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**TECH PARTY  
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# REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT Russ Burckhard

## May 2014 RE Report

I went to the NorthEast Round Table on April 4th and 5th at Pocono Manor. I went to a few of the sessions and took some notes. The sessions I went to were; open discussion on Solo, Time trial – PDX instructor training, driving school (SCCA Experience), NARRC – NYSRRC hour, and I also sat in on the DRC meetings.

Now I would love to pass on what I learned there, but my notebook is missing. We are in the process of purchasing a new house and have started packing and storing our stuff so we can sell our current house. My notes are in one of the boxes. If you haven't moved before, it's definitely an experience. We've had a wide range of things happen along the way with the purchase of our new home which have created a lot of stress. In the end it will be worth it, but the delays we've had really stink. I will update you on the Round Table in next month's article (as long as I find my notebook).

The Saratoga Auto Museum's annual car show will be held on May 17th. Please contact me if you would like to show your car. Space is limited this year, so reserve your spot early.

Don't forget about the annual Tech party at Bob Karl's Sales & Service on Saturday May 3rd.



*Tech party of 2012*

# SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard

## May 2014 Solo Report

### ***We have a schedule.***

Please keep an eye on the web site or message board for updates.

May 3	Test and Tune / School McCarty Ave
May 4	Points event 1 McCarty Ave
May 31	TRSS Street Survival See <a href="http://www.Streetsurvival.org">www.Streetsurvival.org</a> for more info and registration
June 1	Points event 2 Fortitech
June 28	Solo School Fortitech
June 29	Points event 3 Fortitech
July 27	Points event 4 Fortitech
Aug 24	Points event 5 McCarty Ave
Sept 6	Adirondack Corvette Club Charity event at Prospect Mtn. <i>Not a MoHud event</i>
Sept 20	TRSS Street Survival See <a href="http://www.Streetsurvival.org">www.Streetsurvival.org</a> for more info and registration
Sept 21	Points event 6 Fortitech
Oct 12	Points event 7 McCarty Ave

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the first event. It has been a long winter. I hope you are all ready for the 2014 season. If your driving needs a tune up, come out and see us for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> event. We will have instructors available for some one-on-one help. Don't want help? That's okay too. We have always received more runs than at a point's event. It is a great way to start the year.



# COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

## May 2014 Competition Report

**NARRC Banquet** - MoHud hosted the NARRC Banquet in Marlborough, MA on February 8th. There were 20 NARRC Champions recognized. Each Champion received a Clock Trophy, Jacket, Hat and Equipment bag. Demetrius (Mickey) Mossaidis was the only MoHud recipient. Mickey was the ITA Champion.

**Drivers Schools** - The schedule for Schools in the NE is light. The schools scheduled are: March 22, 23 at New Jersey Motorsports Park, March 29, and 30 at Summit Point, April 26 at Pittsburgh International Raceway, May 23 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and October 3rd at Watkins Glen International.

**Alternative Schools** - If you have had some type of previous wheel to wheel racing experience, MoHud can always arrange an Alternative School. Depending on your experience this could either be held at LRP on a test day or possibly at NHMS or Thompson. If you have any questions contact me.

**NeDiv Divisional Series** - Since we no longer have National Races, the NeDiv Champions will be determined by an eight race Divisional Series. Champions will be crowned in all eligible classes. Drivers in Runoff eligible classes can qualify for the SCCA National Runoffs at Laguna Seca. These races are all Regional races and a Full Competition License, National License or Regional license is eligible to compete. The Races are schedule for April 4, 5 at Summit Point, May 24, 25 at New Hampshire, June 14, 15 at Pittsburgh, June 28, 29 at New Jersey, July 26, 27 at Nelson, August 9, 10 at Pocono, September 13, 14 at Watkins Glen and September 26, 27 at Lime Rock.

**Tech Party** - Since the first NYSRRC/ NARRC race is May 10-11 at Pocono, we are tentatively scheduling the Tech Party for Saturday May 3rd.- later than usual but warmer for the hot dogs. More information next month.

**Preferred numbers** - I have received several calls about reserved numbers. Since there are no National Races, there are not any Reserved National Numbers. If you are running the Major Series, you can buy a reserved Majors Number; go to the Majors website to do so. Regional Races - each Regional Race Series can have their preferred numbers. Marsha Toombs from Finger Lakes Region is handling NYSRRC Preferred Numbers. Check the NARRC website for their numbers.

