

**Work,
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Above right: Jim Bucci, MoHud Asst RE sits with John Walsh, Area 10 Director, while attending the national convention in Las Veags! It is not always all work but they sure get a lot accomplished every year!



Meanwhile, Carol and Tom Campbell sit with Jim Bucci during a presentation at the national convention. Tom is SCCA Pro Racing President.

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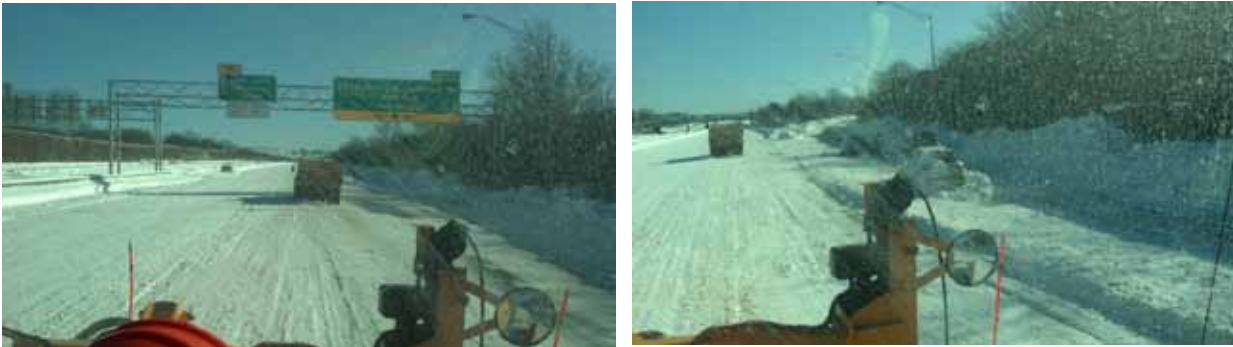
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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT Russ Burekhard

April 2013 RE Report

I am sorry that I missed the deadline last month with my reports. Due to the storm that hit Long Island, I was sent down there to help with the cleanup. The roads were in terrible shape. 2 to 3 feet of snow fell with very little plowing. That left 6 to 10 inches of hard packed snow on the roads that needed to be scrapped off. This combined with abandoned vehicles made for some long days.



The Northeast Round Table was held March 15-17. I left feeling a little disappointed. As Solo Chair I like to keep up on what is going on with the rest of the Division. There was nothing for the Solo people. The organizers of the event tried to get some of the Divisional Solo people to go and fill a couple of spots in the schedule. Despite their efforts, there was no support from the Divisional Solo crew. This is something I plan on addressing in the coming months. The Mini-Con will be held in Pittsburgh this coming November and will have a slate of meetings that cover a variety of topics from Social Media to Solo to Hill Climbs and Club Racing. Rick Myers from the SCCA home office will be in attendance. The Mini-Con will be held on November 8-10 at the Comfort Inn (rooms are \$84.00 a night with breakfast. Call 412-244-1600 for reservations) in Pittsburgh. This is more like what I would like to see at the Round Tables. As a reminder, in 2015 MoHud will be hosting the Round Table. If there is anything you would like to see at that event, please let me know.

I have been told there will be major changes coming to SCCA. One of them will be a change to the PDX rule book. The existing 30 something pages will be reduced substantially. After the first revision it was down to about two and a half pages. More changes will be made and the number of pages may increase, but I am guessing it will not grow beyond five pages. Look for the new rule book as early as July of this year.

Another change at SCCA will be Member-driven Committees. These will give the Board of Directors better insight to realign programs to the needs of members. This has been proven effective by the new Club Racing Majors program. This is a radical departure from the typical change process at SCCA and has opened the door to many future changes within the club.

SCCA is working on an APP for your smart phones and tablets. It is expected to be available for

Apple products in April and for Droid products shortly thereafter. Also in the Information area will be the introduction of instructional videos on the SCCA website.

Another new committee established is the Barriers to Entry committee. This committee is working on making it easier to get involved in SCCA by eliminating the hurdles to participation in some of the programs. Some of what I have heard will make the transitions from other clubs to our SCCA a lot easier.

The Runoffs are looking at a rotating location for the event. Spec Racer Ford is having rule changes. Different engines, chassis, and electronics have been tested and will be allowed.

