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SHERIDAN "BOYS" GO TO THE CUP RACE

Their own personal viewing stand at the exit to the Bus stop at Watkins Glen Aug. 13-14 was very cozy for the Cup race. Nothing but the best for those boys! Hey, I bet when they were really little they played in puddles too. Just a wild guess!

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RE REPORT

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Russ Burckhard

September 2011 RE Report

The Aqua Duck night was a blast. Because the night was hot, the captain suggested that we forgo the tour of the city and go straight to the river as it felt about ten degrees cooler. Since it was in the 90's, there was no opposition to that idea. We went to the river and had the pleasure of listening to some of the Kansas concert that was playing at the Corning Park.

It took 2 tries, but we had our annual go kart outing at the Fun Plex in East Greenbush. The first date was raining. I think it would have been fun trying to get the carts around a wet track. Unfortunately the Fun Plex won't let you out on a wet track so we had to wait a week. A week's wait did not dull the enthusiasm. Many took to the track and waged battles. Pete ran out and picked up some pizzas which were quickly devoured and then the battles resumed back out on the track. Thanks to Pete Smith for putting these two events together.

The Street Survival program is coming up and Will has been working hard to put this event on. He has enlisted the help of many great people from both Mohud and The Patroon Chapter of the BMW club, but is still looking for some more people. We need a variety of different jobs filled. If you would like to help please contact Will at [wschambach1@yahoo.com](mailto:weschambach1@yahoo.com)

Russ

SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

September 2011 Solo Report

A few Mohudders made the trip out to Seneca for the Northeast Divisional. Will Schambach and Eric Smith brought the timing equipment out so that the Evo School was able to hand out times to the students. The students were treated to nice wet courses as it rained just about all day. If my ride out Friday afternoon was any indication of how much rain they had, it must have taken hours for everyone to dry out. The rest of the weekend was very nice if just a little hot. A slight sprinkle came through Sunday. It was not enough to wet the course, but it did cool it down a little. The two courses could not have been much different. Saturday's course was tight to walk. It actually drove better than it seemed in the walk, but it definitely was not what I expected at a Divisional. Sunday's course was faster and had better transitions between gates. It was faster and easier to drive.

Those that competed included; Arne Beebe, Olga Bogdanova, Greg Cuda, Jim Garry, Will Schambach, Alex Shchipkov, Eric Smith, and myself. Will had just enough to take first in a very close C Street Prepared. Olga won D Street Prepared Ladies and Alex won D Street Prepared despite battling brake problems all weekend. Rounding out the trophies was myself in C Prepared with a first place finish.

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Locally our 5th event was held on August 7th at the OGS lot at McCarty Ave. The weather forecast was not the best for the event with a threat of rain. The rain never came, but I believe everyone got wet from sweating. It was a hot and humid day. The sun was out most of the day making it worse. We toughed out 7 runs on pavement that does not provide much grip. Burt Huiest took the fastest time of the day while Bruce Kosakoski earned the fastest Pax time of the day.

Upcoming events;

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;

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



Cone photo Tom Moeller



SEPTEMBER COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

July Sprints at the Glen

It is truly impressive when the MoHud racers go to the Glen. There are always a large number of MoHud drivers there and they always do well. The Glen is my favorite track and if you have driven it you know why. The event had a Pro IT race and a sprint race on Saturday and Sunday. If I had to pick a Driver of the Weekend, the last name would be easy - Lendrum. The hard part would be the first name; I guess I have to go with David. David Lendrum won two Sprint races and won SM in the Pro IT. Alan Lendrum would be a close 2nd; Alan won both his Sprint Races and set Lap Records both days in SM2. He is shown as a DNF, he only did 5 laps but they were all at the end of the race. His car would not start on the Grid and was towed back to his paddock, where he, Jackie, Pete Smith and TJ Hanifan found the problem and replaced the main fuse on his car (stealing it from another Lendrum car)

