

Mo-Hud's 2014 summer season boasts great successes & fun!



**A bit of nostalgia
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Guess where & when?**

Check out inside!

Photos and details of Racing and Solo events held last month plus another Greg Rickes article from past years.



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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT Russ Burckhard

October 2014

We had our final Guptill's car show of the year. Let me tell you, the place was packed. Since it was a beautiful day and the final event of the season, newer vehicles were allowed in with all the older stuff. They were turning cars away it became so full. Unfortunately with all of the cars to look at, the crowd did not spend too much time in the vendor area. We had a better spot than the previous event, but the traffic to the tent was light, this despite the added attraction on Eleanor Morris' Miata and Eric Smiths Evo. We continued the promotion that would give some first time auto-crosser's a free entry. We gave a few out, but unfortunately we had no takers. We can try again next year.

Reminder: October 3-5 we will be back at Thompson for the John Stim Memorial Race.

Also a rumored Road Rally this month.

Also keep in mind that the annual Awards Banquet will be at the Troy Elks Club on the first Saturday of December.

Keep an eye out for information on the upcoming Mini-Con hosted by the NER region on November 14-16.

<http://www.nediv.com/nediv-info/list-of-nediv-events/event/278-2014-nediv-mini-con>

SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard

October 2014

Since I forgot to put it in the RE Report, I will recap the Tire Rack Street Survival event here. It is always a great day when we have an event, the weather cooperated and made it that much better. We had a full class of about 20 students. We also had a full slate of instructors. Since there was one extra instructor, I passed my student on to them and helped out with other tasks during the event. We were very short handed on the volunteer side. Fortunately the parents were willing to shag some cones. Even though we were shorthanded, the event went very well. I am hopeful that we will be able to increase the number of volunteers for the next one. I am extremely thankful for all of the instructors and volunteers that gave up their day to teach the students. I also need to thank Fortitech, Dunkin Donuts (Miguel Teixeira), Auto Solutions – Storage Solutions.

The Adirondack Corvette Clubs annual charity event was held on the top of Prospect Mountain. I think this was the most attended event that they ever had. Over 40 people ran 6 runs on a beautiful, but windy day. The organizers were extremely happy with the amount of money that will be donated to Operation Santa Claus. <https://www.facebook.com/OperationSantaClaus>

We had our sixth event of the season on September 21st. The weather was great. Because of

the TRSS event the day before, we were able to set the course the day before. This makes the morning a lot less hectic. Bert did a great job on the course design as the cone counts and off courses were low. We were able to squeeze in 7 runs and still had a little time to do some fun runs. Jon Staude set the fastest Pax in his Honda while Eric Smith had the fastest raw time in his Evo. Joe Sell was second on the Pax list in his Honda followed by Eric Smith in third, me in fourth in my Focus and Nelson Guay and his BMW was fifth.

Top Times in each of the categories are; Andrew Bernstein in Street, Bruce Kosakoski in Street Prepared, Andy Furlong in Prepared, Ryan Gallagher in Modified, Jon Staude in Touring, Eric Smith in Street Modified, Johnathon Burckhard in Junior Kart, Charles Scofield in Novice, and Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos in the Street Tire Class. *These results were taken from an unofficial set of results and are subject to change.*

For those that are following the championships I have a rundown of possible changes in the top spots. Now a reminder for all of those in contention, **you need to be a Mohud member to be eligible to win a trophy.** Also, these are not official, do not necessarily contain bonus points and could contain errors from my data reduction.

Street – 1st is Russ Burckhard. 2nd – 4th could change as they are separated by 2 points.

Currently the spots are held by Carmine Russo, Ian Wallace, and Phil Reddington. 5th – 6th Bert Huiest and Russ Gorman are 18 points from 2nd and could climb as high as 4th.

Street Prepared – 1st is Bruce Kosakoski. 2nd – 3rd is separated by 8 points Lyndon Peck and Bill Bennett hold them with Greg Cuda, Tom Moeller, and Dan Whaley in 4th – 6th 27 back but only separated by 2 points.

