

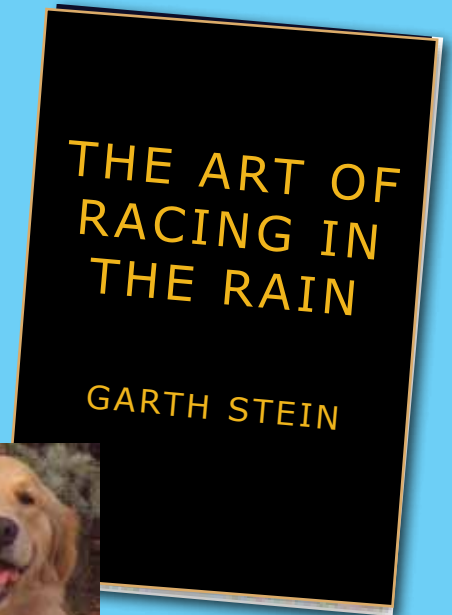
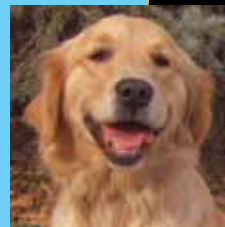


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RE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

February 2013 RE Report

We held the first of our go-kart events this past month at Checkers Out. 19 people came out and had a great time flying around the track. The only downside to the day was that there were 2 parties after us and we were unable to get on the track again like we had done in the past for some extra fun. February 16th will be the next event. It will be at Checkers Out. Check the links below to register.

For information on the winter go-kart series. This is from a Mo-Hud Facebook page from Eric Smith *"Official MoHud karting schedule will be announced sometime after Christmas, and will be held at Checkers Out in Johnstown, and perhaps an outing to a new facility in Syracuse. Look for events to be held in January, February, and perhaps March, similar to last year."* Keep an eye on the forum or Facebook page for more info.

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/94013471822/>

<http://www.mohud-scca.org/forum/index.php>

The Mohud race at Limerock has been penciled in for July 12-13. Details still need to be worked out so that we can see whether this event will happen or not.

SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

February 2013 Solo Report

The SOLO Advisory Committee met and we have a tentative schedule for 2013. All dates are tentative, and sites will be announced once agreements are in place.

4/20 – T&T/School

4/21 - Event 1

6/1 - TRSS

6/2 - Event 2

6/23 - Event 3 (possible it might be moved to 6/30)

7/27 - Solo School

7/28 - Event 4

8/17 - TRSS

8/18 - Event 5

9/7 – Adirondack Corvette Club event at Prospect Mountain.

9/29 - Event 6

10/13 – Event 7

For those that missed the banquet. I still have not heard from you. If you won a trophy, please contact me to make arraignments to receive it. russtduck@nycap.rr.com or 518-928-4049

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

February 2013 Competition Report

2013 GCR- The 2013 GCR is now online at SCCA.com. The GCR is updated each month, but you should be checking for changes in both the Rules section and the Category Specification Rules for your class.

Belts- Your race car's Annual inspection may expire any time during the year but your belts always expire at the end of the Calendar year. Check your belts now, remember FIA belts are good for 5 years and SFI belts are good for 2 years. Many belts have both labels on them, if your SFI label is expired be sure to turn the belt over and check for a FIA sticker.

COTA- If you were impressed by the F1 race in Texas, you can drive on the same track. The BF Goodrich Race Tire Double Major is being held March 8-10, 2013 at the Circuit of the Americas. Registration opened January 21st. Entry fee is \$650, Garage \$500 and RV parking is \$40 a night, no hookups. The tow is 1850 miles each way. If you do go, do not crash. If you damage guardrail, fencing or the asphalt, you will be charged for the damage. Rates are: guardrail \$25 a foot, fencing \$15 a foot and asphalt \$500 a square foot. It would cost be \$500,000 to pave my driveway at that rate.

Skip Barber, SCCA HOF Class of 2013 Inductee- If you have not been checking the SCCA website, longtime MoHud member John "Skip" Barber will be inducted into the 2013 class of the SCCA Hall of Fame. In addition to being the founder of the Skip Barber Racing School and the principal owner of Lime Rock Park, Skip is a former 3 time SCCA National Champion and drove in Formula 1. Skip has been very generous to the region over the years and I could not be happier for him.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 pm by Jim Bucci.

Motion to accept the November meeting minutes was seconded and approved.

Membership – Will provided a summary of member anniversaries. As of the end of September, there were no new members. In October/November, there was one new member. Overall membership is trending downward. Will stated he will reach out to members by email to encourage their participation in Region activities.

Knock Off – Membership was reminded that submissions are due to the editor by the 15th of the month. Submissions by the membership are appreciated.

Treasurer – Chip's years of service as treasurer was acknowledged by the membership. Todd Boice has taken over the Treasurer position effective January 1, 2013. In Chip's absence, Jim Bucci provided a summary of the previous month's income and expenses. The 2013 Region's budget will be presented at next month's BOD meeting and then to the general membership.

Solo – Fortitech has changed ownership. The local management is remaining in place, so there should be no any impact on Mo Hud's use of the facility's grounds for Solo and Street Survival.

