

The Seasons are a Changing...



Both Thom O'Connor & Tom Campbell boast more family members in the club.



Jim and Trish Bucci are both very active club members.

A MoHud Focus-
Our MoHud Families;
with each new generation
the club continues
to prosper!



A young TJ Hanifan is seen here helping Pete Smith load up for a race weekend years ago. Now they're competing in many of the same events.



Jared & Jess Lendrum with their beautiful daughter Gwendolyn.



Trish Bucci does many different duties, here as race worker with another avid MoHud member, Eric Smith.

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RE **REPORT**

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Russ Burckhard

November 2012 RE Report

It was a busy month since the last issue. We held a couple of Solo's, a PDX, and a Rally(October 28th if this issue gets published before that date, please come to Latham Farms for the Rally). We will have details from those events next month.

Reminder; Coming November 9th is the 2012 Mini-Con. CNY is hosting this year with the event being held at the **Ramada Inn Ithaca, NY** 2310 N Triphammer Rd, Hwy 13 and Triphammer Rd Ithaca, NY. Follow the link or go to <http://www.glen-scca.org/events/minicon2012.asp> for more info. Room rate is \$99.95 a night including breakfast. For group rate please use "SCCA".

Save the date for the Banquet. It will be held on December 8th at the Troy Elks Club. Cocktails at 6:30.

Upcoming events;

Mini-Con	Nov 9	Ramada Inn Ithaca, NY
Banquet	Dec 8	Troy Elks Club

SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

November 2012 Solo Report

Our 6th event was held at McCarty Ave. 37 competitors came out to compete and were all able to get in 8 runs. Paul Severino set the fastest raw time and Bill Bennett set the fastest Pax adjusted time.

Our 7th event was also at McCarty Ave. We were surprised when we got there to find that the bad pavement was replaced with some new stuff. The rain made for a miserable event set up, but the rain stopped before the first run. The course was wet at the start, but dried throughout the day. Jeff Grossbard set up a challenging course. 45 competitors came out to compete and were all able to get in 6 runs. Jared Lendrum set the fastest raw time and Bill Bennett set the fastest Pax adjusted time.

I will have done my first PDX by the time you read this. I am excited to try this and can't wait to tell you about my experience.

Next issue I will recap the season.

I want to thank everyone that helped with the Solo program. I probably do not say it enough, but I appreciate everyone's help with the program.

I am still looking for a replacement to help hand out the trophies. Please contact me if interested.

Upcoming events;

Oct 20	PDX	Lime Rock Park
Dec 8	Banquet	Try Elks Club

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

November 2012

Annual Meeting and Banquet

Our Club Racing Awards will be presented at the Annual **Meeting- December 8th**. We normally present awards for Driver of the Year (sometimes both National and Regional). Most Improved Driver, Rookie of the Year. We also present the Dave Riggi Memorial Award which is presented to a driver who has assisted his fellow competitors. We also can present special awards but we need Nominations, without them we cannot make awards. We also will present T-shirts to those drivers who send in their best 5 races.

The rules are:

You can count any 5 SCCA races; they can be Nationals, Regional's, Pro or enduros. If you are in an Enduro you must have actually driven in the race. **Mohawk Hudson Region Races count double.**

Points are awarded for races as follows: 1st-20, 2nd 15, 3rd -12, 4th – 10, 5th-8, 6th-6, 7th-4, 8th-2 and 9th and higher -1. In addition you receive one point for every car in your class that you beat. Your best 5 races should be totaled.. Remember you could conceivably win one race and finish 2nd in another but the 2nd place finish could be worth more points if the field was larger. The races had to be run in 2012 and you have until November 15th to submit your points to me at JackHanifan@hotmail.com

NYSRRC and NARRC Banquets

The NYSRRC Banquet will be held the traditional Saturday after Thanksgiving- November 24th. Information should be posted on the NYSRRC Website.

NARRC Banquet-The NARRC banquet will be hosted by NNJR and they will be announcing the details on both their website and the NARRC website.