With these changes and those in the process of being changed, it will likely bring many more ideas for changes to the BoD's. This snowball effect will bring a new fresh look to the face of SCCA. I believe it is time for us to prepare for the growing needs of a future SCCA.

SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard

I have a tentative confirmation for some of our events. The site owner has to check something to be sure, but gave an okay for the dates. Also note that the September date has been changed.

4/20 – T&T/School

4/21 - Event 1

6/2 - Event 2 Fortitech

6/12 – TRSS at SPAC

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

7/27 - Solo School Fortitech

7/28 - Event 4 Fortitech

8/17 – TRSS Fortitech

8/18 - Event 5 Fortitech

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

9/22 - Event 6 Fortitech

10/13 – Event 7

I am waiting to hear from the other site and will pass the confirmation as soon as I get it.

I am excited for the season to get here. The last couple of events last year my wife allowed me to co-drive her Lancer. The bad news is that we will not be driving that car this year. The good news is that we traded it in for a new car. From what I gather from the rule book, we will be running in G Stock. Our car of choice is the new Ford Focus ST. The car is a blast to drive on the street and I cannot wait to see how it goes in the parking lots. I believe that it will take a bit to get used to as we are now Eco-Boosted, but in the long run I feel we are much better off.

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

2013 April Competition Report

Tech Party- The tech party will be Noon, Saturday April 13th at Bob Karl's Sales and Service, 6th Ave. Troy NY. Remember to bring all of you Safety Gear. The tech people must see all of your gear to issue you a 2013 Helmet Sticker. Check the expiration dates on your belts etc. Hot dogs will be served.

PIRC- As I was writing this article, I realized that many of you may not know what PIRC meant. Last year Beaverun Raceway changed its name to **Pittsburgh International Raceway Complex- PIRC**

Qualifying for the Runoffs- Majors and Nationals will both award points which qualify for the Runoffs. The easiest way to qualify is by simply starting in 3 Major weekends. If you do not do this you can qualify by getting points in Majors and Nationals. The 3 Majors in the NE are 5/3 Summit, 5/31 NJMP, and 7/5 WGI. There are only 2 Nationals 8/3 PIRC and 8/10 Pocono. Each National has 3 bonus groups, PIRC has Big Bore and touring, FV,F5 and FF, and SRF. Pocono has the remaining 3 race groups. Remember you get many more points for running a Major.

Schools- The only remaining schools are: 4/6 NJMP, 4/20 PIRC, 5/24 NHMS and the Glen 10/4. If you only complete one of these schools or have prior racing experience, contact me and we might be able to arrange an alternate school.

Regional Races- The entire NeDiv Schedule is listed at Nediv.com but I will list the NYSRRC and NARRC races here:

May 11,12	Pocono	NYSRRC & NARRC	NNJR
May 25,26	Watkins Glen	NYSRRC	Glen Region
May 25,26	NHMS	NARRC	NER
June 21,22	Lime Rock	NARRC	NER
June 22,23	Nelson	NYSRRC	FLR
July 12,13	Lime Rock	NYSRRC & NARRC	MoHud
July 20,21	Watkins Glen	NYSRRC & NARRC	Glen Region
Aug. 17,18	NJMP	NARRC	NNJR
Sept 14,15	Watkins Glen	NYSRRC	FLR
Sept 20,21	Lime Rock	NARRC-RUNOFFS	NYR
Oct. 5	Watkins Glen	NYSRRC	Glen Region

All NYSRRC events except Oct 5 will have two races for points

All NARRC events except Narrc Offs will have two races for points but NarrcOffs is double points.

To qualify for NYSRRC awards you must participate in 3 weekends at two tracks.

To qualify for NARRC awards you must participate in 7 of the 13 races.

