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# RE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

July 2011 RE Report

The race is just around the corner and the entries are coming in. Nancy Boice is on top of registration despite my unsuccessful attempt to get the race set up on Motorsportreg.com. With help from her husband Todd and the staff at motorsportreg, they were able to get it the way that it should be. If you are still having trouble getting registered, please contact Nancy or myself and we will help you to get registered. (Nancy Boice, Registrar- 10 Pheasant Run, Ballston Spa, NY 12020- Email- [Mohudregs@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Mohudregs@nycap.rr.com) 518-885-0841 before 9pm. Russ Burckhard – [russtduck@nycap.rr.com](mailto:russtduck@nycap.rr.com) 518-928-4049)

Pete Smith has put together another Duck tour. Keep an eye on the website for more information.

Russ

## 2011 JULY COMPETITION REPORT

Jack Hanifan

**Race** - Registration is open and the entries are slowly coming in. Nancy and Todd Boice have been hard at work straightening out the new online registration with **Motorsportsreg.com**. All of our specialty chiefs have been recruiting. Reminder, If you cannot race, we can find a place for you to work - no experience necessary. Join the fun!

**Toyo Tires** - Because of the earthquake in Japan and the resulting low inventory of RA 1 tires SM drivers may use Toyo 888 tires.

**NNJR** - Our friends from NNJR are bringing their van and the Flagging equipment. They are also providing many of our workers.

**Regional Points** - Our race counts double in the MoHud Points Championship. Points will also be awarded for **NYSRRC, NARRC, and NJRRS**.

**Lime Rock Concession Stand** - LRP has taken over the operation of the concession stand. The food is much better. You will have to check it out.

***Asst. RE Jim Bucci provides***

### **INTERESTING FACTS FROM THE ROAD:**

-- Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan carries the designation M-1, named so because it was the first paved road anywhere.

-- Chances that a road is unpaved in the: U.S.A.- 1%; in Canada- 75%

-- The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

# SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

July 2011 Solo Report

Hopefully we had our third points event of the year on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The contract was late in coming as the Town of Wilton had to approve the event. As of this writing, that has not happened. It's less than a week from the event and it is still not a confirmed date. I hope this does not hurt attendance.

There was a Pro Solo held at Meadowlands. Will Shambach brought his awesome CSP Miata and a co-driver, Jeff Hurst, to the event. Jeff did well and won the class. Will struggled a little and wound up just out of the trophies in 5<sup>th</sup>. Jeff went on to the Gumout Super Challenge and unfortunately was eliminated in the first round. Alex Schipkov co-drove with Eric Campbell in DSP in Eric's BMW. After having a brief lead on the first course, Alex gave up the lead to finish .1 seconds behind Eric. Alex did not fair any better in the challenge and also was eliminated in the first round. Jim Garry and Ken Hurd brought the Formula Ford down and ran it in a race tire class. Jim struggled on one course with multiple red lights and off courses and cold temperatures hurt him on the other course. Adding to those problems was the fact that they missed the setup on the car and did not have the time to correct it during the competition. It made for a long weekend and disappointing results. Jim finished 6<sup>th</sup> and Ken just missed the trophies with his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

The Northeast SOLO National Tour was held in Dover Delaware. Mohud was represented by 4 drivers. Eric Smith and Will Schambach drove the awesome Miata and Arne Beebe and I drove Arne's Mustang. Will finished in second place behind Jeff Hurst. He improved his driving compared to the Pro SOLO. Jeff had a good lead after the first day, but Will closed the gap on the second day and bested Jeff's time by .05 seconds. Eric had trouble with the switch from his all wheel drive to only having power to the rear wheels. By the end of the second day he was getting closer and I would be willing to bet that if there were more runs he would have been much closer. He had to settle for a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish. In C Prepared Arne and I did not go without some drama on the first day. Despite hitting 2 cones on my best run, my best run that day gave me about a 2.4 second lead over second place. Arne went off course on his first run and slowly got better, but only managed to get up to 5<sup>th</sup> place. All of that was almost for nothing as we went over the scales and came up 3 pounds under weight. We were pulled off to the side as we were not the only ones that were light. The scales were checked and then centered under the wheels and we hit the weight on the nose. I guess the radiator change to the bigger radiator prior to the event made the car lighter. We added some weights and filled it with fuel and wound up 30 plus pounds heavy the second day. The other issue we had was that the car went over the sound limit. We made a couple of adjustments and were able to not get disqualified. We made a more permanent fix at the end of day one that really quieted the car down. Unfortunately those repairs only lasted 2 runs. With the possibility of going over sound again, I think I subconsciously held back as my times did not show an improvement like many other competitors did. The course the second day was extremely bumpy in the second half of the course as well despite this, I was able to increase my lead to 4.4 seconds. Arne kept his runs clean the second day but was unable to improve his position and wound up 5<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming events;