Last Chance at the Glen

The Last Chance Weekend included a Drivers School, Regional Race and a four hour Enduro.

Congratulations to our Asst. RE Jim Bucci, who has not raced in more than ten years, he attended the school with his ITA Ford Focus and was signed off.

In the Regional Races- Thom O'Connor took a 1st, George Kline was 3rd in EP (George also had a good finish with his EP car at the Fun One) Jared Lendrum started 16th and finished 2nd overall in his STL Miata, Jim Bucci finished 10th. In SM David Lendrum 2nd, Alan Lendrum 4th, Ken Lendrum 5th, Jared Lendrum 7th.

I do not have results for the Enduro but I know Adam Figarsky had a good finish in SM.

ANNUAL YEAR-END MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET



Saturday, December 8th

Troy Elks Club
134 North Greenbush Rd. (Rt. 4), Troy, NY
(just south of HVCC)

6:30pm cocktails – cash bar
7:30pm dinner (includes meal, dessert & coffee)

Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 16th
Mail your check (payable to MoHud SCCA) and the bottom of this page to:

Jim Bucci
6 Hunter Ave, Latham, NY 12110

Questions? Email Jim at jjbucci@hotmail.com or call (518) 944- 4371



New this year. Each year MoHud member Bob Karl and his BK Motorsports team collect toys to be donated to Unity House in Troy. Since 1971, Unity House has been making life better in the Capital Region; they are a Rensselaer County- based human service agency that provides a wide range of services to meet the otherwise unmet needs of people in their community who are hurting and struggling.



Please support Bob Karl in his toy drive effort this year by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to our awards banquet.

On the line(s) below, write the quantity of each meal you wish to order:

prime rib	# _____	x \$25 = \$ _____
stuffed chicken	# _____	x \$22 = \$ _____
vegetarian lasagna	# _____	x \$22 = \$ _____
child's meal (age 8 & under)	# _____	no charge

Total Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

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Come to the Awards party, enjoy the fun and help by bringing a toy for the Toy Drive!



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Sports Car Club of America Revamps Road Racing Program

U.S. Majors Tour to Replace SCCA National Racing by 2014

TOPEKA, Kan. (Oct. 18, 2012) – Sports Car Club of America’s Board of Directors announced today the most significant change to its amateur road racing program in 50 years. Following the 2013 season, “National” racing will be phased out, with the U.S. Majors Tour serving as the top level of a two-tier SCCA Club Racing program in 2014.



“As the U.S. Majors Tour gains momentum, it will take its natural position as the premier level of competition within SCCA’s amateur road racing program,” SCCA Chairman Jerry Wannarka said. “By 2014, amateur road racing will have two levels of racing – the U.S. Majors Tour and Regional Racing, with the Majors program focused on clustering the best and toughest competition and Regionals focused on local racing programs.”

SCCA’s amateur road racing program has been tiered for more than half a century, with “National” racing serving as the top level.

“Over the years, SCCA’s ‘National’ program has evolved across the country into something with little cohesion,” Wannarka continued. “With only a handful of General Competition Rules requirements separating a National event from a Regional event, these two programs have morphed, in many cases, into one type of event that is managed entirely at the local level.

“The changes over the next year will take the premier events, geared toward our National Championship drivers, and provide a better link through a series managed by the SCCA National Headquarters. For non-Majors events, this change will remove the limitations that holding a National event have historically placed on our Regions, providing the flexibility needed to customize their Regional Racing programs.

“The focus of the Regional Racing format is on the experience of getting on track and racing wheel-to-wheel. The U.S. Majors Tour takes that same experience and focuses on the intense competition of Championship racing within the SCCA.”

A path to the National Championship Runoffs will exist through both the Majors and Regional programs.

For 2013, that path includes Majors Conference Championships (comprised solely of Majors events) and the National and Divisional Point Championships (including all Majors and regular National events).

