

MoHud RE & Area 10 Director attend SCCA Runoffs at Road America

MoHud RE Jack Hanifan and SCCA Area 10 Director John Sheridan attended the National Runoffs at Road America in late Sept. The week long runoffs proved very exciting and well worth the long trip. Jack managed to make an excursion trip out of the drive by visiting Notre Dame, Cellular Field for a ball game and the UP (Upper Peninsula) of Michigan for a great sightseeing journey. Check the latest issue of Sports Car for all the results.



Earl Hurlbut, John Sheridan. Jim Sheridan, and Jack Hanifan enjoy some R&R after the day's race activities at Road America.

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RE REPORT

from Jack Hanifan

2010 November

The season is rapidly coming to an end, Solo and Road Racing Championships have been determined and drivers are planning their 2011 seasons. Some important things remain, however. Dick Stewart is heading the nominating committee and is looking to field a full slate of officers for next year, if you have any interest please contact him. He will present his report at the November 3, 2010 meeting at the Orchard Tavern. . Since we did not have an October KnockOff, I want to personally thank DJ McCardle for chairing a very successful PDX at Monticello. He managed to have a financial surplus but more importantly put on a premier event and exposed MoHud to a whole new audience. I would also like to thank the Patroon Chapter of the BMW C for their help.

The region will have to make a decision about our race at LRP soon, please attend the November meeting if you have any ideas.

Annual Meeting- Our Annual Meeting and Year-End Banquet is scheduled for Saturday December 4th at the Troy Elks Club- Thanks to BPOE member Dick Stewart we will have an excellent room and a very attractive price- \$20 for Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken. At this price I hope we have a record number of attendees.

COMPETITION REPORT

2010 November Competition Report

The Racing season is over (except for Pete, Wayne, Thom and Dave in Florida). The Annual meeting is less than two months away and time for our Annual Awards and the Mohawk Hudson Regional Racing Championship.

Annual Awards- We traditionally give awards for- "Paul Hacker" Driver of the Year & Rookie of the Year. We also present the Dave Riggi Memorial Award- This award is for someone who has assisted other competitors during the year. Driver of the Year can either be a National or Regional driver. The Rookie of the Year is a driver who started the season competing on a Novice Permit. We also honor those drivers who have won a Divisional or Regional Championship. If you want to nominate any driver for any of these awards, send me an email to me, jackhanifan@hotmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

SAT. - DEC. 4TH

ANNUAL YEAR-END MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET

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ANNUAL YEAR-END MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, December 4th

Troy Elks Club

134 North Greenbush Rd, (RTE. 4) Troy, NY
(just south of HVCC)

6:30 Cocktails - 7:30 Dinner

\$20 Adults -

Children's meal (8 & under) no charge

Dinner choices of

Stuffed Chicken or Prime Rib

Vegetarian Meal on request will be chef's choice

RSVP BY FRIDAY, NOV. 26TH

(day after Thanksgiving) to

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SCCA Seeks Member of Excellence Nominations

TOPEKA, Kan. (October 7, 2010) – Sports Car Club of America is seeking nominations for the third annual Member of Excellence award to be presented at the 2011 SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas.

The winner of the award will be the member who provides a great contribution in the previous 12 months to the Club overall, regardless of competition area, as selected by the SCCA Board of Directors. The recipient can be involved in Solo, Rally or Club Racing, and should personify the SCCA volunteer as a person who gives his or her time and effort to creating or operating a successful motorsports event.

This year's recipient will join previous winners Carol Cohn (2008, St. Louis Region) and Dave Deborde (2009, Reno Region) in being recognized for outstanding service.

The 2010 Member of Excellence award winner will be given a trip to any motorsports event, anywhere in the world, with any sanctioning body. The award is funded by a 20-year private endowment by an SCCA member.

Nominees shall have a minimum of five years of service with SCCA events and may not be a paid SCCA staff member, current Board of Directors member or any member who is a paid consultant to SCCA.



Dave Deborde (left) receives the 2009 Member of Excellence award from SCCA President/CEO Jeff Dahnert.

Credit: Philip Royale

Nominees should be submitted to president@scca.com or faxed to the attention of the SCCA President at (785) 232-7228. Nominations must be received by close of business November 31, 2010 for consideration.



For Immediate Release

Autographed Runoffs Backdrop On Ebay, Proceeds To Charity

TOPEKA, Kan. (Oct. 11, 2010) – The 2010 SCCA National Championship Runoffs Presented by Subway podium backdrop, signed by every 2010 Runoffs National Champion, is now being auctioned off with proceeds going to the SCCA Foundation.

