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# REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

## December 2014

The 2014 Mini-Con held by NER was on November 14 thru the 16th. I was unable to attend this year; however, Eric Smith attended in my place. Look for his article in this month's KnockOff. The 2015 Mini-Con will be hosted by MoHud next year. Look for details as they become available. We will also need help with all aspects of the event. If you would like to be involved, please contact Jack Hanifan or myself.

The slate for the 2015 Mohud Officers is set. None of the positions were opposed. Therefore, your officers will be the same as last year and are as follows: Bruce Kosakoski and Dick Stewart are the Directors at large, Ron Bass as Secretary, Todd Boise as Treasurer, Pete Smith as Activities Director, Eric Smith as Assistant RE, and Russ Burckhard as RE.

The annual Awards Banquet will be at the Troy Elks Club on Saturday December 6, 2014. Join us for a great time, good food, and year end awards. If you haven't already sent your R.S.V.P., please be sure to contact Eric Smith.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday!

# SOLO REPORT

Russ Burckhard

## December 2014

Not a lot to report this month since the season has ended. The banquet is coming (RSVP as soon as possible). Congratulations to this year's winners. If you don't make the banquet, you can see my trophy presentation speech in next month's KnockOff.

I met with Steven Conklin, The Extreme Bucket List's owner, at an event he held in November to discuss possibly working together. He has a couple of sites and has offered to let us use them. Details will have to be worked out to see if we can hold an event while he is doing his thing. I hope to have more on this in the coming months.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

# COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan



## December 2014

**Mohawk-Hudson Regional Road Race Championship** – It is that time of year again when all MoHud Drivers should be compiling their best races and figuring out their points.

The rules are:

You can count any five (5) SCCA races; they can be Majors, 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. This would be the two events at **Thompson Motor Speedway**.

Points are awarded for races as follows:

1st—20, 2nd—15, 3rd—12, 4th—10, 5th—8, 6th—6, 7th—4, 8th—2, 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 2014 and you have until November 28th to submit your points to me at [JackHanifan@hotmail.com](mailto:JackHanifan@hotmail.com)

**Year end awards** – We need nominations for our year end awards: for Driver of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and the Dave Riggi Memorial Award for the member who has helped our MoHud drivers.

## 2015 Schedule

**Watkins Glen International** – The track will be repaved in 2015. The Majors Race will be July 3,4,5. On July 6th, WGI will begin digging up the boot, this means that the only other SCCA event, the July Sprints on the 18th and 19th, will be held on the Short Course. This will be the last event of 2015.

**Palmer Motorsports Park** – Palmer held an open house on November 16th, about 400 people attended including several MoHud members. We had the opportunity to drive our street cars around the 2.3 mile circuit. If you have seen the videos, they do not do justice to the elevation changes. You will love this track. NER has races scheduled for August 22,23 and September 12,13, 2015. A Soft Opening will be held on a date previous to the August 22,23 race.

**Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park** – In 2015, MoHud will again partner with NER at Thompson. MoHud races will be July 10,11 and October 9, 10. Note these are both Friday Saturday races.

## **The 2015 NeDiv Divisional Championship**

The 2015 Race Schedule is set:

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| April 11,12      | Summit Point                       |
| April 23,24      | New Hampshire Motor Speedway       |
| June 6,7         | New Jersey Motorsports Park        |
| June 20,21       | Nelson Ledges                      |
| July 18,19       | Watkins Glen International         |
| August 8,9       | Pocono International Speedway      |
| September 19, 20 | Pittsburgh International Raceway   |
| October 9,10     | Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park |

Eight Weekends listed, you must participate in four weekends to be eligible for the championship.

**Club Racing Experience** – NER will probably hold a CRE with most of its events in 2015.

**Chump type event** – NER will hold a Chump Type event at Thompson in 2015, date to be determined. This will probably be a two day Enduro event.