Rally – Trish is considering offering a Spring rally. Details will be available in the next few weeks.

PDX – no firm plans yet for next year.

Activities – golf outing and Go Kart are scheduled to be on the 2013 calendar. A cruise may also be scheduled. We will be running a couple of winter events at Checker's Out. Information will be posted on Facebook and the SCCA website. Jim described the Go Kart track at the Syracuse Mall. The Region may consider a weekend trip to the track.

Competition – Jack summarized the various competitor and worker awards handed out last month at the Holiday Banquet. The Mo Hud Regional Lime Rock Park race is scheduled for July 12 and 13. Additional activities that might be held during the race were discussed, including running a PDX or BMW CCA race in conjunction with the regional race. Also discussed was incorporating an SCCA new type of event into the two day Regional, "Barriers to Competition". This is a timed "low level" competitive event that is open to non-licensed drivers. The intent of this new SCCA track event is to provide non-licensed individuals with an opportunity to participate in an SCCA sponsored track event using a vehicle that is not a full teched race car. Running this event will provide additional exposure for Mo Hud and encourage individuals to join SCCA and the Region. SCCA will be sanctioning four of these events in 2013. We may apply for a sanction.

Old Business – None.

New Business – There are a couple of new racetracks that are or will soon be open – the NY Safety Track outside of Oneonta will be open for the upcoming season, and the Thompson, CT race track is scheduled to open 2014. Both tracks may be suitable for SCCA races. Will described the Mo Hud team's recent experience at the Road Atlanta Chump Car race. More than 90 cars started; the Mo Hud team finished 38th.

The next BOD meeting will be January 28, 7:30 pm, at the Orchard Tavern. The next general membership meeting will be February 6, 7:30 pm at the same location.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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For Immediate Release

Registration Continues For SCCA Convention, Hall of Fame Induction In Las Vegas

TOPEKA, Kan. (January 22, 2013) – Spaces are still available for those wishing to attend the Sports Car Club of America Convention presented by SafeRacer at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, February 28 - March 2. The annual gathering includes informative sessions for members and Region leadership, awards luncheons, and the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony for 2013 class members Skip Barber, Bobby Rahal, Bill Noble, Carroll Shelby and Andy Porterfield.

The most anticipated portion of the weekend may be the Saturday night banquet to induct the newest members of the SCCA Hall of Fame. Beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m., racing legends Barber and Rahal and representatives of the other new inductees will be on hand to receive their awards and regale those in attendance with some racing anecdotes.

The Hall of Fame Banquet caps a weekend that begins on Thursday afternoon with the Annual Meeting and Town Hall at 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday consist of meetings, training sessions and informative seminars on a variety of SCCA topics ranging from member recruitment and retention to autocross course design.

“2012 began a real era of change for the SCCA, and those plans continue to develop into new and exciting programs as we move into 2013,” Jeff Dahnert, SCCA President/CEO, said. “From the launch of the U.S. Majors Tour and the Match Tour format in the Tire Rack Solo program to Region management changes like our new insurance program, there are informative sessions that apply to every club member. Nothing can replace the personal interaction and exchange that takes place at our National Convention. And did we mention it’s in Vegas?”

In addition to the formal meetings, the SCCA staff has planned a number of optional excursions for those wishing to venture outside the South Point Hotel. On the list of these activities are a Las Vegas Light Show Bus Tour, tours of some of Las Vegas’s hottest clubs, and a visit to the Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, all at discount prices for convention visitors.

Registration for the SCCA Convention presented by SafeRacer is available online at www.scca.com/convention. Also on that page is the event schedule, offsite activity descriptions, and other information.

Like SCCA on Facebook at [Facebook.com/SCCAOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/SCCAOfficial), or follow SCCA on Twitter @SCCAOfficial.



A Different Look at Racing for MoHud Members by Greg Rickes

The winter months are usually a quieter time for racing and autocross enthusiasts in Mohawk-Hudson Region so we'd like to suggest something just a little different to keep our members involved and in contact with one another.

The Schenectady Public Library hosts a program called "One County, One Book".

"One County, One Book" (OCOB) is a community event during which people read the same book and attend programs related to themes in the book. The book selected for the 2013 program, which will start in February, is the highly regarded title "**The Art of Racing in the Rain**" by Garth Stein.

While racing plays a main role in the theme, the book also covers much broader ground, and from a unique perspective. It has the potential to appeal not only to those actively involved in motorsports, but also their spouse/children/significant others, offering a unique opportunity to interweave motorsports and the community.

In addition to discussions of the book the Schenectady Library will host author Garth Stein on April 19 & 20, and hopes to develop additional racing-related presentations during the months ahead.

MoHud member Greg Rickes was the original contact with the Schenectady Library and Assistant R.E. Jim Bucci and his wife Trish will promote and coordinate the program within the region. We hope this will not only provide an enjoyable experience for MoHud members but also increase our visibility in the community and attract new members.

For more information on "One County,One Book" and a plot summary try this a link

<http://www.scpl.org/ocob/index.html>

Go-Karts at Checkers Out!

All photos courtesy Greg & Debbie Rickes and Trish and Jim Bucci



