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RE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

April 2011 RE Report

The recent Round table at the Inn at Pocono Manor seemed to be a hit if you go by attendance. Overall it was up and there was a strong showing from Mohud. The cost of \$25 was possibly one of the reasons that the attendance was up. 10 from our region made the trip for some training. DJ McArdle, Bruce Kosakoski, and I attended a PDX Safety Steward training seminar that allowed us to get our Safety Stewards licenses. This will be extremely handy for our PDX at LimeRock on October 22nd. The other attendees were Jack Hanifan, Tom and Charlie Campbell, Rich Welty, Roly Heacox, and Todd and Nancy Boice.

Nancy, Todd, and I sat in on the registration seminar that was put on by Brian Ghidinelli from Motorsports Reg. He went over many aspects of the software and how it can be used for the events. The many options that are available for setting up events will be nice so that we can pick what we need. It also has the ability to put the info into different formats to suit what we need. Nancy was excited with all of the possibilities that could be done. It will make her job a lot easier. If there is anyone that would like to learn the process of race registration, contact Nancy I am sure she would welcome the help.

The Annual Tech party has changed its date. It is now on Sunday April 17th at Bob Karl's Sales and Service at noon. Bob's shop is located at 2791 6th Ave in Troy.

The Mohud Regional will be held at Lime Rock Park on July 2nd.

Mohawk Hudson Region Test & Tune

When: Saturday, May 7

Where: Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, NY

Cost: \$50

Number of run: Minimum of 20. Likely more.

Fun: Lots!

There is a cap of 25 entrants. Pre-registration is required.

To register or for more information contact:

Jim_Garry@Verizon.net

2011 April Competition Report Jack Hanifan

Tech Party Change - Rich Welty was not available on Saturday so the Tech Party has been moved to **Sunday April 17th at Bob Karl's Sales and Service**. Start time is Noon, as usual; the club will provide hotdogs and beverages. If you have something you would like to bring, feel free to do so. Check your belts now for their expiration date and bring your helmet and suit so you can receive a 2011 helmet sticker.

New classes for 2011-In addition to STL, NER and NARRC will have SM2 this class Regional only is for SM prepared cars with a NA body (1990-1997).

NYSRRC and NARRC- The schedules for both series are posted below, note that some of the races including the MoHud race are part of both series. The rules for both are on their respective websites, just *Bing* or *Google* them.

NYSRRC Schedule

May 7-8	NNJR	Double Regional	Pocono
July 2nd	MoHud	Regional	Lime Rock Park
July 23-24	Glen	Regional	Watkins Glen
Sept 17-18	FLR	Double Regional	Watkins Glen
Oct. 8-9	Glen	Regional	Watkins Glen

NARRC Schedule

May7-8	NNJR	Double	Pocono
May 28-29	NER	Double	New Hampshire
June 18	NER	Single	Lime Rock
July 2	MoHud	Single	Lime Rock
July 23-24	Glen	Double	Watkins Glen
Aug 20-21	S&NNJR	Double	Thunderbolt
Oct 1	NYR	Double Points	Lime Rock

Rational at NHMS- Reminder the 1st race in the NE is at NHMS on April 30- May 1. It is a Rational which is a combination Regional/National- 45 minutes of Qualifying /Practice and a 30 mile race. Regional and National licensed drivers are eligible.

May7-8 Pocono Double Regional- Our friends in NNJR need help setting up on Friday evening, if you can make it, see me at the tech party or email me.

2011 GCR- A printed version of the GCR is no longer sent to each driver unless they order it. A free online version is available at SCCA.com. Go to SCCA.com, click on Club racing and then rules. The electronic version is the official version, it is updated every month.

Online Registration- Online Registration is no longer run by the Division, drivers must register with **Motorsportsreg.com** and set up their profile. All races sanctioned by MoHud, NER, the Glen and FLR will be on Motorsportsreg.com.

SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

April 2011 Solo Report

It is the slow time of the year for the Solo program. I am still waiting for replies from the site owners. Once I have confirmation from them, I will let you all know where the events will be. The tentative schedule is:

April 30-May 1

May 7 Test and Tune. Seneca Army Depot

Contact Jim Garry for your spot as entries will be limited. jim_garry@verizon.net

May 15

June 3-5 National Tour. Dover Delaware

June 26

July 9-10

July 30-31 NE Divisional. Seneca Army Depot

August 7

August 14

September 10 Adirondack Corvette Club Charity event. Prospect Mountain

September 18 or 25

October 9

The *green italicized* dates have not been confirmed. The regular font dates have been.

At the recent Roundtable, I sat in on a seminar about site acquisition. There were some ideas that were talked about that may help to get new sites and to retain the ones that we have.

MoHud Board Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2011

A brief board meeting was held prior to the general membership meeting:

Treasurer – no report

Secretary – report will be given at general membership meeting.

RE – Motorsport Reg will be used by the Region for all participant event registrations for the upcoming 2011 season.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Membership Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2011

Secretary – minutes from last month's membership meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer – Chip provided a summary of the previous month's Region's income and expenditures.