Prepared/Modified – 1st is Andy Furlong, 2nd is Arne Beebe, and 3rd is Bill Hudson.

Kart- 1st is Johnathon Burckhard

Novice – The top eight could win this class. Current order is Ray Nelson, Matt Wilson, Ben Kobrin, Joe Cassidy, Ben Moeller, Rey Waxali, Nick Cattell, and Vince DePaul.

Touring – 1st is Jon Staude. 2nd is Eric Smith. 3rd – 5th Steve Zavos, Adam Amond, and Aashish Vemulapalli are only separated by 10 points. The next 10 places could change and can go as high as 4th place.

Tire – Dave Triffaro has a 10 point lead on Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos.

Again these are not official and like last year could be incorrect.

Upcoming events

Oct 12 Points event 7 McCarty Ave

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan



2014 October

JOHN STIM MEMORIAL RACE - The 26th Annual John Stim Memorial will be held at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park October 4th and 5th. NER Region is sanctioning the event and it will be our 2nd race with NER this year. Karl Daniele and Eleanor Morris are Race Chairmen. John Sheridan will be Chairman of the Stewards. The races count for double points in the MoHud Road Racing Championship. Schedule and Supps are now up on Mostorsportsreg.com.

FINGER LAKES FUN ONE - We had about 20 MoHud drivers at the WGI Fun One and they all did well. It was a divisional race and Medal trophies were presented at Impound and photos of the podium finishers were taken as well. I will try to get all the photos for a future KnockOff but Greg Goss sent me an unofficial photo of the F Production finishers. Pete Smith finished 2nd and I finished 3rd. Mark McAlister, who won, had to race in the next race, so we are pictured with his mother. MoHud had many Podium finishers; Greg Goss 2nd ITE, BK Karl with a 3rd and 2nd in SM2, Nick Karl with a 2nd and 4th in SM2. Greg Pecora won his 1st Trophy with a 3rd place in SM2. Jonathan Eriksen had a 3rd and 1st in P1. Jeff Lehner had a 2nd in SRF. Pete Smith had a 1st and a 2nd in FP. I had a 2nd and 3rd in FP. William Dergosits had a pair of 2nd place finishes in T4. Jim Bucci had a good race on Saturday and put a WGI blue stripe on his drivers side Sunday. Michael Lo had good races in both STL and SM, as did Doug Garrison in SRF. The big winners were Bob Karl Jr, Rob Reed, George Kline and Jared Lendrum who had double wins in SM2, SRF, EP and T4 respectively,

2015 RACING AT THOMPSON - NER has decided that Races at Thompson next year will be on Friday and Saturday, similar to LRP but without a curfew. We can race at Thompson on Sunday but not before noon.

Drivers input has them unhappy with wasting all Sunday morning and they would rather do the Friday, Saturday schedule.

L-R: Pete Smith 2nd FP, Mark McAllister's Mom accepting Mark's 1st place in FP and Jack Hanifan 3rd FP.



All driver award photos courtesy Chris Mosley

L-R: William Dergosits 2nd T4 and Jared Lendrum 1st T4.



Above: George Kline 1st EP, 1st EP

Right: Rob Reed 1st SRF, 1st SRF

Below: Pete Smith 1st FP and Jack Hanifan 2nd FP



Below: Bob Karl, Jr 1st SM2, and Bob Karl Sr. 2nd SM2, 3rd SM2



Above: Nick Karl 2nd SM2, 4th SM2 with his brother Bob Karl Jr. 1st SM2



Above: Jeff Lehner 2nd SRF, 5th SRF, with Rob Reed 1st SRF

Watkins Glen International's final turn.



2014 MoHud Annual Golf Outing

Once again Dick Stewart planned a delightful adventure. The MoHud golf team with a few guests met at Burden Lake Country Club for nine holes of golf and a buffet dinner. It was a very close contest which ended in a tie. The attempt to break the tie with an extra hole ended up with another tie. A putting contest did not break the tie but a second putting contest resulted in the team of Smith, Sheridan, Robertson and Favita winning their First ever match of the year. The Team of Hanifan, Campbell, Bucci, Stewart and Stewart finished 2nd for their lowest finish of the year, despite having to play with five golfers.