**Please note:** *Other than the Majors where you buy your number*, numbers are not reserved but rather are preferred numbers. If you do not enter an event by a certain date you may not get your number OR if race groups merge, the same may apply.

# TECH PARTY

to be held

**Saturday, May 3**

**12 noon**

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# Membership Meeting Minutes

**Wed., April 2, 2014** Submitted by Ron Bass, Secretary

*Meeting called to order 7:35 pm.*

**Secretary** - minutes from last meeting approved by membership.

**Membership** - no report.

**Knock Off** - please submit articles to the Editor by the deadline - the 15th of each month.

**Treasurer** - last month's expenses and income summarized.

**Solo** - Fortitech has not yet approved use of their facility. They are waiting for a copy of our insurance policy. Russ will speak to OGS about reserving potential dates. Other potential sites include Adirondack Community College and Fulton Montgomery Community College.

**Street Survival** - Fortitech site has previously been used for Street Survival. Continued use is dependent upon Fortitech approval, which is pending (see Solo Report).

**Rally** - no report.

**PDX** - New England has offered us an opportunity to partner with them to run four 25 minute sessions for \$4,000 during a race day. Attending members did not think this was particularly advantageous.

**Activities** - Golf outing and Go Kart night are on the agenda.

**Competition** - Tech Party scheduled for May 3rd.

**Old Business** - May 17 and 18, Saratoga Auto Museum. MoHud needs six to eight cars to put on display. Please contact EJ if you have a car available. Roundtable is April 5 - 6, Pocono Manor. Jack provided a summary of the weekend's agenda.

**New Business** - [Helmetman.com](http://Helmetman.com) has offered MoHud a free SA 2010 Pyrotech helmet (to be awarded at MoHud discretion) in exchange for a link on our website as well as an ad in the Knock Off. Also included is a 20% discount for all MoHud members. Motion to accept the proposal approved.  
SCCA has a new President - Lisa Noble.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.*

# 2014 NeDIV Schedule

DATES	EASTERN CONFERENCE MAJORS	NEDIVISIONAL SERIES	REGIONALS
January 4 & 5	Sebring Int'l Raceway - D (3-5)		
January 11 & 12	Palm Beach Int'l Raceway - D (10-12)		
<b>February 15 &amp; 16</b>	<b>Stewards Training - Hartford, CT (15)</b>		
<b>March 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Stewards Training - Harrisburg, PA (1)</b>		
<b>March 7, 8 &amp; 9 / Daylight Savings</b>	<b>National Convention - Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC</b>		
March 15 & 16			
March 22 & 23	Road Atlanta - D (21 - 23)		
March 29 & 30			
<b>April 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>NeDivision Roundtable &amp; Stewards Ground School for SIT's - The Inn @ Pocono Manor, Pocono Manor, PA</b>		
April 12 & 13 / Passover (15)		WDC/Summit Point (M)	
April 19 & 20 / Easter	Virginia Int'l Raceway		
April 26 & 27			STC-NEO/PIRC - D (27) JRB/NJMP-T 12-hour Enduro 25-26 + Test 25
May 3 & 4			
May 10 & 11 / Mothers Day (11)			NNJ/Pocono - D + Pro IT (Na, Nj)
May 17 & 18			
May 24, 25 & 26 / Memorial Day		NER/NHMS - D (24-25 Ne)	
May 31 & June 1			JRB/NJMP-T-Restricted Pro IT Double ONLY
June 7 & 8	SJR/NJMP-T - D (6-8) + Test 5		
June 14 & 15 / Fathers Day (15)		STC/PIRC - D	
June 21 & 22			WDC/Summit Point (M) NER/LimeRock (20-21-Ne, Na) FLR/Nelson - D (Ny)
June 28 & 29 / Ramadan (29)		JRB/NJMP-L + Pro IT + Test 27 (Nj)	
July 4, 5 & 6 / Independence Day	GLN/Glen - D (4-6)		
July 12 & 13			WDC/Summit Point (M) NER/TSMP-Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park-D (11-13 Ne) GLN/Glen + Pro IT (Ny, Na)
July 19 & 20			
July 26 & 27		MVR/Nelson - D (K)	
August 2 & 3	WDC/Summit Point - D (1-3)		
August 9 & 10		TRI/Pocono + Test 8 -D (M)	NER/NHMS - D (Na)
August 16 & 17			JRB/NJMP-T + Pro IT+- Test 15 (Nj, Na)
August 23 & 24			
August 30, 31 & September 1 / Labor Day			WDC/Summit Point - D (M) JRB/TSMP-Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park-Pro IT-DBL NER/NHMS - D (Na)
September 6 & 7			
September 13 & 14		FLR/Glen - D (Ny)	
September 20 & 21/ Rosh Hashanah (25)			
September 27 & 28		NYR/LimeRock (26-27 Na)	MVR/Nelson - D (K)
October 4 & 5 / Yom Kippur (4)			WDC/Summit Point (M) NER/TSMP-Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park-D (3-5 Ne) GLN/Glen -Reg'l (4 Ny) + Enduro (5) + Pro IT (4-5) + Test 3
<b>October 6-12</b>	<b>SCCA NATIONAL RUNOFFS - MAZDA RACEWAY, LAGUNA SECA, SALINAS, CA</b>		
October 11 & 12 / Columbus Day (13)			
October 18 & 19			JRB/NJMP-T (17-19 Nj)
October 25 & 26 / Halloween (31)			
November 1 & 2 / Daylight Savings			
November 8 & 9 / Veterans Day (11)			
November 15 & 16			
November 22 & 23 / Thanksgiving (27)			
November 29 & 30			
01-22-14 NeDiv Scheduling Donna McDonough			
Series Designations & Event Types			
NAARRC=Na; NERRC=Ne; NY SRRC=Ny; NJRRS=Nj; MARRS=M; Kryder=K			
Double=D; Enduro=E; Restricted (Class)=R; Tentative=T			