To bid on this one-of-a-kind keepsake, visit www.ebay.com and enter item number: 150505642016 or simply click the following link: <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=150505642016>

The 14x8-foot printed backdrop features the event logo, the SCCA logo and each of SCCA's official partner logos on a checkered background. Following technical inspection at the Sept. 24-26, 2010 event, when the class winners were declared, this particular backdrop was used for the final photographs. Afterward, each Championship-winning driver signed the backdrop in permanent ink.

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the SCCA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Educational Foundation arm of Sports Car Club of America that funds a variety of programs, most notably the Tire Rack SCCA Street Survival safe teen driving initiative.

The auction ends Oct. 18 at 5:37 p.m. (Eastern). Any sale is final.

RACING NOTES FROM MEMBERS

LRP NARRC Runoffs

Report from Adam Figarsky who started 14th in SM and finished 6th. Other results were not provided.

FROM: morgan@synapsemotorsport.com

I completed the 2010 World Challenge Touring Car season and finished the championship in 3rd.

Monthly Membership Report 10/06/2010

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

Please welcome these new members to the region.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
Jesse Robert Cole	08/27/10	Albany	NY
Christopher Cossey	09/04/10	Schenectady	NY
Patricia M. Fagan	08/29/10	Altamont	NY
Dylan Peter Murcott	09/23/10	Ancram	NY
Deborah Spurgas	10/04/10	Ballston Lake	NY
Paul Edward Spurgas	10/04/10	Charlton	NY
Cody Rrobert Cutting	09/19/10	Moriah	NY

There were 7 records printed.

Interests report generated on: 10/06/10.

Club Racing

Jesse Robert Cole	Albany	NY
Christopher Cossey	Schenectady	NY
Patricia M. Fagan	Altamont	NY
Dylan Peter Murcott	Ancram	NY
Deborah Spurgas	Ballston Lake	NY
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Pro Racing

Dylan Peter Murcott	Ancram	NY
Cody Robert Cutting	Moriah	NY

There were 9 records printed.

Anniversary Report generated on: 10/06/10

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined on</u>	<u>Years</u>
	September	
David McClumpha	09/01/60	50
Les Apple	09/28/95	15
Alan Lendrum	09/19/05	5
Herbert Sodher	09/26/05	5
	October	
K. L. Danneil	10/01/65	45
Benny Sangiorgi	10/12/90	20
Lorraine Sangiorgi	10/12/90	20
Philip LePore	10/04/95	15

The membership count has remained static for the last two months. Hopefully the member count will trend upward in the future.

Our late friend Dave McClumpha had his fiftieth anniversary last month. It would have been fun to celebrate this milestone with him and hoist a few in celebration. Sadly we can only remember the good times we had, the stories of the early days of MoHud he recounted so well, and the many years of service he unselfishly gave to the region for all of those years. RIP Dave.

I would like to thank Dick Stewart for volunteering to contact members who have not renewed. This will give us some feedback on why people leave the region and what we can do to improve our programs and retain members.

Webmasters Report

It's been an eventful couple of weeks.

The website had been going down occasionally for unknown reasons. I was also having trouble uploading pages via my web management/editing software. Oddly enough my FTP client (Filezilla) worked just fine. Our internet provider, Krusty Motorsports (Rich Welty) was on the job immediately looking into the problems. Intermittent faults like this are difficult to diagnose. The problem suddenly got worse and the server failed to such an extent that it would not even "post". On 09/27/10, Richard and I went to the network operations center (NOC) and swapped out the server for one that worked. Later Richard determined that there were two hardware problems on the server: a failing disk drive and failing memory.

Then the new server failed during NARRC runoffs weekend for which Richard was tech chief. Richard was on top of the new problem which was determined to be a failed drive. He switched out the drives and the server is back up and reliable again. He also had to renew our domain name registration, do actually work and so his plate was pretty full.

Richard is preparing newer hardware to replace the current server hardware and it is undergoing stress testing. This will be a robust and more efficient solution and the newer hardware should give good service for a long time to come.

Kudos to Richard for addressing these issues in a timely manner and putting in all of this extra effort to keep our (and other regions) sites up and running with no loss of data. So thanks is owed to Richard for keeping our site up and running.

Another plus is now the upload functionality of my web development software works again.

The **NEDIV Mini-Con in Rochester NY, Nov. 12-14, 2010** is approaching. There are links to two press releases and the registration form on our home page.