Details of the 2014 path are still being determined, although the Board has committed for paths to exist for Runoffs-eligible classes through both the U.S. Majors Tour and Regional Racing.

“The goal is to have a very direct path to the Runoffs through the U.S. Majors Tour,” Wannarka said. “But, there will continue to be an additional path through local events that a driver might support throughout the year. It is important for both the U.S. Majors Tour and the Regional Racing programs to thrive. The Runoffs need to support this initiative with a qualification path for each.”

Details on Championship point structures, 2013 events and Runoffs criteria will be announced in the coming weeks.

Additional information is available at www.sccamajors.com.

Campbell Racing at the 2012 Runoffs – the Sophomore Jinx

This year was another good one for Campbell Brothers Racing. We again ran two cars, Charlie's Spec Miata and my F Production Miata, both with Charlie in the seat, in the NEDIV National Racing series. We opened the season at New Hampshire and closed at Beaver Run (I know, it's now PIRC but it will always be BR to me!). A few ups and downs during the season but at the end we were the Division Champions in both classes and the cars were still in good condition. I don't remember anyone being the Division champion in two different classes in the same year in the past.

After Beaver Run we both started getting the cars ready for the Runoffs. In both cases fresh motors were installed. A little body work to clean up the SM car and fitting a new air dam to the front of the FP were the biggest items. Then the usual clean and inspect everything, re-do the alignments and weight distributions and get the trailers and tow vehicles ready for the long haul to Wisconsin.

Last year we went to Road America early to do a test day, mostly to get Charlie some seat time at an unfamiliar track. This year we decided that wouldn't be necessary. However, with a new motor and transmission in the FP car and, more importantly, with the new air dam we wanted to get some track time on that car so we stopped at Watkins Glen for the Fun One regional race on the way west. This turned out to be a good thing. While the car ran very well, the air dam created significant new front down-force and the over steer we had been working on all year became a real problem. Also, as a result of the air dam the top speed of the car improved and we were running into the engine's RPM limit at the two long straights at the Glen. All this was good to find out before getting to Road America. What wasn't good was that the transmission locked itself in third gear on Sunday when I got in to do the last race of the weekend. Although Charlie had no problems with the transmission, this wasn't an unknown issue with the new racing transmission we now were using.

We worked on the over steer problem through the weekend and did improve it but not as much as we needed to. The top speed issue was addressed by calling Planet Miata and having them ship us another, taller ratio, differential ring and pinion directly to Road America. The transmission problem was attributed to something I had done and we loaded the car and would have to wait until we got to Road America to pull the transmission apart to make the fix.

We went to Charlie's place in Pennsylvania Sunday after the Watkins Glen race and left first thing Monday morning for Wisconsin, about a 12 hour drive. Set up our paddock on Tuesday, got through registration and tech, applied all the new contingency decals, and fixed the transmission.

The new Runoffs schedule this year had all the qualifying and racing for each class over a four day period. It was very difficult to keep track of the whole thing. In our case, the SM class started with a qualifying on Wednesday, another on Thursday and Friday and then Race on Saturday. The F Prod car didn't start until Thursday, then another qualifying session on Friday,

and again on Saturday and the race on Sunday. Running both cars kept us constantly moving but the schedules didn't really conflict and Charlie certainly had a lot of seat time.

This year's SM field was surprisingly small. I think the final count was 26. Our car was mid pack all week and in the end qualified 21st. Disappointing but not totally unexpected. The top cars and drivers are just so well prepared and experienced. One of the biggest problems was that once we got behind there just wasn't a truly fast car to use as a drafting partner. The race was about the same. Charlie was running as high as 15th when he was punted into an off track excursion which put him back to about 20th late in the race but he was able to get back to 15th at the end.