Team Favita, Sheridan, Smith & Robertson

Team Bucci, Campbell, Hanifan, Stewart & Stewart





NER & Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA
present

the 26th Annual
John Stim Memorial Race
at
Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park
Thompson, Ct.

October 4 & 5, 2014

Registration should be up on
Motorsportsreg.com soon

MoHud workers *and* driver's needed!

Remember...
Double MoHud Points for Drivers

MO-HUD SCCA ANNUAL YEAR-END MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET



Saturday, December 6th, 2014

Troy Elks Club

134 North Greenbush Rd. (Rt. 4), Troy, NY
(Just south of HVCC)

We will once again be supporting Bob Karl's toy drive for Unity House.
You can help support this worthy cause by bringing a new, unwrapped toy
to the awards banquet.

Look for upcoming details in the KO, on MoHud-SCCA.org,
and the MoHud SCCA Facebook page!

“Fun One” at Watkins Glen, September 12-14



Tough work being part of the Team Bucci crew



It was a chilly weekend at The Glen

Submitted by Trish Bucci



The #19 Ford Focus on the grid

2014 NeDIV Schedule

DATES	EASTERN CONFERENCE MAJORS	NEDIVISIONAL SERIES	REGIONALS
October 6-12	SCCA NATIONAL RUNOFFS - MAZDA RACEWAY, LAGUNA SECA, SALINAS, CA		
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			
NARRC=Na; NERRC=Ne; NY SRRC=Ny; NJRRS=Nj; MARRS=M; Kryder=K			
Double=D; Enduro=E; Restricted (Class)=R; Tentative=T			



facebook question:

Anyone recognize these guys?

Folks many rather diverse answers to this question from Peter Kroth posted on facebook.

Bryan Deane: Yep....the (cough... cough) dynamic dou

Lisa Hanifan: Ha, Dumb and dumber? Mutt and Jeff?

Raymond Blethen: Nope, they look old!

EJ Smith: The Watkins Glen sommeliers?

Will Schambach: Your honor, I have never seen these men before in my life....

James Bishop: probably from an AARP ad.

Charles M. Dobbs Jr.: Talk about a couple of "Dirty Old Men"!

Nancy Boice: Looks like trouble one and trouble 2! Give them some credit they stand up pretty straight for old guys with medals hanging around their necks.

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING 9/3/14

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

SECRETARY - July minutes accepted as published in the July Knock Off.

MEMBERSHIP - no report.

KNOCK OFF - editor thanks members who have submitted photos for publication. Members are encouraged to continue to send photos to Lisa for future publication.

TREASURER - Todd provided a summary of previous month's income and expenses.

SOLO - July 27 solo event at Fortitech had 67 participants. The August 24 solo event at the McCarty Ave lot had 56 participants. Last solo event of the season will be September 21 at Fortitech. Solo Nationals is during first week of September. September 20th - Street Survival will be held at the Fortitech site. Additional instructors are needed for the event. Instruction manual as well as certification test is available online for new instructors.

RALLY - Trish is considering scheduling a "snowflake" rally instead of a Fall rally.

PDX - no report.

ACTIVITIES - nine members attended the August golf outing. Go Kart outing also had a good turn out. Go Karts for a winter activity will be considered - possibly the Johnstown venue.

COMPETITION - Jack Hanifan gave a summary of Mo Hud results for the recent race at the Glen. Weekend of September 6 is the Cheap Date at New Hampshire. Open Wheel Driving Experience has 10 drivers registered. Thompson -October 3 - 4, New England and Mo Hud will be running a race.