TECH PARTY

NOON, Saturday, April 13th
 Bob Karl's Sales and Service
 6th Ave. Troy NY

2013 NEDiv Schedule

DATES	NATIONALS	REGIONALS	SCHOOLS
January 5 & 6			
February 28 & March 1 & 2	National Convention	South Point Hotel & Casino	Las Vegas, NV
March 2 & 3			
March 9 & 10 / Daylight Savings	NeDiv Stewards Training West (9)	Holiday Inn Harrisburg East, Harrisburg, PA	
March 16 & 17	NeDiv Roundtable	The Inn @ Pocono Manor, Pocono Manor, PA	
March 23 & 24 / Passover 26			WDC/Summit
March 30 & 31 / Easter 31			
April 6 & 7	NeDiv Stewards Training East (6)	Baymont Hotel, E Windsor (Hartford), CT	JRB/NJMP-L
April 13 & 14		WDC/Summit - M	
April 20 & 21		NER/NHMS - Dbl - Ne	
		STC/PIRC Restricted Double Reg'l - K	STC/PIRC-Dbl
April 27 & 28		JRB/NJMP-T RR-12 Enduro 26-27+Test-26	
May 4 & 5	WDC/Summit Majors - D 3-5		
May 11 & 12 / Mothers Day		NNJ-TRI/Pocono-D+ProIT-11/JerseyTC-12+Test-10 -Na,Nj,Ny	
May 18 & 19		MVR/Nelson - Reg'l (18) / Dbl Reg'l (19) - K	
May 25, 26 & 27 / Memorial Day		NER/NHMS-Dbl (25-26) - Ne & Na	NER/NHMS (24)
		GLN/Glen-Dbl + Jersey Touring Car (25 & 26 ONLY) - Ny	
June 1 & 2	SJR/NJMP-T Majors - D 5/31-6/2-Test 5/30		
June 8 & 9		WDC/Summit - M	
June 15 & 16 / Fathers Day			
June 22 & 23		NER/LimeRock (21-22) - Ne & Na	
		FLR/Nelson Dbl - NY& K	
June 29 & 30		JRB/NJMP-L + Pro IT (30)+ Test 28 - Nj & M	
July 6 & 7 / Independence Day 4	FLR/Glen Majors- ST - D 5-7-Test 4		
July 13 & 14		WDC/Summit - M	
		JRB/NJMP-T RR - Jersey Touring Car ONLY	
		MHR/LimeRock 12-13 - Na & Ny	
July 20 & 21		GLN/Glen + Pro IT - Na & Ny	
July 27 & 28		JRB/NJMP-T RR Fidelity Power Systems Pro IT ONLY (26-28)	
August 3 & 4	STC/PIRC + 3 Bonus Nat'l Groups	STC/PIRC Rest Reg'l for IT & Reg'l ONLY classes K	
	GT1,2,3, AS, T1,T2 / FV, F500, FF / SRF	WDC/Summit - M	
August 10 & 11	TRI/Pocono + 3 Bonus Nat'l Groups - Test 9	TRI/Pocono Jersey Touring Car -11	
	SM, T3,T4, BSp / EP,FP,HP, GTL, STU,STL / FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, S2, CSR, DSR	NER/NHMS-Dbl - Ne	
August 17 & 18		JRB/NJMP-T + Pro IT (18) +Test 16 - Nj & Na	
August 24 & 25			
August 31 & September 1 & 2 / Labor Day		WDC/Summit-Dbl 8/31-9/2 - M	
September 7 & 8 / Rosh Hashanah 5		NER/NHMS-Dbl - Ne	
September 14 & 15 / Yom Kipper 14		FLR/Glen Dbl - NY & K	
September 14 - 22	SCCA RUNOFFS	ROAD AMERICA	ELKHART LAKE, WI
September 21 & 22		NYR/LimeRock - NARRC Championship Event 20-21	
September 28 & 29		MVR/Nelson-D - K	
October 5 & 6		GLN/Glen + Pro IT (5)Enduro + JTCC (6)/Test (4) - Ny	GLN/Glen School (4)
		WDC/Summit - M	
October 12 & 13 / Columbus Day 14			
October 19 & 20		JRB/NJMP-T + JTCC + Test 18 - Nj	
October 26 & 27 / Halloween 31			
November 2 & 3 / Daylight Savings			
November 9 & 10 / Veterans Day 11	NeDiv Mini-Convention	Comfort Inn - Pittsburgh East	Hosted by Steel Cities
November 16 & 17			
November 22 & 24 / Thanksgiving 28			

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 6th, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Move to accept meeting minutes from previous month's meeting approved.

KNOCK OFF – has been published and posted on website. Members reminded to get articles in to Lisa on time – the 15th of the month.

MEMBERSHIP – new member report summarized as well as anniversaries. Region now has 359 members, an increase from 17 from last month.

TREASURER – previous month's income and expenses summarized.