The F Prod car was really running well from the beginning. In the first session we qualified 5th. Right where we were last year. We didn't have the new differential in yet and were, as expected, running out of revs at the end of several long straights. Transmission was working fine. Still some over steer which we would continue to improve each time out. Between sessions we were able to install the new ring and pinion in the spare differential and get it into the car. In the afternoon session Charlie really got the car going and was able to improve his qualifying position to 3rd, about a second a lap faster than in the morning and also about a second a lap faster than last year. We were feeling very good at this point.

The car was ready for the final qualifying session which was at 8:30 Friday morning. It was quite cold and windy, perhaps a little damp from rain over the night. We, and several others, decided that there wasn't much chance of going faster in these conditions, and Charlie certainly didn't need more track time, so we decided to skip the last session. Only a few of the drivers were able to improve their performance and our 3rd qualifying position was safe.

There wasn't much to do to the car until race time at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. We did take it to a scale pad and rechecked the alignment and corner weights. Then spend some time cleaning and polishing. By race time the weather was good, not as cold and not quite as windy but dry. Charlie started out well and was in the lead mix of cars, running as high as second but the positions were changing several times each lap between the top five or six cars. Then disaster struck. On lap six while running in 5th place the transmission, once again, locked itself in 3rd gear. And there was nothing that we could do about it - race over! Charlie motored around for a bit but it was just too frustrating and he was just getting in other people's way. After he was lapped by the leaders we decided to bring it in and park it on lap 9 of 13.

As it turned out, the first qualifier failed to finish, the second place qualifier finished first and we would have had a real good chance to, once again, be on the podium. Oh well – that's rac'in!

We are back home now of course. The SM car is still in the trailer – Charlie is planning to do one more event at Nelson Ledges. The F Prod car is in the garage but still stuck in 3rd gear. We're both rather worn out but happy with the overall season; but disappointed by the mechanical failure in the last race. Haven't started talking about plans for next year but we definitely left the Runoffs with some unfinished business.

Tom and Charlie Campbell

EXECUTIVE BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 PM.

SECRETARY – no report

TREASURER – we need to close the books for the Mo Hud race so that we can reconcile the final fiscal with the NJ Region. Russ and Dick will follow-up with Chip.

MEMBERSHIP – no report

ELECTION COMMITTEE – Chip would like to vacate his position as Treasurer. Dick Stewart is canvassing membership to see who might be interested in taking Chip's place. Russ has agreed to run for RE. Jim has agreed to run for Asst RE.

SOLO – we will need to purchase a new EZ Up canopy – the present one has been damaged and is no longer useable. Dick has some 10' x 20' canopies for sale. He offered to provide a canopy to Russ that can be used at the next Solo event to determine if it is something we may want to purchase. This past weekend's McCarty Lot Solo had 36 entries. The relatively low number of entries provided an opportunity for the membership to work more closely with new attendees, as well as providing more track time for the participants. Mo Hud did well at the recently held National Solos Championships with a number of 1st, 3rd, and 5th place finishes.

PDX – will be at Lime Rock Park on Saturday, October 20. DJ has contacted Connecticut Valley BMWCCA and asked their assistance in publicizing the event.

ACTIVITIES – general consensus that we should do the Go Karts again this winter. Will probably be scheduled for sometime in January or February.

COMPETITION – The Region had good placings at both the Cheap Date in New Hampshire and the Fun One at the Glen. At NHIS, Bob Smart won F Prod and Tyler Reynolds had a 3rd and 4th place finish in FV.

OLD BUSINESS – the Board discussed ordering polo shirts and denim shirts for the membership. Mo Hud members will be given an opportunity to order shirts. Either an email blast will be sent out, or an order form will be included in an upcoming Knock Off. The Board will begin to come up with an estimate for replacing the current Mo Hud van. The current van is too small and is overloaded with equipment, making it difficult to drive safely. The van needs to have both rear and side doors so that equipment can be easily retrieved. Once purchased, we will also need to find a place to store the van when it is not in use.