OLD BUSINESS - next Guptill car show is Monday, September 8th. This is the last one for the season. Mo Hud will be promoting club racing. We will be offering a free weekend SCCA membership for anyone who offers to help at the Thompson race. The July 27 solo event had two individuals participate who had attended the Guptill car show. They were both given a free entry. One of the individuals brought 5 or 6 entrants with him. The Guptill program (offering a free solo entry fee to new members) has been very successful. Jim Bucci noted that we have 24 new family memberships in the last month, primarily from Street Survival. It was suggested that we do outreach to these new members and welcome them to the Region - by email or by letter.

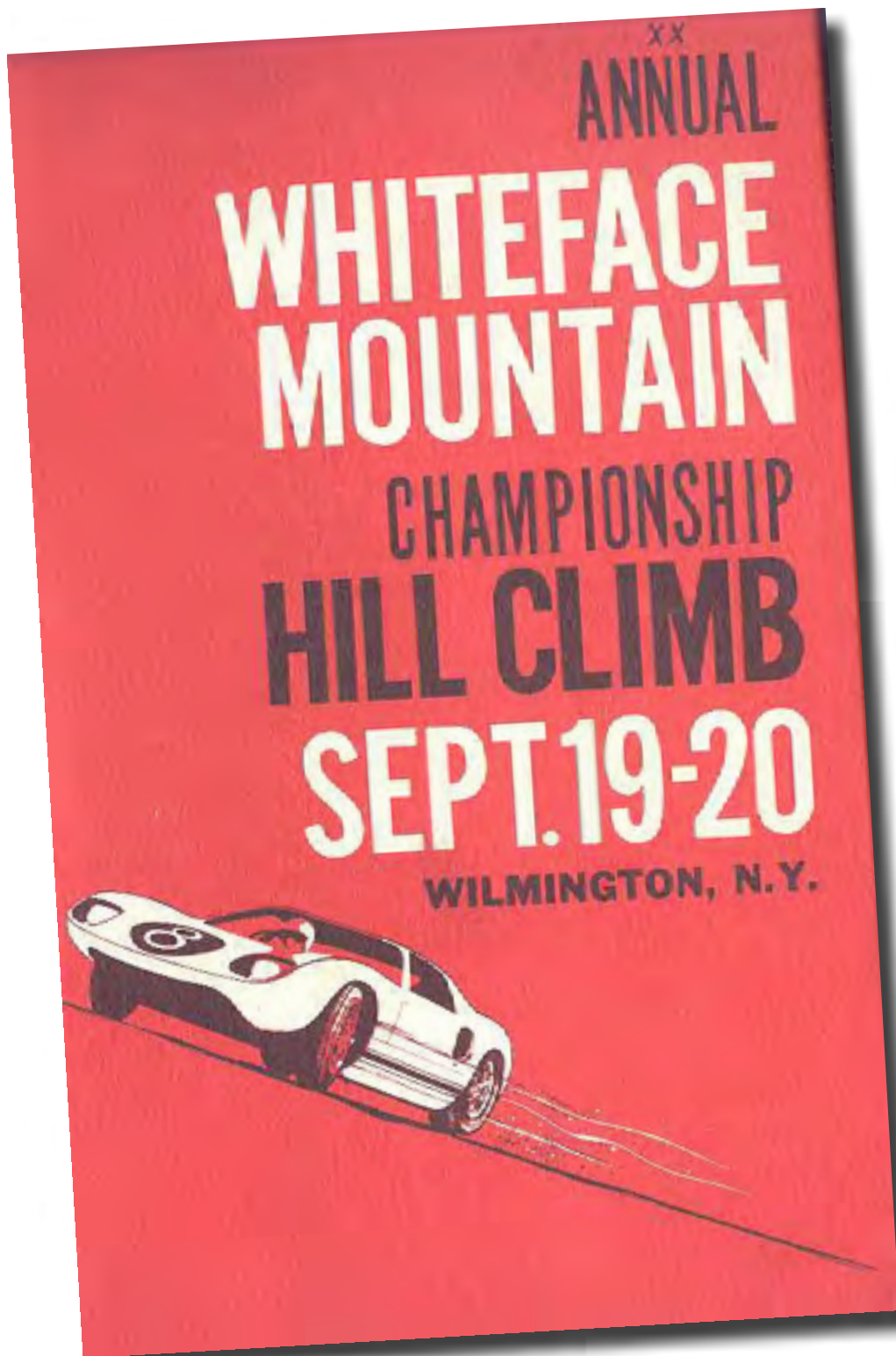
NEW BUSINESS - upcoming events - Holiday Banquet, first Saturday of December at the Troy Elks. Mini Con will be in Marlborough, MA, November 15th. Nominating Committee for next year's officers will be established. Dick Stewart will be Committee Chairman. He will bring a list of names to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by Ron Bass, MoHud Secretary