Membership – Dave provided a summary of the status of the Region membership - the Region has 325 members with 7 new members joining last month. A number of incentives have been announced by SCCA to promote membership including: Regions that have an 80% retention rate will get a 15% discount on race sanction fees; individuals who work at a sanctioned race can receive up to a \$45 discount; members get a \$10 discount off of their SCCA membership or SCCA merchandise purchase for referring new individuals that join SCCA; military members get a \$35 discount; individuals under age 25 get a \$45 discount for 1st Gear; a 2011 membership drive contest is being held with top individuals placed in a drawing for a Skip Barber school, a \$500 SCCA merchandise certificate.

Knock Off – SCCA has entered into a printing agreement with Kinkos/Fed Ex, who is now offering discounted printing rates for SCCA Regions. We will use them for our printing needs for the upcoming year.

Solo – tentative schedule includes eight solo events, including two test and tune schools. The Region is still researching putting on a Street Survival in late summer or early fall.

Rally Cross – Russ reported at the January meeting that National had indicated that Rally Cross was no longer being approved when run on ice. This was incorrect. National is sanctioning Rally Cross at such venues. The Region has been approached by an individual that has land up in the Berne area that we may be able to use as a Rally Cross site.

PDX – DJ reported that we are waiting to receive the LRP contract. Mo-Hud received an award at the National Convention for the best PDX in the NE Region held in 2010.

Activities – members are encouraged to contact Pete Smith with proposals.

Competition – Tech Party is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, at Bob Karl's (note: this is a change in date from the previously announced Saturday, April 16 date). Jack reported that head and neck restraints will be required Jan 2012. The NJ Region is looking for volunteers to help with their scheduled Mothers Day Double Regional race at Pocono. The first major race for the year will be a "Rational" at NHMS on April 30/May 1.

Old Business – Jack reminded the membership that the Mini Con is scheduled for the first weekend in November. The awards presentation will be at the Saratoga Auto Museum on Saturday evening.

New Business – NJ Region awarded Clark Nichols their “Pit Worker of the Year” award. MoHud (as are most other Regions) will be using Motorsport Reg for all MoHud events this year. The Seneca Solo site has a \$40,000 estimate for pavement repairs. They have asked the Finger Lakes Region to contribute. Other Regions that use the site will also be solicited for contributions.

Karl Hacker thanked the membership for the Saratoga Auto Museum “Brick” that was purchased in memory of his brother, Paul. Karl has space available in his garage, and offered to work out an arrangement with any SCCA/MoHud member that needs workspace.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.



Monthly Membership Report 03/18/2011

NEW MEMBER REPORT 03/18/11. From: 02/08/11 to: 03/18/11.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Justin Renato Cestra	02/16/11	Delanson	NY
Marissa VanDenburgh	02/28/11	Scotia	NY

There were 2 records printed.

INTERESTS REPORT GENERATED ON: 03/18/11.

CLUB RACING

Marissa VanDenburgh	Scotia	NY
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RALLY

Justin Renato Cestra	Delanson	NY
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SOLO

Justin Renato Cestra	Delanson	NY
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There were 3 records printed.

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Name	Joined on	Years
	April	
Wm Morris	04/01/66	45
Doug Garrison	04/22/91	20
Kim Graff	04/10/91	20
Allison Welty	04/22/91	20
Debra Garrison	04/08/96	15
Victoria Garrison	04/08/96	15
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There were 7 records printed.

There are 327 members in the region.

Will Schamback has volunteered to help with membership tasks, particularly member outreach. He is starting with new members but will be expanding his efforts as time goes on. Will is a very personable fellow and is also a member of the demographic that we need to reach out to. Thank you Will!

Webmaster Report

This is my monthly plea for content, particularly current photographs.

It was mentioned at the meeting that it is possible to get photos for the web site from the KO and from the web.

First, photos retrieved from the KO sometimes are not in the correct format for the web. Due to the graphic requirements of the magazine photographs may overlap each other and they may also have superimposed text. This makes for a great presentation in the KO but also makes it difficult or impossible to format these photos for the web.

Members post photographs to photo bucket and other sites. When I happen across these sites, I post a link. I don't find all of them. I could simply use these photos on the Mo-Hud site but there are potential problems with doing this. The photos may be copyrighted (actually this is the default state), in which case they cannot be used without the permission of the copyright holder. Sometimes the photos on a member's site have been taken by a third party for which there may or may not be attribution so it is not clear who holds the copyright. A third party photograph that is posted on a member's web site with permission does not grant permission to post the photograph elsewhere. Posting a photo to the web does not place the photo into the public domain.

So, the bottom line. Either send me photographs via email or send a link to your photographs with a note giving us permission to post them on the Mo-Hud site. Please include attribution if you did not take the photograph yourself. It also would help to have some context: event, drivers, results and so on.

A new modern look to the web site is being worked on. Please be patient. There are over 200 files on the site representing current club activities. The site also provides a member accessible record of Mo-Hud doings going back many years. Forgot how you did at a solo event or at our race in 2005, the results are just a few clicks away. Any update to the website has to preserve this record in my opinion

That being said, expect some new look pages to be on line before this KO is published. The website won an national first place award for regions of our size in 2004. We can do it again.

Russ reported on the web seminar that he attended at the National Convention. At the seminar, hit tracking was mentioned as a valuable tool. To implement this, Richard Welty and I are implementing Google Analytics for selected pages. Results should be available starting in April.

Thanks!

Dave Wachtel
Membership Chairman/Webmaster