NEW BUSINESS – Holiday Banquet – we will do a holiday toy collection for a local church. Price for the banquet was discussed. Jim will get dinner prices from the Elks Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Mo Hud Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER – 7:55 pm

SECRETARY – previous month's meeting minutes accepted unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP – Will provided a summary of the previous month's list of new members as well as member anniversaries. The Region now has 349 members.

KNOCK OFF – the September edition has been emailed to all members and has been posted on the website.

SOLO – a number of events were held last month. The Region assisted the Corvette Club in putting on a Solo event at Prospect Mountain. The race was lightly attended – 20 attendees. The Region's Solo event at the OGS lot was well attended with 37 attendees. The Fortitech Solo event was also well attended with approximately 60+ attendees. The Solo School held the day before had 22 students. Mo Hud had a number of good placings at the recently held Solo Nationals, with a number of 1st place finishes (Alex Shchipkov and Olgas Bogdanova), Will Schambach with a 3rd place finish, and Jim Garry with a 5th place finish in their respective categories.

TREASURER – Chip provided a summary of the Region's monthly income and expenses.

RALLY – Trish reported that the Ghosts and Goblins Halloween GTA Rally will be held on Sunday, October 28. This is a fun, low key rally – kids are welcome to share in the fun. Cars will depart from Latham Farms – Sam's Club parking lot, at 1:00 pm. Registration and Safety Inspection will be at 12:00 – 12:45 pm and a participant meeting will be held at 12:45 pm. There will be an awards ceremony immediately following the event, which will end at a restaurant within 10 minutes of the Albany area. Please contact Trish Bucci, Rallymaster, at trimar71@gmail.com or call Trish at 518-728-8943 for further information.

PDX – will be held at Lime Rock Park, Saturday, October 20th.

ACTIVITIES – members should keep a watch out for Go Kart racing in Johnstown for sometime in January. The Annual Awards Banquet, Holiday Party, will be on December 8th at the Elks Club in East Greenbush. Prime rib/stuffed chicken/vegetable lasagna will be on the menu. Cocktails will be at 6:30 pm and dinner served at 7:30 pm.

COMPETITION – Tom Campbell gave a report on his and his brother's (Charlie Campbell) experience at the recently held Nationals. Jack Hanifan gave a report on the Watkins Glen Fun One Regional.

OLD BUSINESS – there is approximately \$200 remaining in the Race Worker's Fund that was collected for the Lime Rock Park Mo Hud race earlier this year. It was decided that the left over money would be used to purchase Mo Hud shirts for Specialty Chiefs. Jim and Gene will coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS – the Region had recently attempted to put on a "Street Survival" event for the parents of students who had recently attended one of our Street Survival schools. However, the Region encountered a number of barriers (e.g., helmet requirements) that did

not permit us to proceed. Bruce asked that the Region reach out to the National to explore options for making this event happen. Tom Campbell agreed to bring this up with the SCCA National Board of Directors. Jim Bucci also agreed to pursue discussions with National.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – the following individuals have been nominated for officers:

- Region Executive - Russ Burkhardt
- Assistant Region Executive - Jim Bucci
- Secretary - Ron Bass
- Treasurer - Todd Boice
- Directors – Dick Stewart, Bruce Kosakowski
- Activities Director – Pete Smith

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Monthly Membership Report 10/17/2012

Will Schambach

NEW MEMBER REPORT 10/17/12 FROM 9/21/12 TO 10/17/12.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Colden Cullen	9/27/12	Newcomb	NY
Jan-Marie Spanard	9/27/12	Newcomb	NY
Greg Tewes	9/27/12	Wynantskill	NY
Drew Cullen	9/24/12	Newcomb	NY
John Bennett	9/22/12	Saratoga Springs	NY

INTERESTS REPORT AS OF 10/17/12.

Solo	Club Racing	Rally
Greg Tewes	Greg Tewes	Drew Cullen
Drew Cullen	Drew Cullen	
John Bennett	John Bennett	

ANNIVERSARY REPORT AS OF 10/17/12

Name	Joined on	Years
	September	
David Wachtel	9/1/67	45
James Bucci	9/8/87	25
James Quaile	9/10/87	25
Anthony Leone	9/30/92	20
	October	
Alvon Macauley Jr.	10/8/97	15

There are 353 members in the region, +4 from last report.