There are also new links to some new solo photos and videos.

At the membership meeting some people mentioned they always go directly to the message board. The message boards are very important and informative. I would recommend that members join the board and visit it often. Members should also view our home page frequently. From time to time I get press releases or other material sent to me from other regions or National for posting and/or linking. I also occasionally find items of interest and post links on the home page. If you don't visit our home page, you may miss items of interest or importance. One of these notices was the decertification of some safety equipment. So please visit and participate in the message boards but also view our home page from time to time.

Dave Wachtel
Membership Chair/Webmaster

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SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

November 2010 Report

A lot has happened since my last report. I had a meeting with Albany Speed Shop and New Salem SAAB owner Darryl Carl. He is a nice guy that is giving the Mohud Solo community a great opportunity by donating five Albany Speed Shop Race Alignments to be given out at my discretion. Despite at least one individuals attempt to sway a certificate their way, I decided to distribute one at each of our remaining Solo events. The first winner was Phil Reddington, the second was Devon LeMoine, and the last was Nick Mastri. That left two certificates. I sent one to the Monticello PDX and DJ did a random drawing from all of the evaluations that were submitted. David Kickery was the winner of that one. So that leaves me with one. The final certificate will be given to someone at the Annual Awards Banquet to be held at the Troy Elks Club on December 4th. Every paid entry will get a ticket for a random drawing that will be held sometime during the banquet.

The August 22nd event at Wilton Mall was an interesting event. Wet is an understatement. Cars didn't need wings, they needed rudders. Only 25 entrants braved the weather for a fun filled event. For those who did not come, you missed out on a day that included nine runs. The rain is a great equalizer. Fast cars turn slow and slow cars get fast. Car control is the key. A different group of names appeared on the top of the list. DJ McArdle set the bar high and everybody tried to catch him, but he just kept getting better as he claimed the Fastest Time of the Day. Ron Carl showed how good he was and took his not real competitive car and climbed high up the time sheet. He normally does a great job in his car, but that day he was exceptional.

The annual charity event hosted by the Adirondack Corvette Club at the top of Prospect Mountain was held on September 11th. As usual, the members of the Corvette club were very happy with the way the event was put on for them. Bert Huiest designed a great course; Eric Smith took care of the timing and scoring, and Tom Moeller was instrumental in helping to get the event up and running. For me it was almost like a day off. Ray Rankins was in charge and everything went smoothly.

I am proud to report the Fortitech event went very well. I had been looking forward to this event since I had the tentative OK months ago. The event lived up to my expectations. Bert Huiest set up a course like those at the National levels. It had the elements that make a great course great. It was easy to follow, but hard to get right. There were many happy people at the end of the day. Probably all 58 that competed were happy especially due to being able to do seven runs each. The chance to do some fun runs after the event was an added bonus. It was a beautiful day. At times the clouds looked a little threatening, but it stayed dry all day. Jim Garry and his co-driver, Ken Hurd had a close battle for the top spot on the speed chart. Ken won the battle by edging Jim by .012 of a second.

While it was a great event, we had two problems that day. One of the competitor's cars broke an axle. I called Fortitech and asked their permission to leave the car overnight. They were very accommodating by allowing it to stay and were very pleased I had asked first. Fortitech was impressed with the way the event was held and that there was nothing done to the site other than what we had discussed prior to the event. Even what we had discussed was not as bad as what they had thought it would be. In lieu of a rental payment, Fortitech suggested that we make a donation to a charity of their choice. The Mohud Board of Directors unanimously approved a \$500 donation to Black Watch Premiere (<http://www.blackwatchsoccer.us/index.php>), a local soccer organization for kids. This is a charity that has caught the interest of the upper management of Fortitech. I went to Fortitech and presented the check to the President. He was very happy with everything we had done and is willing to talk to us again next year for some future events.

The other problem that day was my fault. I had forgotten to draw the winner for the Albany Speed Shop Race Alignment. I was so wrapped up with making sure everything was good with the site I just plain forgot. It was at the trophy presentation that Arne Beebe reminded me and a random drawing soon followed. I put a number for each participant on a ticket and used the final Pax list that had all of the participants finishing order on it and drew a ticket. The number on the ticket was checked to the list and Devin LeMoine was determined to be the winner. I talked to Darryl of Albany Speed Shop and apologized for my oversight and he graciously accepted my apology.

