

# **RACE SEASON IN FULL SWING!**

## **STREET SURVIVAL event proves to be a great success for all involved!**

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**24TH ANNUAL  
JOHN STIM  
MEMORIAL  
RACE  
Saturday,  
June 23, 2012**



**MoHud loses  
Dear Friend!  
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Photos courtesy Pete Smith

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# RE **REPORT**

Russ Burckhard

## July 2012 RE Report

The July Membership meeting has been cancelled. Since the meeting falls on the Fourth of July, we have decided to cancel the meeting. **Our next regular meeting at the Orchard will be on September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

The first of the Street Survivals was held at Fortitech on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16 students attended. We had 18 instructors on hand and the event went very well. This was our first event without the guidance of Bill Wade and the event went very well. We had a few small hiccups, but overall successful. The next Street Survival will be put on by the Patroon BMW club also at Fortitech on August 11<sup>th</sup>. As with the last event, we are going to need help putting on this event. Please go to <http://www.patroon.motorsportreg.com/> to register or contact Will Schambach or myself for more information.

**The August monthly meeting will be held at the Funplex in East Greenbush.**

<http://www.funplexfunpark.com/> Discounts will be available for SCCA members

The Mohud National at Lime Rock is also approaching. We will be working with NNJR again. I am planning on being there for both days and hope to see you all there.

Upcoming events;

Mohud National	June 22-23	Lime Rock Park
Street Survival	August 11	Fortitech
PDX	Oct 20	Lime Rock Park

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PDX**

**Oct 20th, 2012**

**at Lime Rock Park**

# SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

## July 2012 Solo Report

I received word from Wilton mall. They were asking for another rent increase. I believe that the region would not be able to break even without an entry fee increase. As much as I hate to lose a site, I think it is in Mohud's best interest to not hold an event at the current rental fees. Keep an eye on the website as to a possible replacement site for the next event.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> event was held at Fortitech. Bert Huiest set up another one of his signature courses I believe with some input from Jim Garry. About 70 came out to compete. About halfway through the day a brief shower started wetting the pavement. Due to the difference of sealed and unsealed pavement at the finish, we had a car spin through the finish area and hit one of the light poles on the facility. Damage was minimal and the course was reset so that it would finish prior to the sealed portion. Because of the change, we split the event into two events. Will Schambach set the fastest raw time, while Sam Krauss and I set the fastest Pax adjusted time.

The National Tour will have been held the weekend after I wrote this. I will give an update next issue. I believe there are 8 mohudders signed up for this event

Upcoming events;

<b>June 16-17</b>	<b>National Tour</b>	<b>Devens</b> (not a Mohud event)
<i>July 15</i>	Event 3	<i>Tentative</i>
<b>Aug 11-12</b>	<b>Street Survival, Event 4</b>	<b>Fortitech</b>
<b>Sept 8</b>	<b>Adirondack Corvette Event</b>	<b>Prospect Mountain</b> (not a Mohud event)
<b>Sept 15,16</b>	<b>Car control clinic, Event 5</b>	<b>Fortitech</b>
<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>Event 6</b>	<b>OGS McCarty Ave lot</b>
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>Event 7</b>	<b>OGS McCarty Ave lot</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>PDX</b>	<b>Lime Rock Park</b>