SOLO – Russ has spoken to Fortitec and they have agreed to continue to let us use their site. They were recently purchased by another company, so will need to run it by their attorneys, but do not anticipate any problems or issues. Date for Street Survival is August 17th. Patroon BMW will be holding a Street Survival on June 15 in conjunction with the Saratoga Auto Museum. Jim confirmed that we can run an adult solo school along the lines of Street Survival. It would need to be sanctioned as an "Adult Car Control Clinic" through BMW. Possible date includes September 21.

RALLY – a date has not yet been scheduled.

PDX – we may hold one with the Mo Hud race.

ACTIVITIES – February 16th Checkers Out karting event - 21 drivers showed up. Syracuse karting will probably not happen this year – event tabled for next year (too many conflicts).

COMPETITION – this week is COTA at Austin. A large Spec Miata is expected to attend. Two routes to the Runoffs this year – the Major's route. If you go to three Majors weekends, you automatically qualify. Or you can qualify using the old standards – National races. Next year, a Nationals will not be held. Only Divisionals. Mo Hud will be holding one of those Divisionals. Tech Party will be held on Saturday, April the 13th. Hard Cards – if you have a "hard card", race registration will be expedited. Lap records – Jack noted that a number of Mo Hud members have set both short and long course records at the Glen. Mo Hud race is scheduled for July 12 and 13. Friday morning will be a PDX. Friday afternoon will be qualifying and PDX. Sunday will be practice/racing.

OLD BUSINESS – last month, the Glenmont Cub Scouts contacted Mo Hud to help with judging their Pinewood Derby. A number of Mo Hud members attended to assist judging the competitor cars.

NEW BUSINESS – Eric was contacted by Albany Speed Shop (Voorheesville). They will be having a car show on August 3rd. It will be held in Castleton (Schodack) – Birch Hill Banquet Hall. We have been asked if we want to rent a booth for the day. Cost will be \$100. Jack also suggested we consider having a booth at the Guptill's auto show. The Guptill's show attracts a large number of people. Jack will research. Russ indicated that the Mo Hud Charter has been submitted/ approved by SCCA. Northeast Division Roundtable is scheduled for the weekend of March 16th. Jack and Russ will be attending.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

2013 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

Photos from the 2013 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Greg & Debbie Rickes were joined by a couple of snowbirds who escaped from the north, pictured below left, MoHud member Clark Nicholls, and his friend Frank Filangeri, who races an MG with Vintage Sports Car Club.





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For Immediate Release

Tour Rookie Seltzer Opens SCCA Tire Rack Solo Match Tour Era With A Win

CECIL, Ga. (March 20, 2013) – A new era opened on the SCCA Solo community last weekend with the 2013 debut of the Tire Rack Match Tour event format, combining the traditional National Tour with an Evolution Super Shootout format on Sunday. Darren Seltzer, of Orlando, Fla., took the top prize as a rookie during Sunday's bracket competition.



The Evolution Super Shootout presented by BF-Goodrich Tires uses class runs on Saturday to set the first 32 qualifiers in the bracket. Once the top 32 drivers were seeded, an additional 16-driver bracket was set based on indexed times from an additional four runs to set the Last Chance Qualifier bracket. Once that was set, the final 16 positions were filled with the top eight Ladies Class finishers plus an additional eight drivers pulled from a random drawing – the final opportunity to get into the field.

The Last Chance Qualifier bracket saw some tight competition throughout, with the bracket semi-finals coming down to Dave Montgomery's Street Touring Sport-class Matco Tools Honda CRX Si vs. Danny Kao's Super Stock Stranoparts.com Chevrolet Corvette, and Wes Jenrich's DuPae Derby Dames Mazda Miata vs. Kraig Klippel's Street Touring Sport Stranoparts.com Mazda Miata. The Montgomery-Kao battle was decided by just 0.139 second, with Montgomery taking the win and heading to the final round. There, Montgomery would face Klippel, who had shown to be the class of the bracket by consistently running the fast index times in each round. That trend didn't change in the final round either, as Klippel advanced to the overall semi-finals and collected the \$400 prize that goes along with a sub-bracket win.