Sprint Races - We had four drivers who were double winners in the Sprint races: Alan Lendrum SM2, TJ Hanifan SSM, David Lendrum SM, and Jonathan Waterhouse HP. Other drivers in the Sprint races (Saturday's finish listed first, Sunday's second): Doug Garrison SRF 3rd and 6th, Tyler Reynolds FV 9th and 8th, Bob Karl Jr. SM2 2nd and 2nd, Pete Smith SSM 6th and 5th, BK Karl SM2 6th and 6th, Walt Ryan SM2 12th and 10th. Tom Hansen ITE 2nd and 3rd, Brian Blizzard ITA 6th and 9th, Demetrius Mossaidis ITA 9th and 6th, Hilton Tallman FC 3rd and 4th, Steven Dweck 6th and 3rd, Ken Lendrum SM 2nd and 4th, Dylan Murcott SM 3rd and 3rd, Adam Figarsky 4th and DNS, Jack Hanifan FP 2nd and 2nd, Scott Stickle HRG5 4th and 2nd, Dan Flynn HRG3 3rd and 3rd, Jared Lendrum was a victim twice resulting in two DNF's.

Pro IT - results in their order of finish: David Lendrum SM 1st, Demetrius Mossaidis ITA 1st, Dylan Murcott SM 4th, Ken Lendrum SM 6th, Bob Karl Jr SM 8th, Jared Lendrum SM 11th, BK Karl SM 13th, Adam Figarsky SM 18th, Michael Lo ITA 5th, Alan Lendrum DNF.

MoHud Race - Last month I noted all of the MoHud drivers who supported our race, I missed Kim Graff, who was not listed in the Results, Kim had a shunt with his MGB while qualifying.

Head and Neck Restraints - As you should know, Head and Neck Restraint devices are mandated as of **January 1st 2012**. Our Director from Area 1, Dick Patullo, introduced a motion to change the wording to Highly recommended, it was seconded by Robin Langlotz from the SE Div. They are both Regional Drivers. The motion was defeated. If you want to continue racing in 2012 you will need one. The latest Memo from SCCA Club Racing immediately follows this report. Bob Zecca from Driving Impressions will be at our Mini Con in November; he will be offering Hans Devices at a discount and will mount the necessary tethers on your helmet.

National Drivers - Charlie Campbell and Jeff Lehner are doing well in National Racing. Charlie is competing in both SM and FP. He is driving his SM and brother Tom's FP Miata. He is currently 2nd in SM points and 1st in FP. Jeff is currently leading Spec Racer Ford in points. I know Charlie is going to the Runoffs in both classes. Jeff won the division last year but chose not to go.

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Year End Awards - Time to start thinking about our Road Racing Awards. I need nominations for Driver of the Year, Rookie of the Year, The David Riggi Memorial Award for the mechanic who helps his fellow competitors, and any other nomination you would like to make. The Mohawk Hudson Region Road Racing Championship - start collecting your results for the year. I will put the rules in next month's report.

Sad News- Ken Buchel, Honda CRX F Production driver, from Denver, PA, passed away August 9, 2001 from injuries sustained in a crash during the Watkins Glen Double National on July 9, 2001. Ken started racing in 2000 in an ITA Honda he changed to GP and then FP and competed at the Mid Ohio Runoffs. He apparently hit the armco entering the "Chute" on the 1st lap of his race. He ricocheted across the track and hit the tire wall coming to a stop. It was a single car crash. During his month long stay in Strong Memorial he seemed to be making a recovery. Cause of death was attributed to torn arteries caused by the g-forces sustained in the crash. His physicians were quoted as saying that a Head and Neck Restraint Device would not have mattered in this crash. His helmet was intact and he was not wearing a Head and Neck Device. Ken was 66 and leaves behind a wife, Barbara, and two daughters. The family has requested that if anyone would like to honor Ken, they should donate blood in his name. Ken had a passion for donating blood.