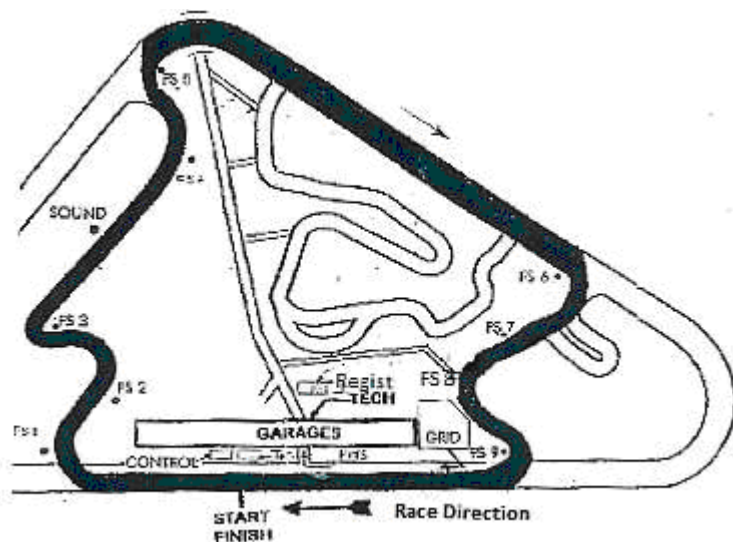
*Italics are tentative. Bold are confirmed.*

# COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

## August 2012 Competition Report

Tri-Region has announced completion of the latest configuration for Pocono International Speedway. The 2.25 mile 9 turn course will be run clockwise. Pocono Speedway had suspended racing at the facility in order to repave the track in preparation for the NASCAR Sprint Cup. The Tri-Oval has been completely repaved and the bumps are no longer there. The new configuration will be used for the Tri-Region National in August. I drove this configuration around 1990, at that time it was unsafe due to a drop-off in turn 8 and a fence which was rather close to the track. These problems have apparently been corrected and it should be an interesting course. It will be much slower due to the fact that we will no longer go through NASCAR one, but some people will enjoy that.

### New Configuration for Pocono



### Kudos to the Lime Rock Emergency Services

Last weekend NER put on a combined Restricted Driver's School, it was a very good event but it was marred by a serious crash. A Formula F driver lost control at high speed and crashed into the barrier at Pit in and bounced into the inside pit barrier. The driver took a very hard hit and was unresponsive when ES arrived. The Lime Rock ES led by Mike G. and Lisa did an extraordinary job. The driver was revived, extricated and transported to Sharon Medical Center. He was then transported to the St. Francis Trauma Center in Poughkeepsie where he is recovering from a severe concussion. I firmly believe that if it had not been for the LRP ES crew, he probably would have died.

# Street Survival proves to be great event!

Photos courtesy of Pete Smith









# MoHud loses another great friend!

Lisa Hanifan

Linda O'Connor, wife of Thom O'Connor and mother of Sean and Ian O'Connor, died very suddenly a few weeks ago. Their family has been involved with MoHud for many, many years. Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences go to Thom and the entire O'Connor family. They all have been a vital part of our large extended MoHud family and we mourn the loss of Linda along with them.

For me personally, the very best part of this club and the sport over the years has been the great friendships I've made while at events. It made going, watching and/or participating all the better. Linda, Thom and family played a huge role in that extended family of my MoHud friends. Our (my) race weekends will never be the same without her. I'm sure Linda is still smiling at us (and a great smile it was) while sitting in some quiet spot creating some of her very beautiful artwork. We all marveled at her great talent and tenacity of design. We will all miss our dear friend.



Photo above taken around 1968, when Linda was an enthusiastic and successful ice racer.

*Thanks to Greg Rickes for the photo.*

Photo to the right was aboard the Albany Aqua Duck in 2006, Thom and Linda having a great time with Kathy Barnes behind Linda.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING June 6, 2012

Called to order – 6:15

Secretary – no report.

Membership – no report to the Board. Will S. will summarize recent activity at the general membership meeting.

Knock Off – reminder to get articles in on time.

Treasurer – no report.

Solo – Solo's event on Sunday – one incident – a car backed into a light pole. Fortitech was notified. They are checking to see what, if any, damage, there may have been. The incident was due to a spin out due to wet pavement (a 5 mph hit). Very minor damage to the car. Safety Stewards will meet shortly to see what can be done in the future to avoid similar incidents. Event had 72 participants. Divisional at Meadowlands – two Ferrari's ("Dreamride Event") were involved in an incident, hit a motorcyclist head-on, and the motorcyclist died. Although this activity was not related to the SCCA Divisional, the Meadowlands staff asked that all other competition be terminated for the rest of the weekend. This incident was not associated with the SCCA competition. The Ferrari's were using the facilities, but for a separate and distinct activity. Wilton Mall has been advised that we will not be using their site for our July Solo event. They had raised their rental rate from \$700 to \$2,000.

