comm.
Ryan Bowman	07/18/10	Buskirk	NY	
Gregory Burckhard	07/22/10	Schenectady	NY	
Johnathon Burckhard	07/22/10	Schenectady	NY	
Tracey Burckhard	07/22/10	Schenectady	NY	
John H. VanDenburgh	07/29/10	Scotia	NY	

**Interests report generated on: 08-17-10**

## CLUB RACING

John H. VanDenburgh    Scotia                    NY

## Anniversary Report generated on: 08-17-10

Name	Joined on	Years
<b>August</b>		
Jeff Gorss	08/13/90	20.0
Peggy Gorss	08/13/90	20.0
James A. Neese	08/23/90	20.0
David W. Lucier	08/31/95	15.0
Sheelah Lucier	08/31/95	15.0
Alex Shchipkov	08/03/00	10.1
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Dan J. Grogan	08/18/05	5.0
Paul F. Kovacs	08/04/05	5.1
<b>September</b>		
David McClumpha	09/01/60	50.1 (Dave is sorely missed)
Les Apple	09/28/95	15.0
Alan Lendrum	09/19/05	5.0
Herbert Sodher	09/26/05	5.0

**There are 333 members in the region.**

## Membership Report

My development machine is up and running without any problems - whew!

New members in this report are either family members of existing Mo-Hudders or returning members. There were a lot of conversions this time from individual/spouse to family. There were a couple of address changes for people moving out of the region.

The membership is down to 333 members from 347. This seems a bit odd. I visited a couple of solo events and that were well attended by people that I've not met, a number of which applied for temporary membership that they were going to convert into regular membership. I've also been contacted by two people who were interested in joining the region and running Solo events.

I suspect that some of this decline is the result of people moving out of the area and joining their new local region when renewing their membership.

## Webmasters Report

It's been quiet on the web front for awhile with the exception of updates to the PDX information from DJ. If you have notices of events or other content for the web you need to send it to me (obviously). I particularly would like to get new photos from solo and race events. Show off your car on our web site.

It seems that there was a brief server outage over the weekend. Everything seems to be back up and running again though.

**Dave Wachtel**

**Webmaster/Membership Chair**