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RE **REPORT**

Russ Burckhard

May 2012 RE Report

The 2 Street Survivals are coming along. As we did last year, we will be working with the Patroon BMW club for these events at Fortitech. As with last year, we are going to need help putting on these events. Please go to <http://www.patroon.motorsportreg.com/> to register or contact Will Schambach or myself for more information.

Thanks again to Bob Karl and his staff at Bob Karl Sales and Service for hosting the annual tech party. The van was also serviced during the event. I was called into work so I was unable to attend. I heard there was about a dozen cars that were checked through by officials.

Cars are needed for the car show at Saratoga Auto Museum. Eric Smith is putting together a list of those that can go and show their cars. Cars need to be brought up by 8:00 am. It is not required to stay with your vehicle and all car owners will be given free admission to the museum and the car show for the day. We will have a tent set up where we will talk about the club to prospective members.

Upcoming events:

Car show May 20 Saratoga Auto Museum

Mohud National June 22-23 Lime Rock Park

PDX Oct 20 Lime Rock Park

SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

May 2012 Solo Report

I have a few more dates to confirm as we have the approval to use the OGS lot at McCarty Ave. The season is coming together. I can't wait to see you all at the events.

May 5-6	T&T, Event 1	OGS McCarty Ave lot
May 12-13	Northeast Divisional	Meadowlands (not a Mohud event)
June 2-3	Street Survival, Event	Fortitech
June 16-17	National Tour	Devens (not a Mohud event)
<i>July 15</i>	Event 3	<i>Tentative ok from Wilton Mall</i>
Aug 11-12	Street Survival, Event 4	Fortitech
Sept 8	Adirondack Corvette Event	Prospect Mountain (not a Mohud event)
Sept 15,16	Car control clinic, Event 5	Fortitech
Sept 23	Event 6	OGS McCarty Ave lot
Oct 14	Event 7	OGS McCarty Ave lot

Italics are tentative. Bold are confirmed.

SAVE THE DATE!

PDX

Oct 20th, 2012

at Lime Rock Park

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

2012 May Competition Report

Tech Party - Many thanks to Bob Karl for hosting the Tech Party. Thanks to the following workers for their contributions: Rich Welty and Todd Boice- Teching cars. Nancy Boice for keeping things in order. John Sheridan our new Master Chef. Jim Bucci for his photography. We only had a dozen cars this year, probably due to the fact that annual tech changed a few years ago from a Calendar Year Tech to an Annual tech based upon the date the car was teched. We will always have new cars and since it has always been a fun event, plan on a party next year.

Local Racing - This weekend NER is hosting a Rational at NHMS; several MoHud drivers are competing including Tyler Vogel, Doug Garrison, Charlie Campbell and Dick Stewart. If I get results before press time I will put them at the end of the article.

Race Results - Remember at the end of your race the Provisional Results are posted, you have 30 minutes to look at them and make sure they are correct. If your finish position, name, region of record or class is incorrect, immediately go to Timing and Scoring and tell them about the error. The T & S Chief will advise you as to what you have to do.

Shoulder Harness - Even if you have already gone through tech, take a few minutes to make sure your shoulder harness is wrapped correctly around your cage. The correct manner is now shown in the GCR, thanks to the work of the Exec Stewards. If you are using a HANS Device, make sure that your harnesses are at least the minimum distance apart.

MoHud Race - The MoHud race at LRP is a National but there will be a **\$212 SSM and others race** to allow our regional drivers to participate. There will also be a **Pro IT race**.

Saratoga Auto Museum Car Show - Eric Smith is coordinating the May 20th show. He is looking for a few more race cars for the show; if you are interested contact him or me.

Saratoga Auto Museum Car Show May 20th

A few more Race Cars wanted!

Call Eric Smith 518-858-4082



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Legendary SCCA Member/Racer Andy Porterfield Passes Away

TOPEKA, Kan. (April 18, 2012) - Andy Porterfield, a 55-year member of the Sports Car Club of America, passed away Tuesday evening at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Judy, son Tracy, daughter Pamela and his grandchildren.