*June 26* Event 3 Wilton Mall

**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 at Fortitech

**September 19** Fortitech Event 6

*October 9* Event 7 TBD

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

Other dates to consider;

**July 2** Club Race at Lime Rock Park

**October 22** PDX at Lime Rock Park

**November 4-6** Mini Con at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga

**December 3** Annual Awards Banquet at the Troy Elks Club



# DUCK TOUR

Albany Aqua Ducks & Trolleys

**July 21st**

**\$38 per person**

Includes the same menu as 2008 outing:  
Salad, Wings, Pizza, Soda.

Cash bar for alcoholic beverages.

There will be no entertainment.

We have ONE Duck reserved  
at this time which holds 42 people.

**If you plan on attending, please let me know ASAP**

*If we have more people we can reserve another Duck,  
but we can't wait until the last minute to do so.*

Please call Pete Smith at 518-587-9755  
or email me @ [dsmith3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dsmith3@nycap.rr.com)  
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Send your check to;  
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**If you have PayPal, send it to my email address &  
make a note regarding who & how many are coming.**

# **Go Kart Night**

## **Aug 3rd 6:30 PM**

### **Fun-plex Park**

### **East Greenbush**

Price should be around \$2 per ride  
*Thanks Dick!*

## **GOLF OUTING**

Burden Lake Country Club

**Aug 18th**  
*Be there @ 2pm*

*Thanks Dick again!*



FYI: Divots won't be counted!  
A divot is the scar left behind when turf is "dug up" by a golf club.

# June 1, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:50

Discussion focused on the upcoming Mo Hud regional race at Lime Rock Park. The registration information posted on Motorsportreg.com still needs to be completed. There was also brief discussion on volunteers, food, and trophies. Jim's request to have the Region purchase a weather station for race sound was approved. Cost is approximately \$50.

Next board meeting will be June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Orchard.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

## Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2011

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

SECRETARY – last month's minutes were published in the Knock Off. The minutes were accepted by the attending membership as published.

TREASURER – Chip provided a summary of the previous month's expenses and income.

Membership – Will read through the list of recent new Region members to see if any of those listed were known to the general membership. Will indicated that he would contact the new members by email to assess their areas of interest.

KNOCK OFF – no report.

SOLO – the past weekend's Pro-Solo race at the Meadowlands was well attended by Mo Hud members. Russ reported that general attendance at this year's Solo events to date has been less than expected – approximately 30 to 35 participants at each event. It's not yet clear why the attendance is down. The rental fee for the upcoming Wilton Solo event (scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>) has been increased. After the event, we will evaluate whether it's financial feasible to continue to use the site at the increased rental fee.

COMPETITION – Jack Hanifan reported on the recent two regional races at Pocono and New Hampshire.

PDX – DJ reported that the sanction application has been submitted to National. Registration is now open on Motorsportreg.com. Date of the event is Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

ACTIVITIES – Go Kart (North Greenbush) will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. The golf outing will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm. We will be on the Albany Aqua Ducks on Thursday, July 21.

OLD BUSINESS – the recent car show at the Saratoga Auto Museum had a relatively low turn out due to the rainy weather. Mo Hud did have four member cars. Russ reported that the sanction for the September 17<sup>th</sup> Street Survival has been processed. The event will be held at the Fortitech site. Mo Hud will be soliciting assistance (volunteers and instructors) from the BMW CCA Patroon Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS – DJ reported that the BMW CCA Patroon Chapter will be holding high performance driving schools on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Glen and July 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> at Calabogie in Ontario, Canada. The Glen will have open track available for advanced and solo drivers. Spots are still available for both events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

# Membership Report July 2011

New member report 06/20/11. From: 04/23/11 to: 06/20/11.