Celebrating a Mohawk-Hudson Jubilee

By Greg Rickes



Poster / Program Cover, 1964

A Mohawk-Hudson Jubilee

By Greg Rickes

2014 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first SCCA “speed event” organized by Mohawk-Hudson Region.

From the region’s founding in 1956 up to 1964 the focus had been on local events, rallies and gymkhanas (what today we call autocross). There had been a number of attempts to put on a racing event, but there was strong territoriality about dates at Lime Rock, and availability of a local venue (Schenectady County Airport was the prime candidate) never got beyond the “interesting idea” phase.

The breakthrough came in 1964 when Regional Executive Mickey LeVan established contact with the Whiteface Veteran’s Memorial Highway authority and secured September 19 & 20 for an SCCA-sanctioned hillclimb. It took a major effort to set up the course with timing and communications resources as well as haybales for course marking and safety, but the region and its members came through.

The event drew an interesting selection of about 3 dozen cars, and several entries from Canada made it a bona fide “international” event. Fastest time up the 4.7 mile course was 3



▲ *Tote those bales... course setup.*

◀ *Norm Evenden Cooper Chevy*

Robert Siggelow Mustang ▼



Gordon "Tippy" Lipe in his Cooper sets off at the start of the Whiteface Hillclimb. ▶



◀ Bruce Grohe VW Porsche

Bruce Cargill in his Alpha ▼



minutes 17 seconds, set by Norm Evenden of Elmira in a Chevy V8 powered Cooper sports racer.

Though the event was well-received by both the locals and the participants, it was not a break-even proposition for MoHud and even worse an Albany newspaper columnist (who took special pride in being a dour curmudgeon) was incensed that the Veterans Highway was "desecrated" by such an event. So the Whiteface Mountain Sports Car Hillclimb became a one-and-done occasion, but the accomplishment of organizing such an event did pave the way for the region to eventually expand its endeavors into broader realms.



Today you can still drive the Veterans Memorial Highway, though neglect has made the roadway barely passable for low-slung sports cars, but if you visit the Wilmington County Historical Society you'll see a left-over trophy from the event on display, a fond memory of a unique event in the north country.



For Immediate Release

SCCA Announces 2015 Majors Schedule, Moves to Five Conferences

TOPEKA, Kan. (Sept. 18, 2014) – The calendar for the 2015 SCCA U.S. Majors Tour was released today, with an announcement that the country will be divided into five Conferences for the 2015

season. The total number of events will remain the same in 2015 despite the Conference expansion, with select events counting for points in two Conferences.

The schedule divides what was previously the Eastern Conference into the Northeast Conference and the Southeast Conference, while the Mid-States, Northern and Western Conference remain intact.

“We’ve vowed from the beginning to adjust the U.S. Majors Tour to fit the needs of the competitors,” Lisa Noble, SCCA President/CEO, said. “We’ve done that for 2015, making the travel distance for the highly populated East coast manageable yet keeping the number of events the same, supporting our initiative to cluster competition.

“Even with the split, the Northeast and Southeast Conferences remain among the largest in competitor population size, and the schedule for the rest of the country is one we consider to be the best in the three years of the Majors Tour. Every effort has been made to accommodate the drivers in each Conference, and hit the tracks that racers have traditionally supported and pointed to as worthy of a Majors event.”