The two-time SCCA National Champion is widely associated with two things – the Porterfield Brakes company that he started (and is still run by the family), and Corvettes.



“Porterfield? Hell, he was racing Corvettes when I started,” racing icon George Follmer said in the October 1979 issue of SportsCar, over 30 years ago.

Porterfield was also closely associated with California Sports Car Club (SCCA), who had named the January race weekend at Auto Club Speedway, in Fontana, Calif., the Porterfield Brakes National/Double Regional in honor of his success within and for the Region. He was closely associated with the operations of the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, and served SCCA as a National organization on its Board of Directors as well as SCCA Enterprises’ Board of Directors, of which he was Chairman at the time of his death.

Porterfield was honored with the Woolf Barnato Award, SCCA’s highest honor, in 2009.

On the pro side, Andy competed in 41 Trans-Am races between 1969 and 1992, finishing third on two occasions in 1980, both (of course) in a Corvette.

Funeral arrangements had not yet been announced at the time of this posting. Cards or messages may be sent to the Porterfield Brakes Shop, 1767 Pacentia Ave, Costa Mesa, CA, 92627.

Image: Andy Porterfield interviewed at Brainerd during the 1980 Trans-Am Series race.

Credit: SportsCar Magazine

EMAIL NOTICE FOR INTERESTED PARTIES:

From: dweebdad@msn.com

Subject: Worker Application: 2012 United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas

Date: Thu, 5 Apr 2012 12:01:56 -0400

Note: This is for ALL specialties!

----- Original Message -----

From: Pat Pierson

To: Ppierson@mi.rr.com

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 9:06 PM

Subject: 2012 United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas

Hi Everyone,

The Preliminary Worker Application for the 2012 United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas on November 13 is now available at www.circuitoftheamericas.com/volunteer.

There are several starred items on the application that must be completed for your application to be considered. Our chiefs of specialty will review all applications and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please let us know at Ppierson@mi.rr.com

Pat Pierson

Race Car for Sale: 1985 VW Jetta ITB. Very reliable race car with no DNF's. Consistent top 5 at NHMS and Watkins Glen. Log book available. Race ready with shine racing Quaiffe transmission, Pit in with Eibach springs, spherical bearings in front coil overs, rear and Control camber/caster plates, Accu "e" rear sway bar, steel braided front and rear brake lines. Engine just freshened up with new head gasket, timing belt, plugs....bearings. Many spare parts including doors, hood, engines, transmissions, rear axle.....too many to list. Asking \$3,500. Call Mike at 518-209-8352.

ON THE ACTIVITIES SIDE...

DUTCH APPLE IT IS, OR MAY BE!

Penciled in for **July 26th**
from 6pm to 9pm

Cost is going to be around **\$42 pp**
depending on the meal, there will be a cash bar.

We need a Minimum of 35 people to make this work!

We have the date but Dutch Apple needs to know
how many of us there will be.
After they find out our number of people,
they will open it up to others.

**Email Pete Smith at dsmith3@nycap.rr.com
or call 518-339-5744(cell) if you plan on attending!
We need your info ASAP!**

ALSO FYI:

GOLF AND GO KART OUTINGS

should be around the same dates as last year,
we should have the dates finalized by the next meeting.

Call me on my cell (# above) if there any other questions.

Thank you!
Pete Smith, *Activities Director*

Membership Meeting Minutes – April 4th, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

Secretary – minutes from previous membership meeting accepted.

Membership – Will summarized recent new MoHud members as well as upcoming anniversaries. Last membership count – 430 members. Individuals who visit the website are expressing interest in MoHud. At the recent Roundtable, there was discussion about instituting a “tiered” membership, e.g., Sports Car subscription only, solo level, pdx only, road racing only, etc. The concept was not warmly received at the convention. However, the SCCA Board of Directors is looking for membership feedback. The goal is to increase SCCA membership. Russ, Will, and Chip all expressed reservations. Russ and Will have both provided comments to the Board.