MoHud families ever growing!



David & Addison Lendrum at the Glen.

The Lendrums are growing in numbers! The Glen September race event found almost the entire family up for the weekend for the races. Two of the newest members of the family are David and Kelly's daughter Addison and Jared and Jess's daughter Gwendolyn.

Alan and Jackie also welcomed a daughter, They are one of many of the extended families active in MoHud.

The BK Karls, the Riggis, Campbells, Sheridans, Figarskys, O'Connors, Blizzards, Hanifans, and many others continue to keep MoHud strong and active.



Ken Lendrum holds grandson Patrick as granddaughter Annie stands next to them at a tech party a couple of years ago



Patrick & Annie Lendrum enjoy a day at the races.

At right, the newest Lendrum is Natalie, Alan and Jackie's daughter, sister of Annie and Elizabeth. A rumor has it that Eric and Stephanie are awaiting an arrival in 2013. Ken suggested a scorcard to keep them all straight.

If you have photos and stories of other MoHud families, please send them along to the editor for future editions.





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GREAT MEMORABILIA ADDED TO LOST SPEEDWAYS PROGRAM

The Saratoga Automobile Museum's LOST SPEEDWAYS program has grown into a "must see" event for auto racing aficionados of all ages and SAM's most popular event. For 2012, the date will remain the same, the traditional Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 24th), with some new highlights.

"Memorabilia is always a big part of the day, with visitors encouraged to bring their prized items for sharing from 11:30 am until the speakers begin at 1 pm," explained organizer Ron Hedger. "But this year we will have some great displays that people have never seen, including photos of the late Wally Campbell and other Speedway Division drivers and a fantastic vintage slide connection recently donated to the museum by longtime racing photographer PJ West of Vestal, NY. They include numerous shots of Richie Evans, whose car is now on display, so it should be captivating.

"Our current featured exhibit, 'MOONSHINE TO MILLIONAIRES – NASCAR's History, Heroes and Technology,' has been a huge success and since it will close right after Lost Speedways, I want to focus on NASCAR history this year," added Hedger. "Plus, we have the opportunity to again enjoy the racing tales of Jim Reed, a multi-year NASCAR champion who was a big hit in 2011 and has agreed to return. He's going to tell us about winning the 1959 Southern 500 at Darlington, among other highlights of his career."

The program will also include Hall of Fame driver Brian Ross' recollections of his short but eye opening Winston Cup career and his time as an instructor at Andy Hillenburg's Charlotte driving school and a look back at the highlights of the century old Fonda Speedway by longtime racing writer and DIRT legal advisor Andy Fusco.

"I will also do a pair of short presentations myself," added Hedger. "We have Bill Wimble's Carnegie Medal on display and I'll relate that story, along with a discussion of NASCAR's Speedway division for Indianapolis-type cars, something most people have never heard of.

"We now have the Evans #61 Pinto and Allan Wiltsie's beautiful Speedway Division open cockpit car wheeled by Wally Campbell on display and the stay of the Dale Earnhardt #3 was recently extended. The entire exhibit is like a highlights reel!"

Another high point of Lost Speedways will be the drawing of the first winner in the auto museum's NASCAR VIP Raffle, sponsored by M and M/Mars, which will see two winners each receive four tickets to the 2013 Sprint Cup race of their choice, \$250 travel money, garage passes and a personal meet and greet session with Kyle Busch. The second drawing will be held in the spring of 2013. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the museum or online.

The Lost Speedways event is free to museum members, with others admitted for the standard museum admission charge. More information is available online at www.saratogaautomuseum.org. The Saratoga Automobile Museum is located on the Avenue of the Pines in the Saratoga Spa State Park, just off Exit 13N of the Adirondack Northway.