***Updated NeDiv schedule on next page.*** Completed schedule will be available on the NeDiv website at <http://www.nediv.com/>



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# Snowflake Rally

## Save the date!

### Saturday, January 31, 2015

this will be a TSD rally, first car off at 6 p.m.

Watch for details in the next *Knock Off*  
and on the MoHud website



On October 26<sup>th</sup> we held a road rally for 2014 TRSS students and their families to give them an opportunity to see just one of the many activities SCCA members can participate in. Pictured below are the rally winners, Tom Daley and Tom Daley, Jr.





# Membership Meeting Minutes **Nov. 5, 2014**

Meeting called to order 7:35 pm.

Previous month's meeting minutes accepted.

**Membership** - Jim Garry, the new Membership Chairman, gave a brief summary of the membership rolls. Region now has 421 members - there are 10 new members.

**Knock Off** - the editor is still getting a fair number of returned emails when the KnockOff is sent out. Members should contact Lisa if they are not getting the Knock Off.

**Treasurer** - summary provided for the previous month's income and expenses.

**Solo** - Oct 12 was the final event of the year. The race had 61 entries. We averaged about 60 cars per event this year. The monthly car show at Guptills brought a number of new people to Solo events. One individual who learned about Mo Hud and Solo at Guptills brought a number of new people with him to Solo events. Russ will draft a one pager for new participants that will provide general info on what to expect when attending a Solo event.

**TRSS** - 19 students attended the last event (in August).

**Rally** - we are working on a snowflake rally late January or early February. Info will be available as the date approaches. Info will be published in the Knock Off.

**PDX** - no report.

**Activities** - Kart night may be scheduled for Checkers Out in Johnstown. Details to follow.

**Competition** - Tom Campbell described his and Charlie's recent experience at the Run Offs. Jack talked about the Divisional Championships. At the recent Chump Car event at Watkins Glen, Will Schumbach's car finished 7th.

**Old Business** - Holiday Banquet is Saturday December 6th. Members should get their reservations in. Mini Con will be in Marlborough, MA. Palmer is scheduled to open next year. Nominating Committee - the following members will be running for officer positions next year - Russ Burkhardt - Executive, Eric Smith - Assistant Executive, Secretary - Ron Bass, Treasurer - Todd Boice, Directors - Dick Stewart, Bruce Kosakowski, Activities - Pete Smith.

**New Business** - None

Meeting adjourned - 8:50 pm.



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# A Great Day for Autocrossing

By Jim Garry

It was a great day for autocrossing at Fort Devens one day in late September. Glorious sun and wispy clouds overhead. It started cold but got comfortably warm very quickly. Had to run first heat but grip levels were OK.

New England Region, SCCA ran its usual efficient event. And with many friends there, it was fun to catch up and exchange laughs and lies.

With Will's schedule being full this Fall, I've been inviting guest drivers to share the Cheetah with me. The weekend before I invited my old co-driver and good friend Ken Hurd to share the drive. This Sunday's guest driver was Grant Reeve. Grant is one of those very special drivers. Extremely fast and also very analytical. He was able to share a lot of tips and opinions. Last year another guest driver, the incomparable Mark Daddio, took 3 runs to get below me the first time he drove the car. Yesterday it only took Grant 2 runs to do so. But the car is handling better now so Mark gets a pass.

Speaking of handling, the new wings (smaller rear wing and larger front wing) have allowed the Cheetah suspension settings to be returned to normal in terms of springs, ride height, rake, tire pressures, and sway bars. So much for those holdouts who don't accept that aero has any impact at Solo speeds. Certainly with a light car like a sports racer, it has a huge impact.

The car is actually on the loose side now. I have moved the rear wing to its highest DF settings (forward-aft location and angle of attack), including adding a gurney flap. The rear bar, now back to the original softer piece, has been disconnected. I believe the extra oversteer is due to very old worn out tires but using the brand new Hoosiers purchased for Nationals (which Will and I decided not to attend) is simply not justified. We'll wait until a big event next year for their first use.

