

MoHud's Annual Tech Party Held once again!



► MoHud's van sits outside Bob Karl's Sales and Service on May 17th during the annual Tech party held there for the past several years.

◄ A rather familiar looking chef does grilling honors on a very cool Sunday afternoon at the Tech party. Many thanks to Greg Rickes, who pitches in every year to lend a helping hand.



► Several of the usual suspects made an appearance on Sunday at the Tech party.

l-r: Eric Smith, MoHud RE Russ Burckhard and his son and Membership Chair Dave Wachtel might be discussing upcoming events and who's doing what with which vehicle.



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RE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

May 2011 RE Report

This month I need to start out with an apology. An oversight on my part resulted in a few Mohud members being left out of last month's Knockoff as attendees of the Roundtable. Connie McIntyre, Wayne Green, and Walt Huber were also in attendance.

As I am writing this, I just got home from the Tech party at Bob Karl's Sales and Service. Thirteen cars made their way to Troy to get their annuals updated and 1 other got its first inspection. Rich Welty and Todd Boice did all of the inspections. Many others were in attendance to either help out, watch, or were just there for a hot dog. Greg Rickes did a masterful job on the grill as usual. The hospitality from Bob Karl is second to none. If you are in need of a gently used car or repairs to your current car, you should check out what Bob can do for you.



Here are some items to put on your calendar;

The Solo season will be starting on April 30th with a test and tune/ school and continue with the 1st points event of the season at the McCarty Ave OGS parking lot.

The John Stim Memorial race will be held on July 2nd. Registration will be opening soon for that if it has not already.

The PDX will be at Lime Rock on October 22nd.

We will be hosting the Mini Con this fall on November 4-6

The Annual Banquet will be at the Troy Elks club on December 3rd.

2011 April Competition Report Jack Hanifan

Tech Party - About 15 cars made it to the Tech Party, many thanks to our host B.K. Karl. Rich Welty and Todd Boice efficiently teched the cars and solved any problems. Greg Rickes came back from Florida to man the grille and cook the dogs. Nancy Boice coordinated everything and Russ and Eric were there to do whatever needed to be done. The number of cars was down but that is primarily because of the switch of Annual Tech from the Calendar year to one year from the date of the inspection. Rich and Todd have also been very good about teching cars during the season.

Pocono - I missed the last meeting but we are still looking for people who are going to the NNJR Double Regional at Pocono to help set up late Friday afternoon.

Racing Beat - Pete Smith had a good race at Palm Beach two weeks ago, In the SeDiv, open wheel cars run with the closed wheel cars in vintage. Pete spent the whole race running wheel to wheel with a FV and came out on top. Pete was the highest finishing Spridget and was only behind 4 Porsche 911's and brother-in-law Dave Dart in his Mini. Dave had a 3rd, 5th and 2nd overall. Pete and I also managed a day trip to the Barrett Jackson auction in Palm Beach. Bob Wright was there as a spectator and Dennis Curley was working Grid.

GCR - The official GCR is the online version and it is updated every month. The May version is currently online at **SCCA.com**



Gene Tricozzi receives his jacket from Jack Hanifan for chairing the race last year.

SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

May 2011 Solo Report

We haven't started the season yet and already there are changes to the schedule. We forgot about the car show at the Saratoga Auto Museum on May 15th when making out the schedule. I have requested the 14th as a replacement. We will see how a Saturday event works out for us.

Due to his commitments to the Pro Series, Tom Campbell has handed off the duties of gathering cars for the Mohud display to Eric Smith. So far it appears that we will have a full slate. Eric stopped down to the Tech party to see if he could fill in the remaining spots. Thanks to those that he asked, we should be all set.

As you may have noticed if you looked at the schedule below we will be hosting a Street Survival event at Fortitech this fall. We are still in the planning stages and will be working with the Patroon BMW Club to make this happen. We will need help to pull this off. Please contact me if you are interested. russtduck@nycap.rr.com

I am still waiting for replies from one of the site owners. Once I have confirmation from them, I will let you all know where the events will be. The schedule is:

April 30-May 1 OGS McCarty Ave lot Test and Tune / School Saturday Event 1 Sunday

May 7 Test and Tune. Seneca Army Depot Contact Jim Garry for your spot as entries will be limited.
jim_garry@verizon.net

May 14 OGS McCarty Ave lot Saturday Event 2

June 3-5 National Tour. Dover Delaware

June 26 Event 3

July 9-10 Fortitech Test and Tune / School Saturday Event 4 Sunday

July 30-31 NE Divisional. Seneca Army Depot

August 7 OGS McCarty Ave lot Event 5

September 10 Adirondack Corvette Club Charity event. Prospect Mountain

September 18 Street Survival

September 19 Fortitech Event 6

October 9 Event 7

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

MoHud April 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes – 4/6/2011

The membership meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Secretary – minutes from the March meeting minutes had been published in the March KO. A motion to accept the minutes was approved.

Membership – Dave Wachtel gave a brief report on membership status. There was one new member joining the Region last month. The Region's website has been recently updated, with several new photos as well as information about this year's scheduled PDX at Lime Rock Park.

Knock Off – no report.

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

Solo/Rally - Russ gave an update on the AutoX dates tentatively scheduled for the upcoming race season. Sites include Fortitech (Schenectady) and OGS (McCarty Lot). A Region member has offered a site on which to run a RallyX. It is located in the Berne area. Any members wanting to pursue putting on a RallyX should contact Russ for further information.

PDX – DJ reported that the PDX is scheduled for October 22nd at Lime Rock Park.

Activities – no report.

Competition – The Mo-Hud Rational race is scheduled for July 2 at Lime Rock Park. Mo-Hud will be using Motorsport Reg (Motorsportreg.com) for race registration. Nancy is looking for a member to take over the job of race registration. Tech Party will be held at Bob Karl's on April 17th.

Old Business – Mo Hud will be hosting the 2011 Mini Con. It is scheduled for November 4th – 6th in Saratoga. Russ and Jack are seeking help with presentation preparation.

New Business - Mo Hud will be running a Street Survival course on September 18th. The site will be the Fortitech AutoX site. Bruce Kosakowski recommended that Mo Hud pool resources with the local BMW Chapter, especially to solicit instructors for the event. The SCCA Foundation financially supports Regions that run a Street Survival course. In support of these efforts, a motion was made, and unanimously passed, to donate \$325 to the SCCA Foundation.

The Saratoga Museum will be holding a car show on May 15th. Members are encouraged to bring their race cars to the Museum for display. The Museum is looking for volunteers to help on the 15th. DJ reported that the BMW CCA local chapter, Patroon, has a couple of upcoming track events that the membership may be interested in attending – Monday, June 13th, PDX at the Glen ("The Longest Day at the Glen"), and July 15th – 17th, PDX at Calabogie.

The membership meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Tech Party proves great success despite cool temps!





Lots of activity at Bob Karl's. Overall the tech party was a good event as the early birds shown here got the edge on their MoHud race season!