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## Female Drivers Rothmuller, Tooth Named Inaugural Recipients of SCCA Wendi Allen Scholarship

TOPEKA, Kan. (April 3, 2014) – The Sports Car Club of America members tout themselves as a “racing family,” eager to lend a hand where needed and assist others whenever possible. The latest example of that comes in the Solo community, where Lori Rothmuller and Sarah Tooth were recently named the first recipients of the Wendi Allen Scholarship.

The Wendi Allen Scholarship Fund provides support to promising young women Solo competitors, offering free entries to Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Tour events, a set of tires for The Tire Rack Solo National Championships from BFGoodrich Tires, and \$1500 in cash to be used for event expenses throughout the year.

The scholarship was conceived and funded by the family of Wendi Allen, an eight-time National Champion who competed with her husband, Mark. Allen was a fixture at the National Championships from 1994 until 2005, when sidelined while pregnant with twin daughters Cassidy and Caitlin (now competing in the Formula Junior class). Allen competed every year at the Solo National Championships through 2012 before concentrating her strength on her current, long-time battle with cancer.

Rothmuller and Tooth were selected by a committee of successful female drivers, chaired by Tara Johns and including Beth McClure-Strelnieks, Denise Cashmore, Shelly Monfort, and Patty Tunnell. Responsible for selecting two scholarship winners each season, the group has claimed 31 National Championships, in total, and is recognized as leaders on and off the course. The support for these recipients is not limited to financial backing, however as the program seeks to offer driver training, mentoring and event logistic assistance as well. For the Allen family, it is a way to ensure that the legacy Allen most wishes to leave in the sport is maintained.

Rothmuller, 21, is a University of California, Davis student who heads the Davis Motorsports Club focusing on student participation in amateur motorsports, especially SCCA Solo. Not only a participant, Rothmuller draws other college students to the sport with her efforts. In her only previous visit to The Tire Rack Solo National



Lori Rothmuller, one of two SCCA Wendi Allen Scholarship recipients, navigates the course at the 2011 Tire Rack Solo Nationals. *Photo credit: Perry Bennett*

Championships in 2011, Rothmuller finished fifth in B Street Prepared Ladies.

“Winning this award is almost surreal, and a huge honor,” Rothmuller said. “I wasn't familiar with Wendi Allen's story before I was nominated, but I am now, as well as knowing some of Shelley Monfort's story. Both women are incredibly inspiring. They are the top tier of female autocrossers, and to be picked for this award by them, to possibly someday emulate them is such an honor. Winning this scholarship means that I could, potentially, carry on this legacy, which is really exciting.”