The 2015 season opens with back-to-back weekends in the Southeast, beginning with Homestead-Miami Speedway, Jan. 9-11, followed by Sebring International Raceway, Jan. 16-18.

The Western Conference opens Jan. 16-18 at Auto Club Speedway, with the Mid-States following in early March with the first dual-Conference event at NOLA Motorsports Park. NOLA will count for points in both the Mid-States and the Southeast Conferences.

The Conferences based in the snow belt open later, with the Northeast sharing its opener with the Southeast in a dual event at VIRginia International Raceway in April, and the Northern Conference opening May 2-3 at Blackhawk Farms.



The 2015 Majors schedule includes a traditional January stop at Sebring. Credit: Mark Weber

Included on the Northern Conference schedule is the 60th running of the WeatherTech Chicago Region June Sprints, June 12-14, at Road America.

In addition to NOLA and VIR, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and the new 2.9-mile circuit at Pittsburgh International Race Complex (Northeast and Northern) will be dual-Conference race weekends.

Two additional Mid-States Conference events will be added to the schedule at a later date. Conference Championships will continue to count the best eight of 12 races, with points for each race to the scheduled Conference. Dual Conference events will score points for a driver in each Conference, but count only once in the Nationwide points and for participation credit.

Series registration for the 2015 season will open on October 15. At that time, drivers will once again be able to renew their 2014 number in one Conference, with new drivers eligible to register for a number and other benefits at this time as well. More information is forthcoming on the Majors Series Registration.

The 2015 U.S. Majors Tour Schedule:

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Jan. 9-11 – Homestead Miami Speedway, Homestead, Fla.

Jan. 16-18 - Sebring International Raceway, Sebring, Fla.

March 7-8 - NOLA Motorsports Park, Avondale, La. (With Mid-States)

March 20-22 - Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga.

April 17-19* - VIRginia International Raceway, Alton, Va. (With Northeast)

May 1-3 - Summit Point Raceway, Summit Point, W. Va. (With Northeast)

* - Pending track date approval

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE EVENTS

April 17-19* - VIRginia International Raceway, Alton, Va. (With Southeast)

May 1-3 - Summit Point Raceway, Summit Point, W. Va. (With Southeast)

May 29-31* - Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio (With Northern)

July 3-5 - Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

July 31-Aug. 2 - New Jersey Motorsports Park, Millville, N.J.

Aug. 14-16 – Pitt Race (new 2.9-mile circuit), Wampum, Pa. (With Northern)

* - Pending track date approval

NORTHERN CONFERENCE EVENTS

May 2-3 - Blackhawk Farms, S. Beloit, Ill.

May 29-31* - Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio (With Northeast)

June 12-14 – Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wis.

July 11-12 - GingerMan Raceway, South Haven, Mich.

Aug. 14-16 – Pitt Race (new 2.9-mile circuit), Wampum, Pa. (With Northeast)

Aug. 22-23 – Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.

MID-STATES CONFERENCE EVENTS

March 7-8 – NOLA Motorsports Park, Avondale, La. (With Southeast)

April 11-12 - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Jennings, Okla.

July 4-5 - High Plains Raceway, Byers, Colo.

July 25-26 – Pueblo Motorsports Park, Pueblo, Colo.

TBA - Two additional events will be added

WESTERN CONFERENCE EVENTS

Jan. 16-18 - Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, Calif.

March 21-22 – Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Desert Center, Calif.

April 11-12 – Thunderhill Raceway Park, Willows, Calif.

May 1-3 - Buttonwillow Raceway Park, Buttonwillow, Calif.

May 23-25 - Pacific Raceway, Kent, Wash.

July 3-5 - Portland International Raceway, Portland, Ore.

More information on the Sports Car Club of America and the U.S. Majors Tour can be found at www.scca.com.



Come on... join the fun!!

Come to any of our events & bring your friends!

Membership Meetings

are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at
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Everyone is Welcome!

Ask any member and they'll tell you
how much fun it is to be a part of this great club!

Hope we see you soon!!