The Ladies and Random Draw bracket saw Ladies 3 class winner Laura Campbell advance to the final four in the Rotard Racing Mazda RX-8 to take on Cheryl Davis's Ladies 2 Outdoor-solutions4u.com Chevrolet Corvette. The semifinal win by Davis netted her the top lady in the Shootout, worth two tires from BFGoodrich Tires in the process. The random draws from this bracket saw two Street Touring cars advance, with Nelson Antunes's Big Thanks Christian Acura Integra Type R from Street Touring Xtreme taking on AJ Snyder's Kestrel Racing Honda Civic from Street Touring Compact. Snyder, fast all day, had coned away an opportunity to get in through the LCQ, but was clean throughout the bracket to advance himself past Antunes and then Davis to take the bracket win and an additional \$400.

The B Bracket came next, where drivers seeded 17-32 in the qualifying faced off. With great battles in each round and all of the drivers very close on index, this bracket was the tightest competition. A great example was round two, where Elliott Harvey's C Street Prepared 1966 Datsun 2000 took on Darrin DiSimo's Street Touring Sport Mazda Miata. DiSimo took the win and advanced to the final four, but only by a mere 0.019-second. Joining DiSimo in the semi-finals of the B Bracket was Jason Ruggles, Dat Nguyen, and Mike Casino. Ruggles' Mazda RX-8 faced off against Nguyen's C Stock Mazda MX-5, with Casino's Putz Motorsports and Hack Driver Audi TT against DiSimo. Both Ruggles and Casino won their rounds easily, and faced off in the final round where Casino took the win and the cash.

The A Bracket was filled with the 16 fastest drivers from the Saturday Class competition. F Street Prepared class-winner Geoffrey Zimmer's Volkswagen Rabbit found his way to the bracket semis to face off against D Street Prepared's Eric Campbell in the Campbell Disaster Kleenup BMW 330ci. Zimmer would go on to beat Campbell to make his way into the final round. Craig Wilcox had the toughest draw in many eyes, as he had to take on veterans Sam Strano and Jinx Jordan on his way to the top rounds of the bracket to meet Darren Seltzer's Raptor F500 from F Modified. Wilcox's BFGoodrich/Way Motorworks Mini Cooper, though, was no match for Seltzer, as the top overall qualifier, ran all of his runs in the bracket within a 0.101-second margin, topping Wilcox and then Zimmer to win the \$400 prize.

The final four was now set with Klippel squared off with Casino and Snyder running against Seltzer. Both Klippel and Casino had cautious runs on their first of two attempts in the round, with Klippel topping Casino by .123 to advance to final match-up. Snyder drew the short straw and had to run top qualifier, and Seltzer's Mr. Consistency laid down two blistering runs to easily fill the last spot in the finals.

Seltzer, running in his first Tire Rack Solo Tour event, knocked off another lightning-quick run to best Klippel by 1.2-seconds with the index and claim the first Evolution Super Shootout of 2013. Casino topped Snyder in the consolation round for third place.

More information on the Tire Rack SCCA Dixie Match Tour, including results, can be found at <http://www.scca.com/events/index.cfm?eid=5452>. General information on the SCCA Solo program can be found at www.scca.com.

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Image: Darren Seltzer took the first Match Tour win.

Credit: Craig Wilcox

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Listing of One County, One Book programs

- Through April 30, the Rotterdam Branch, 1100 North Westcott Rd., will have a photography display of stock car racing at Fonda Speedway. The photographs were taken by Bob Riccardo and Carol Donato Photography.
- All About Pets Family Program will be held on Saturday, March 9 at 1 p.m. in the McChesney Room of the Central Library. Call 388-4511 to register. The program, to be presented by staff from the Animal Protective Foundation (APF), will provide a family-friendly overview of the shelter and the pets available for adoption. Staff members from there will also talk about how to select the perfect family pet. APF dog trainers Diane Houck and Kathy Snowden, and Community Outreach Coordinator Kimberly Jess will be there to answer questions.

APF will also be collecting items needed at the shelter such as canned cat food, new dog collars and leashes, liquid laundry detergent, and paper towels. These items will be collected at the Central Library only at this program and the Garth Stein event on Saturday, April 20.