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

Name	Joined	City	State
Justin Andrew Boivin	05/05/11	Greenfield Center	NY
Brian C. Borie	04/24/11	Lake George	NY
James Busse	05/05/11	Castleton	NY
William Timothy Dergosits	05/14/11	Schenectady	NY
Benjamin G. Eaton	04/26/11	Hudson	NY
Paul Marczah	05/11/11	Schenectady	NY
Dino Micacchi	05/24/11	Innerkip	ON
Frances Murcott	06/06/11	Ancram	NY
Peter W. Murcott	06/06/11	Ancram	NY

*There were 9 records printed.*

**Interests report generated on: 06/20/11.**

## Club Racing

Justin Andrew Boivin	Greenfield Center	NY
Brian C. Borie	Lake George	NY
James Busse	Castleton	NY
William Timothy Dergosits	Schenectady	NY
Benjamin G. Eaton	Hudson	NY
Frances Murcott	Ancram	NY
Peter W. Murcott	Ancram	NY

## Rally

James Busse	Castleton	NY
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## Solo

Justin Andrew Boivin	Greenfield Center	NY
Brian C. Borie	Lake George	NY
James Busse	Castleton	NY
William Timothy Dergosits	Schenectady	NY

*There were 13 records printed.*

## Pro Racing

Dino Micacchi	Innerkip	ON
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**Anniversary Report generated on: 06/20/11 For the year 2011**

Name	Joined in	Years
	<b>May</b>	
Lawrence Ruff	05/21/96	15
Eric J. Smith	05/29/01	10
Rich Teal	05/30/01	10
Matt Zacharewicz	05/14/01	10
Jessica Lendrum	05/25/06	5
	<b>June</b>	
Lester Figarsky	06/16/86	25
	<b>July</b>	
Steve W. Stockman	07/10/01	10
Stephen Crowley	07/25/06	5
Beverly Stowell	07/12/06	5
Scott Joseph Stowell	07/12/06	5

*There were 10 records printed.*

**There are 327 members in the region.**

## Web Report

All available information regarding our race and the PDX event is up on the "old" web site. This includes links to on-line registration.

Dave Wachtel



Submitted by Connie McIntyre:

## Our Future and Upcoming Club Racing Events

The past two weeks have been a humongous bruhaha between Topeka and some regions which have held events recently.

As the T&S Chief of the last NER event at NHMS I have been right in the middle of this and want to make those who develop supps or put on race events aware of this new development.

SCCA has a contingency program for both Regional and National drivers. Those who pre-register for the program may receive monies/tires/etc. based on their race results.

HOWEVER..... many regions have more than one race per sanction. And this has created problems managing the contingency payouts.

If there is only one RACE per sanction, no problem. Topeka (and the Chief of T&S) can figure out that it is "the contingency race".

If there is more than one RACE per sanction and only one is referred to in the supps as "RACE", that's no problem as well.

A Qualifying Race is not a Race. It cannot be "the contingency race".

At the last NHMS race the supps for The Triple Play said

Qualifying

Race (grid based on the qualifying session)

Qualifying Race (grid based on the fast lap of the first race)

Race (grid based on the finishing position of the Qualifying Race)

I could not figure out from the supps how to name the races so I named them:

Race 1 Sat PM

Race 2 QualRace Sun AM

Race 3 Sun PM

A driver submitted BOTH Race 1 \*and\* Race 3 for contingency money. (Last year the Triple Play was a Double with two sanctions and this wasn't an issue).

Topeka wanted me to designate on the race results which was the contingency race and which was NOT the contingency race.

I refused. It wasn't appropriate for me to designate the contingency race and I passed the ball to NER.

We all knew that Race 2, the QualRace, was NOT the contingency race.

Eventually, after a lot of consideration, the NER CRB Chair made a decision, All the Official Race Reports had to be revised and the Triple Play Book was re-issued.

Topeka would not designate the last race of the sanction as "The Contingency Race" because they wanted the region to choose which race it would be.

The final outcome from a deluge (60+ and counting) of emails is that the regional organizing committee needs to specify which race of a multi race sanction is the contingency race and make everyone aware of which race has been selected. Carla Heath, National Timing Advisor, and I, both agree that going forward, it is best if the region's CRB, RPC, Race Committee etc., make the determination when writing the supps and put that determination INTO the supps for all to see.

For those sanctions which have already been approved, if there is more than one Race (other than a race specifically identified in the supps as a QualRace), we need to designate ONE race (per sanction) as the contingency race and somehow notify everyone of that determination.

NER is already implementing this protocol in their future supps and doing RFAs for the existing supps.

If there is someone in your region who creates supps or manages races, please forward this email to them.

Please feel free to contact me BY EMAIL if there are any concerns or considerations. I will be at LRP or CT through Sunday.

"For the Sport",  
Linda Louie