AND FROM:

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CLUB RACING

Dear SCCA Drivers:

Beginning January 1, 2012, Head and Neck restraints will become mandatory in SCCA Club Racing Regional, National and Driver School events. In December 2009, the Board of Directors approved the motion to require a device meeting SFI 38.1 or FIA 8858 specifications, and the announcement appeared in the January 2010 Fastrack® News.

In an effort to have everyone prepared for the new equipment requirement, we have put together the following information. This is by no means comprehensive, and it is not an endorsement of one product over another. Just as when buying a helmet or any other piece of safety gear, each driver is encouraged and expected to do their own research and select the product that they feel best suits their needs.

Why is SCCA requiring a head and neck restraint system?

Testing and data support that use of head and neck restraints greatly reduce the possibility of severe injury or death in specific racecar accidents.

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Which products are approved?

Like many of its equipment requirements, SCCA recognizes both SFI 38.1 (www.sfifoundation.com) and FIA 8858 (www.fia.com) standards. You can visit these sites to see their approved list of devices. As of Aug. 10, 2011, the following devices are currently approved by SFI or both SFI and FIA:

HANS Performance Products – HANS Device (all series)

Safety Solutions R3 Device

Safety Solutions R3 Rage Device

Safety Solutions Hutchens Hybrid Pro Device

Safety Solutions Hutchens Hybrid Pro Rage Device

Safety Solutions Hutchens Hybrid/Hybrid Rage Device

Safety Solutions Hybrid X Device

For more information about these products, including a list of dealers for each, visit:

www.hansdevice.com

www.safetysolutionsracing.com

***If your Head and Neck device is not on the above list of current approved devices, but does have the appropriate certification sticker from a past approval, then you will be considered compliant.*

What if I use a device not currently approved by SFI 38.1 or FIA 8858?

Only the devices approved will be permitted and one of the approved devices will be required. These two organizations have strict guidelines for head and neck devices and these guidelines have become the industry standard that SCCA has elected to adopt.

I already have one of these devices. I'm all set, right?

Not necessarily! Make sure your device has the SFI or FIA approval/certification on it.

The following are general guidelines provided by HANS and apply if you have an approved HANS Device:

If you have a HANS Device with a SFI or FIA approval/certification sticker on it, you are all set.

HANS Devices built prior to 2005 will not have a sticker from SFI or FIA on it and are not eligible for use without it. These devices can obtain the sticker through HANS direct approval. HANS will inspect the device, replace the tethers with an upgrade to the Vision Advantage Plus sliding tethers and ship it back to you upon approval with the sticker for approximately \$75. Additional costs may be incurred if additional repairs are necessary. Contact HANS directly to arrange for this.

HANS Devices built in or after 2005 but not carrying an SFI or FIA sticker will need to go through the same process as the pre-2005 devices before being eligible for use.

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The following are general guidelines provided by Safety Solutions and apply if you have an approved Safety Solutions Device:

If your device has a sticker from SFI or FIA, you are all set.

If you do not have an SFI or FIA sticker, there are three levels of get it re-approved:

- o For stickers that have gotten wet and faded or fallen off, devices are inspected by Safety Solutions for cracks or any other anomalies and a replacement sticker is applied. The cost for the inspection and sticker is \$5.50 plus return shipping charges.
- o For \$75, the device can be re-webbed. This includes new tethers, padding over the shoulders and webbed fabric replacement. This price assumes all hardware and carbon fiber can be re-used. A new SFI sticker is applied during this procedure.

Does the SFI or FIA approval expire like seat belts?

There is currently no time-based expiration for SFI 38.1 or FIA 8858.

If you have any additional questions about the devices, please contact the manufacturers directly.

Please remember that these devices will be mandatory after 1/1/12. Arriving to the grid without one will be the same as arriving to the grid without your helmet—you won't be permitted on track.

The Board and staff hope that this document has been useful and if there are any more general questions, please contact the staff at 800-770-2055 or at tech@scca.com.

Late Breaking News

The Annual MoHud Golf Outing at Burden Lake Country Club was held Thurs. 8/18 and proved another success.