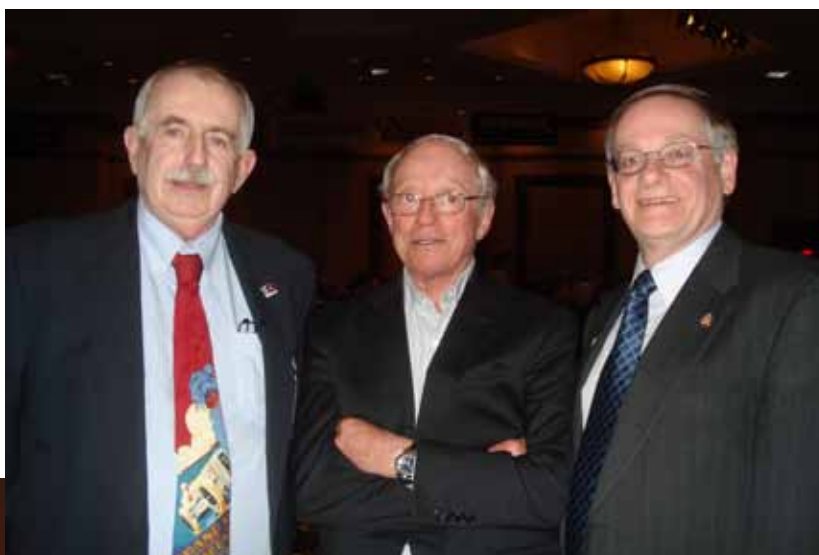
Paw It Forward Poster and Essay Contest: The Animal Protective Foundation will celebrate National Be Kind to Animals Week in May with its 11th annual poster and essay contest for children. Details can be found at www.animalprotective.org under the Programs tab. at any SCP library or at www.scpl.org. All entries are to be submitted directly to the Animal Protective Foundation in Scotia. Deadline for submission is May 20.

- The book group at the Woodlawn Branch Library, 2 Sanford St., will discuss “The Art of Racing in the Rain” by Garth Stein on Monday, March 25 at 2 p.m.
- On Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Serena Butch, youth services director, will lead a discussion of Garth Stein’s “Racing in the Rain,” a companion book to “The Art of Racing in the Rain” for younger readers. This program is for families.
- Dogs and People: The Heart Connection will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Central Library, 99 Clinton St. Call 388-4511 to register. Animal whisperer Susan Hamlin will talk about the beauty of the dog-human connection. She will also discuss newer science and explore holistic, practical ways to deepen natural kinship with the dogs.
- A book discussion on “The Art of Racing in the Rain” by Garth Stein will take place on Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m. in the McChesney Room of the Central Library. Call 388-4511 to register. Mary Cuffe-Perez will be the facilitator. This is a program funded by the New York State Council on the Arts and sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library System.
- The Mont Pleasant Branch Library, 1026 Crane St., and the Duane Branch Library, 1331 State St., will both hold book-based games for children and teenagers related to the book “Racing in the Rain” by Garth Stein. The programs at the Mont Pleasant Branch will be held on Monday, April 15. The program for those in grades K-4 will take place at 2:30 p.m.; the program for those in grades 5-10 will be held at 4 p.m. The programs at the Duane Branch will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m. for those in grades K-4, and at 4 p.m. for those in grades 5-10.
- Meet the Author: Garth Stein. On Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m., the author will discuss his book “The Art of Racing in the Rain” and his life as a writer in the McChesney Room of the

Central Library, 99 Clinton St. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Call 388-4511 to register. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The Open Door will be conducting a book sale and signing after the program. The store will also be offering a 20 percent discount on “The Art of Racing in the Rain” and “Racing in the Rain” through Tuesday, April 16; orders can be placed by calling the store at 346-2719.

- On Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a race car will be on display in the Central Library’s parking lot. The car, a Mazda Miata owned by Tom Campbell of Saratoga Springs, competed in the Sports Car Club of America National Championship in 2012. It was the Northeast Division Champion in 2011 and 2012, and was driven by Charlie Campbell of Corry, Pennsylvania. Tom Campbell, president and CEO of SCCA Pro Racing Ltd. of Topeka, Kansas, will be on hand to answer questions.

SCCA National Convention – Skip Barber Inducted into Hall of Fame



Jack Hanifan, Skip Barber and Tom Campbell chat about Skip’s Hall of Fame induction.



Carol and Tom Campbell, Trish and Jim Bucci and Jack Hanifan at Saturday’s awards dinner.



JACK HANIFAN'S PHOTO JOURNAL

Jack rented a car and traveled some very picturesque miles in the southwest after the national convention. He has shared some of his photos.