Tooth migrated from Alberta, Canada to Houston, Texas two years ago to attend Rice University as a grad student, getting involved in the Houston Region events and regularly recruiting new SCCA members to events. A quick study, Tooth finished second in the Street Touring FWD Ladies class in her 2013 debut at the Tire Rack Solo National Championships. The scholarship package will be a sure boost to her early success.

“This scholarship is an incredible opportunity to learn and grow as a driver,” Tooth said. “I'd like to win more often than I do, because that's fun. But I'd also like to gain a better understanding of how my car works, and how to set it up for particular effects. When I started I couldn't even change a wheel if I got a flat, so I've come a long way already.”

Pleased with the initial selection, the responsibilities for the committee are just beginning.

“This is an amazing opportunity to get more women involved in this great sport,” Johns said. “As women, we tend to be more cautious entering into an intense sport, especially one that is dominated by men. I am hopeful that through this Fund, we will be able to mentor women who will develop into amazing competitors and assets to our community. I remember how intimidating it was to go to my first national-level event. I also believe that we can help these promising women ease into the sport and continue to grow competitive ladies classes.”

More information on Allen can be found at <http://www.solomatters.com/wendi-allen-driven-to-make-a-difference-for-female-racers>.

More information on the SCCA Solo Program, including the Wendi Allen Scholarship Fund, can be found at [SCCA.com](http://SCCA.com). Follow SCCA on Twitter @SCCAOfficial, or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/SCCAOfficial](http://Facebook.com/SCCAOfficial).

## SAVE THE DATE!

### **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2014 7:30 pm**

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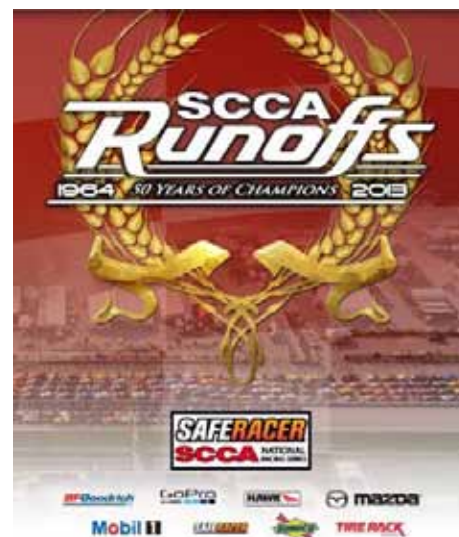


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## 50th SCCA National Championship Runoffs Races Available on DVD, Digital Download

TOPEKA, Kan. (April 15, 2014) – All 24 races broadcast from the 50th SCCA® National Championship Runoffs® are now available individually on DVD or via digital download through Amazon.com and CreateSpace, an Amazon company.



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“The demand for full DVD sets has waned each year since introducing the webcast, and we’ve received numerous requests for video downloads beyond watching the on-demand broadcasts, which requires an internet connection,” Eric Prill, SCCA VP of Marketing/Communications, said. “In evaluating available options, Amazon’s platform provided both an opportunity for downloads, but also DVDs of individual races on demand.”

The races are available for purchase immediately.

“We planned to have these available late in 2013, but encountered a number of unexpected delays with the new process,” Prill said. “While later than we had planned, we are excited to offer these new methods to relive and archive the excitement of the Runoffs.”

DVDs can be found easily by going to CreateSpace.com and searching for SCCA. Links to specific races for digital download or for DVD can be found at [SCCA.com/RunoffsVideo](http://SCCA.com/RunoffsVideo).

Streaming videos of all Runoffs races remain available online at [SpeedCastTV.com/SCCA](http://SpeedCastTV.com/SCCA).

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### **Eastern Conference Majors Tour, Rounds 7 & 8**

**April 18-20, 2014**

**VIrginia International Raceway, Alton, Va.**

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#### **Event/Circuit:**

U.S. Majors Tour Eastern Conference - Rounds Seven and Eight of 14

Virginia International Raceway

18-turn, 3.27-mile permanent road course

#### **Qualifying:**

Eight Race Groups

Friday, April 18: 20 minute sessions in the morning and afternoon, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

#### **Majors Races:**

Eight Group Races

Saturday, April 19: 25-minute timed races, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 20: 16 laps or 40 minutes, whichever comes first, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Live Timing and Audio:** Live Timing & Scoring, notes and a feed from the PA Audio via the SCCA® Pit Board are available for all sessions through [www.scca.com/sccalive](http://www.scca.com/sccalive).