Knock Off – April edition has been delivered.

Treasurer – Chip provided a summary of the Region’s previous month’s income and resources.

Solo – Russ has gotten approval for use of the OGS lot and the Fortitech site. He’s continuing to work with Wilton Mall. Next month – weekend of May 12th – there will a Divisional at the Meadowlands. May 1 and 2nd will be the first MoHud Solo events. There continues to be interest in Rally Cross evidenced by posts to the Mo Hud website. We’re continuing to seek a person interested in assisting the Region in scheduling events.

PDX – contract has been signed and returned to Lime Rock Park. April 20th – Patroon is having a driving school at Lime Rock Park. Patroon will also be at the Glen and Calabogie this summer.

Activities – dates are pending for golf and kart outing. Pete solicited potential interest in a cruise on Lake George. Members expressed interest in a Hudson River evening cruise. Pete will gather information and get back to the membership.

Competition – Tech Party scheduled for April 14th at Bob Karl’s in Troy. Food (hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda) will be available. Jack reminded everyone that the GCR is updated monthly. You must go online and download the updates to make certain you have the current rules. Other changes – legal weight of car (per GCR) must be posted on the side of every race car (other than those cars where every car has the same legal weight); all HANS must have an SFI sticker; harness belts (SFI) are only valid for two years.

Old Business – a number of MoHud members attended the recent Roundtable. Both Russ and Jack said they would like to see more non-racing seminars at the Roundtables, e.g., Solo Steward seminar. Tom Campbell pointed out that Solo participants have been invited to conduct seminars at the various Roundtables, but SCCA has not been very successful in generating interest.

New Business – Street Survival – MoHud needs to work out the details of the sanction with Patroon BMW. April 23rd – next board meeting at the Orchard Tavern, 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Monthly Membership Report 4/18/2012

Will Schambach

New member report 4/18/12 from: 3/17/12 to: 4/18/12.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Deborah Rickes	4/17/12	Latham	NY
Noah Brownsey	4/12/12	Niskayuna	NY
Noor Jariri	4/10/12	Delmar	NY
Russell Gorman	3/31/12	Niskayuna	NY

Interests report as of 4/18/12.

Solo

Noah Brownsey

Noor Jariri

Russell Gorman

Anniversary Report as of 4/18/12

Name	Joined on	Years
	April	
Kenneth Hurd	4/20/82	30
Kenneth Bach	4/16/97	15
Angelica Vanslyke	4/17/02	10
Nick Mastri	4/16/02	10
Rob Reed	4/11/02	10
	May	
Christopher Zarzycki	5/1/77	35
Deborah Riggi	5/28/87	25
Ernest Riggi	5/28/87	25
Jennifer Riggi	5/28/87	25
Kathleen Riggi	5/28/87	25
Jill Wright	5/3/02	10
Annamarie Cioffari	5/10/07	5
Jameson Hurd	5/10/07	5
Edward Granka	5/24/07	5

There are 343 members in the region.

Warm, sunny day for Tech Party as MoHud members begin 2012 racing season

All photos courtesy of Jim Bucci



Doug Kelly and Eric Smith pose with one of Doug's crew members.



Walt Ryan's Spec Miata 67.



Jack Hanifan chats with Tom and Carol Campbell.



Maryann and Johannes Krauss chat with Walt Ryan while waiting for chef John Sheridan to finish cooking.



Nick Galvdri's FV

Inspector Todd Boice



Steve Fredericks' ITA Mazda Miata



Jim Bucci and Pete Smith



Bob Karl Sr. with
Walt Ryan and Tim Moll



Nancy and Todd Boice talk with Walt Ryan and Jack Hanifan



Trish Bucci and Nancy Boice

Roly Heacox and John Sheridan discuss cars with another racer.