Street Survival – had 16 participants. All registrants attended, even with the rainy weather. Will indicated that we were not as well organized as we were last year. But overall, it went very smoothly. Next event is August 11<sup>th</sup>. There was also a minor incident at the Street Survival. When cars were queueing up, one student's car tapped the rear of another student's car. There was very minor damage to the vehicles. The car that was hit had two dents in the rubber bumper cover.

Rally – no report.

PDX – event is still on track.

Activities – still need more people to sign up for the river dinner.

Competition – Mo Hud race now has 44 entered registrants. With the paper entries, we're up to about 50 entries. General discussion ensued about the race fiscals – food, t-shirts, trophies. Decisions will be made once we get closer to race date and determine the number of entries. Jack reminded everyone that LRP regional is this weekend, along with a driver's school.

Old Business – none.

New Business – none.

# General Membership Meeting

June 6, 2012

Call to order – 7:35 pm

Minutes from May's meeting accepted.

**Membership** – Will identified new members who have recently joined Mo Hud. Last month we had 351 members. Member anniversaries were also provided.

**Knock Off** – members reminded to submit their articles to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Treasurer** – previous two months (April and May) income and expenses for the region summarized.

**Solo** – second event of the year was this past weekend at Fortitech. 72 entrants participated. There was a minor incident – a competitor spun out and backed into a light pole (it had recently rained and the course was wet). The course was altered slightly to eliminate any further incidents. Fortitech was informed of the incident. They were not concerned – the damage to the light pole was very minor. Wilton Mall has increased their site rental fee from \$700 to \$2,000. While they did offer to see if they could reduce the fee to \$1,000, we have since advised them that even the \$1,000 fee is too high. Consequently, we will not be having a Solo event at Wilton Mall this year. The Solo Safety Stewards will be reviewing the circumstances that led up to the Fortitech mishap to determine what future changes we can make to avoid a similar situation in the future. Another mishap occurred at Street Survival this past weekend. A student's car was queueing up, and rolled into the car in front of his at slow speed. Damage was very minor. Incident reports were filed with National for both mishaps. At the Divisional in the Meadowlands, on a different section of the site, there was an "arrive and drive" event. Two Ferrari's were driving back to the site, were involved in a mishap with a motorcyclist, and the motorcyclist died. The "arrive and drive" was not associated with SCCA.

**Rally** – no report.

**PDX** – scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at LRP.

**Street Survival** – was held this past weekend (June 2nd). There were 16<sup>th</sup> participants. The "wet" weather helped keep the pavement slick enough so that the student's had an opportunity to get their cars sliding around. State Police were at the event. They brought their "roll over" vehicle exhibit. The exhibit demonstrated the potential impact of not wearing a seat belt during a rollover. A semi exhibit was also provided. Cars were parked in and around the semi, and the students were able to sit in the semi's drivers seat to see the blind spots. Sponsors included: Dunkin Donuts, Freemans Bridge Rd, who provided donuts and coffee; North Country Imports provided an air bag, which was "detonated" to show the student's the impact during an accident. Next event is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be run thru the Patroon Chapter.

**Activities** – we are eight people short for the Dutch Apple Cruise. It is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. FunPlex is August 1<sup>st</sup>. August 16<sup>th</sup> is the golf outing at the Burden Lake Country Club.