Entry lists, full event schedules, and more information is available at [www.sccamajors.com](http://www.sccamajors.com).

#### **Storylines/Things To Watch For**

**Major League:** In September 2012, the Sports Car Club of America rolled out the U.S. Majors Tour as the top level of amateur racing in this country. The Majors Tour replaces what was previously called "National" SCCA racing, split into a season-long championship in four geographic Conferences. This weekend's event for the Eastern Conference at VIR has pulled approximately 250 top-level drivers from the east coast and beyond.

**SCCA Club Racers – The Best In The Country:** There are lots of amateur road racing groups in the United States, but the clear leader of top drivers is with the SCCA. Though most are weekend warriors who take vacations from their full-time jobs to attend races, it's a craft taken seriously. Bobby Rahal, Mark Donohue, Roger Penske, Michael Andretti, and actor/driver Paul Newman got their start in SCCA Club Racing. More recently, you could have seen current stars Boris Said, Graham Rahal, Sam Hornish or J.R. Hildebrand at an SCCA Club race.

**Easter Weekend Celebration:** With 250 cars on the entry list this weekend, the competition is stout in the 27 Runoffs-eligible classes in attendance. Eight run groups, as was run at Road Atlanta for the BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour, spreads that competition throughout the day.

Friday's schedule is full of qualifying; Saturday and Sunday feature eight race groups each day. Saturday's grids are set by quickest laps in qualifying, while Sunday's races also consider fast race lap from Saturday in the best times.

**GT-2 Heavy Hitters:** A fast and furious 11 GT-2 cars are on the entry list, and while that may not be the biggest class of the weekend, few can match its star power. The class represents 15 SCCA National Championships, including defending Champion Andrew Aquilante, who holds three titles. Jim Goughary (4), Tom Patton (1) and Pete Peterson (7) are also involved in this weekend's showdown.



*Tom Patton's Sunbeam Tiger is taking on a diverse GT-2 class this weekend.  
Credit: Mark Weber*



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## **Eight Run Groups Set for Day One of Competition at VIR**

ALTON, Va. (April 18, 2014) – Hazy clouds and a consistent breeze greeted a full paddock of 245 competitors on Friday morning as they qualified for the first half of the doubleheader SCCA US Majors Tour Eastern Conference weekend at VIRginia International Raceway. However, the unseasonably cool temperatures did not deter the drivers when it came to pushing the limits on the newly-paved and widened racing surface at the historic circuit.



Former National Champ Jim Goughary will be part of the start-studded lineup in GT-2.

*Credit: F&S Enterprises*

In fact, the characteristics of the course have changed so much that the record book has been wiped clean. The fast times set during today's pair of 20-minute qualifying sessions and the fast laps through the remainder of the weekend's schedule, will set the new standard for all SCCA classes at the 17-turn, 3.27-mile track.

Spec Racer Ford, featuring 52 entries, and Spec Miata, with 28 cars, are the largest single-class groups racing this weekend. But, there are several other classes that have attracted some respectable numbers and top talent. The GT-2 field is made up of 11 drivers that have a combined 15 National Championships to their names, including defending National Champion Andrew Aquilante. Jim Goughary, Tom Patton and Pete Peterson are the remaining Runoffs gold medal winners who will take to the new pavement in their GT-2 machines.

Formula Enterprise is another well-subscribed class, boasting 11 entries. Like the GT-2 class, the talent pool in this class goes deep. Defending National Champion and Super Sweep winner Scott Rettich headlines a field that includes Brandon Kennedy, who has already scored a pair of Eastern Conference wins at Sebring and PBIR. Paul Schneider will also be a threat for the win as he looks to add to his six consecutive Eastern Conference podium finishes, thus far in 2014.

Each of the eight race groups were allowed two 20-minute qualifying sessions on Friday, the best time of which will be used to set Saturday's starting grid. For Sunday's grid the best lap time from the two qualifying sessions or Saturday's race will be used to determine each driver's position.

Each SCCA U.S. Majors Tour event, part of the SafeRacer National Club Racing program, are run in a doubleheader format. Saturday's race will be a 20-minute timed race. Sunday's race will last 16 laps or 40 minutes, whichever comes first, followed by victory laps.

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