Play ended with the team of Andy Stewart, Tim Stewart, and Jack Hanifan in a tie for first place with the team of TJ Hanifan, Tim Houle, Justin Cartwright and Joe Tumonis. The team of Tom Campbell, John Sheridan, Hary Adalian and Lee Favita tied for third place with the team of Dick Stewart and Pete Smith. Weather was great and as usual, much was heard among the players as to reasons for the results.

Monthly Membership Report 08/15/2011

Dave Wachtel/Will Schambach, co-chair membership

New member report 08/15/11 Period from: 07/05/11 to: 08/15/11.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State	Comm.
Douglas Anderson	7/13/11	Gansevoort	NY	(518)368-6059
Dean Baker	7/20/11	Albany	NY	(860)638-7506
Nelson Guay	7/28/11	East Greenbush	NY	(518)526-3993
Gabby Varcoe	7/29/11	Schenectady	NY	
Ian Wallace	7/19/11	Albany	NY	(518)598-8694

Interests report generated on: 08/15/11.

Solo

Ian Wallace	Albany	NY
Denver Tucker	Rensselaer	NY

Club Racing

Douglas Anderson	Gansevort	NY
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There are 320 members in the region.

Anniversary Report generated on: 08/16/11 For the year 2011

Name	Joined in	Years
	August	
Russell Burckhard	08/06/96	15
Ron Checca	08/21/96	15
Andrew S. Furlong	08/06/96	15
Denise A. Greppo	08/14/06	5
Frank Greppo	08/07/06	5
	September	
Brian French	09/11/06	5

There were 6 records printed.

NASCAR LEGEND ADDED TO LOST SPEEDWAYS LINEUP



Contact: Ron Hedger @ 518-885-7481 or 518-369-1941

Saratoga Springs, NY For longtime auto racing fans and participants, the Saratoga Automobile Museum's Lost Speedways program has long been a must-see event. Set once again for its traditional "Saturday after Thanksgiving" date, the program's impressive list of participants was bolstered this week by the addition of NASCAR legend Jim Reed of Peekskill, NY.

"Longtime audience member Ken Parrotte of West Monroe, a racing historian whose focus is the old NASCAR Late Model Short Track Division, had offered to do a presentation for 2011," said event organizer Ron Hedger. "We were looking forward to that when Ken had an opportunity to meet with Reed to further his research, a meeting that led to Reed agreeing to join us on November 26th. We're absolutely thrilled to welcome the five-time national champion and 1959 Darlington Southern 500 winner to the Saratoga Automobile Museum.

"We're well into the planning of a huge main-gallery exhibit exploring the growth of NASCAR from its southern base to today's coast-to-coast Sprint Cup series. It will run from June through November 2012 and Jim's visit will preview our largest racing event ever. In fact, some of the cars I have lined up for the exhibit come from the era when Jim ranked among NASCAR's most successful racers and we hope he will come back to participate in the events we're planning in conjunction with the NASCAR exhibit."

Besides Parrotte, other presenters confirmed for Lost Speedways 2011 include our motorcycle racing expert Mark Supley, famed announcer Jim King, who will recall the short-lived Cairo Speedway and historian Bill Ladabouche, who will chronicle the history of Plattsburgh's famed Airborne Park Speedway

"I have some other presenters in the works and if they can attend, the program will only get better," summed up Hedger. "And, of course, we encourage everyone to bring their memorabilia to share before we start the program. Jim Reed will be bringing some of his treasures, providing a rare opportunity to relive the early days of NASCAR through the eyes of a true legend."

Lost Speedways 2011 will commence with memorabilia on display at 11:30 am with the formal presentations set for 1 pm. Regular museum admission prices will prevail, with museum members, as always, admitted free.

"Porsche: 60 Years of Speed and Style in North America" will be newly opened in the museum's Golub Gallery at that time while the Racing in New York gallery will feature "NASCAR in New York."

The Saratoga Automobile Museum is located at 110 Avenue of the Pines in the Saratoga Spa State Park. See our website at www.saratogaautomuseum.org or call us at (518)-210-1869