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**Competition** – Jack announced that Thom O’Connor’s wife passed away last week. The Region has sent flowers. This coming weekend, June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, is a regional race at Lime Rock Park. The Region’s National/Regional race will be at Lime Rock Park June 22 - 23. The Board has decided to hold off on making a decision on t-shirts and some other additional optional expenses until we get a better count on the number of entrants. To date, there are about 50 entrants.

**Old Business** – Russ will make arrangements to deliver the radios that were purchased by the members at the last monthly meeting.

**New Business** – special guest, John Walsh, Area 10 Director, attended the meeting. John discussed a number of issues – electronic edition of Sports Car (it is costing SCCA close to \$500,000/year to publish) vs. paper copy– feedback is that the general membership likes the paper copy; tiered membership (won’t be pursued at this time); National Racing – participation is decreasing and SCCA is looking at ways increase participation, including developing the “Majors” program, a prototype invitational race (the intent is to improve the level of competition while giving racers more track time); reducing barriers for recruiting new drivers into road racing (ideas include instituting an “introductory” licensing fee for new competitors, alternative race driver schools, entry level racing class; new motor package for Spec Racer Fords). Central NY Motorsports Park just north of Syracuse – they are interested in dirt track racing as well as developing a road and solo course. They have not broken ground yet. Membership is trending down – we now have about 42,000 to 43,000 members. We gain 10,000 to 11,000 member annually and lose about 12,000 members annually.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

***ON THE ACTIVITIES SIDE...***

# **DUTCH APPLE TRIP!**

**THURSDAY,  
JULY 26, 2012**

**BOAT SAILS at 6pm Promptly**

**Cost \$42 per person**

includes

Dinner Buffet #1

**\*minimum of 35 people**

Caesar Salad

Chicken Cacciatore with mushrooms, pepper and onions

Sliced Pork Loin with a wild mushroom and  
sundried tomato cream sauce

Penne with tomato sauce

Sautéed Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Desserts and Coffee Station

**Email Pete Smith at [dsmith3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dsmith3@nycap.rr.com)**

**or call Pete at 518-339-5744 (cell) ASAP**

**if you plan to attend!**

**ADDITIONAL EVENTS PLANNED:****GO KART NIGHT****Wednesday, Aug 1, 2012**

Same place, time etc. as last year;  
*except each ticket will cost \$3;*  
**AND** for \$20 an individual will have access  
to all rides for the entire evening.

Call Pete Smith on his cell phone **518-339-5744** for all questions.

**AND ONCE AGAIN:****THE GOLF OUTING**  
**THURSDAY, AUG. 16, 2012**

Same routine as last year!

***Plan on it!!***

Again call Pete @ **518-339-5744** with questions!!

Thank you!  
Pete Smith, *Activities Director*

# Monthly Membership Report 6/14/2012

## Will Schambach

### New member report 6/14/12 from: 5/17/12 to: 6/14/12.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Audrey Kline	6/7/12	Johnstown	NY
Raymond Capogna	6/6/12	Rexford	NY
Alexander Cesari	6/2/12	Watervliet	NY
Brian Monroe	5/29/12	Monticello	NY
Brian Hunter	5/24/12	Cobourg	ON, Canada

### Interests report as of 6/14/12.

#### Solo

Raymond Capogna  
Alexander Cesari  
Brian Monroe

#### Rally

Alexander Cesari

#### Club Racing

Alexander Cesari

#### Pro Racing

Brian Hunter

### Anniversary Report as of 6/14/12

Name	Joined on	Years
	<b>June</b>	
Karen Smith	6/25/82	30
Linda Thomson	6/25/87	25
Sandra Sheridan	6/5/02	10
Rose Ann Garry	6/4/07	5
Joseph Garry	6/4/07	5
	<b>July</b>	
Paul Gifford	7/1/77	35
David Canavan	7/9/92	20
Bill Bennett	7/22/92	20
John Godfrey	7/29/92	20
Gene Tricozzi	7/8/97	15
Kenneth Porter Jr.	7/17/97	15

There are 354 members in the region, +3 from last month's report.