Our Final Solo event was held at Wilton Mall on October 3rd. It was a nice day that started out a little cool. It was also a lightly attended event with only 29 entrants. After a shaky start, Will Schambach showed everyone how it was done on his way to what I believe is his first FTD. Eight runs were there for the taking. Some of us could have used more runs on a mentally challenging course as 19 of the 29 drivers had at least one off course. I struggled all day by only getting three clean runs in. Jeff Grossbard and Bert Huiest made the best of the small lot with their course design and it was a nice course once you knew how to get through it.

We are now done for the season as far as events are concerned. The Solo Advisory Committee will be busy planning for next year. If anyone has any questions or concerns about this year's season, please contact me or post up on the message board.

Thanks for a great season,

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Here is a little info about Albany Speed Shop.

Do It Yourself.

Albany Speed Shop is offering Do-it-Yourself Service for any of your automobiles and trucks. You may rent a bay which includes a 7000lb lift to perform any service you would like to your automobile or truck. Special tools will be available for rental. Bring your own Parts or we can source them for you. (parts extra).

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Board Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2010

Treasurer – Chip provided a summary of last month's income and expenses.

Knock Off – Lisa's computer's hard drive had become corrupted/burned up. She has purchased a new PC and will be re-installing new software onto the new PC. The October KO was not published due to the lack of availability of a PC, but the new PC should be up and running in time for putting together and publishing the November KO.

Activities – no report.

Membership – no report.

Solo/Rally Cross – two solo events were held since the last meeting. Wilton was lightly attended, with 29 entries. Schenectady (Fortitech site) was well attended with 58 entries. A motion was made, and passed, to contribute \$500 to the Blackwatch Foundation, a soccer league for underprivileged children. This foundation is supported by Fortitech, and Mo-Hud would like to show its appreciation to the company for supporting the solo event.

PDX – while the Monticello PDX was a success with a large number of student attendees and instructors, Russ observed that there did not appear to be a great deal of support for the event from SCCA members. Jack pointed out that the PDX conflicted with the SCCA runoffs, which made it difficult for more members to actively participate.

Road Racing – Jack gave a brief report on Mo-Hud participation at the recently held Fun One at the Glen, the Runoffs, and the Last Chance race.

Old Business – upcoming banquet needs to be publicized in the next KO.

New Business – Jack provided a brief update on the upcoming MiniCon.

Nominating Committee – Dick Steward volunteered to be the chair for the upcoming officer elections.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mo Hud Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2010

Secretary – no report.

Treasurer – Chip provided a summary of October's income and expenses for the region.

Knock Off – the October edition was not published because Lisa's PC had broken. She has purchased a new PC and will be loading the publishing software onto the new computer. With the new PC operational, the November edition will be published shortly. A motion was made, and approved, to purchase the necessary publishing software for the new PC

Membership – Dave provided an update of the Regions membership, including brief summary of member anniversaries. The region presently has a total of 365 members, with 7 new members joining in the last month.

Activities – members should contact Pete Smith if they have any suggestions for Region activities for the upcoming year.

Solo/Rally Cross – the region assisted the Adirondack Corvette Club with their solo event at Prospect Mt. Mo Hud held two solo events – Fortitech (Schenectady) had 58 entries, and Wilton Mall, the final event of the season, had 29 entries. Four of the five free alignments donated by the Albany Speed Shop have been given out at the solo events. The one remaining free alignment will be raffled off at the upcoming banquet. A number of Mo Hud members attended the recent Solo Nats, including Alex and Olga Shchipkov. Alex finished 2nd, and Olga finished 1st in their respective classes.

The President of the Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club gave a brief description of their rally cross program and their upcoming event in Red Hook. Mo Hud's interest was solicited in co-sponsoring their rally cross events next year. This will be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

PDX – the recently held PDX at Monticello was a success, with 72 student entrants and 45 instructors.

Road Racing – Jack reported on the recent races held at the Glen, Lime Rock Park (NARRC Runoffs) and the National Runoffs. Dick Stewart was the NARRC Champion in Formula Vee.

SCCA Board of Director's Report – John Sheridan reported that John Walsh will be the next Area 10 Director beginning 1/1/11. The Board will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver regional/national combined events held this year in select regions ("Rational"). Rationals will continue to be issued next year on a waiver basis.

Old Business – the banquet will be held at the Troy Elks Club, the first Saturday in December. Cost will be \$25/person for prime rib.

Mini Con – the Region will cover the registration fee and one night lodging for any Mo Hud member that attends. It will be in Rochester, NY.

A motion was made, and approved, to rename the Louis Award to the Louis McClumpa Award.

The meeting was adjourned and 8:35 pm.