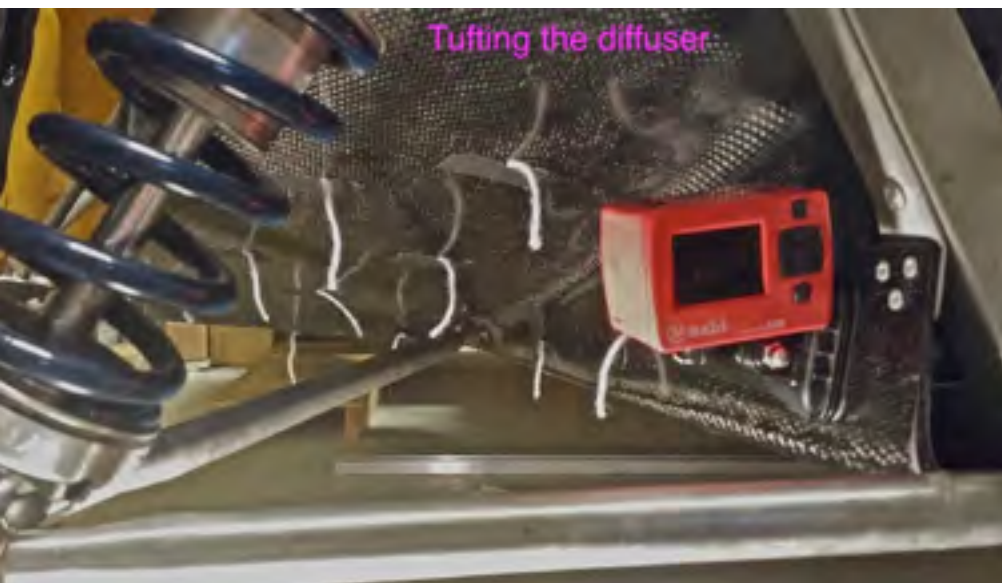
The course was perfect for my driving practice needs ... nearly the entire course consisted of the type of elements in which I usually try to make the car do something that it just doesn't want to do. This included lots of offset maneuvers and corners



that needed to be exited on the "wrong" side. All of this requires patient and skillful set up (ironically, "P & S"). They used to be my partners but have been on sabbatical for four or five years. I hope they have not retired. Other failing grades go to under-driving the car in some areas and over-driving in others. (I think that just about sums up the issues a novice faces.)



With Grant taking command of running his Go Pro, I was able to concentrate on getting video of some aero tufting. I purchased a Go Pro knockoff a couple of months ago. Got a NABI at the introductory offer of \$69. The rear wing was tufted and videoed last weekend. This weekend the front wing and body was tufted. And in a really slick move, I tufted the rear underbody diffuser and mounted the camera in a cool place to get video of the results. Sorry, the results are proprietary. :-)



After the three morning runs, Grant was at a 47.4 and I was at 48.2 but feeling up to the challenge of catching him in the afternoon.

My work assignment was corner boss. The highlight was being told by a course worker that our course station was improperly staffed and those that were present were doing it wrong. A second worker

asked how many events the first one had been to. He replied that he was a novice. The questioner scoffed. Then he looked at me, looked at my white beard & crinkled face and asked me how long I've been autocrossing. I had my eyes on a car passing through the area and so without turning toward him I said "35 years". There was no response from him. After the car had passed through our area I looked over at him and he was just staring. I let it go.

With over 150 entries, we had four heats. That meant we drove, rested, worked, rested, and repeat. It was great to have the down time to talk, eat, tinker on the car, look at video, and take a leisurely pee (a serious priority after autocrossing for 35 years).

With great hope, I got ready for our afternoon runs. The sun had been working hard the entire morning and into afternoon and now the tarmac was very warm to the touch. More grip was promised. Grant's first run was 0.9 faster than his best morning run. Impressive. I went out and really went hard. Impossible to tell what my time would have been because I spun near the end of the course. I recall going backwards at a prodigious speed. Based on the last time I had forward viewing capability, I was headed right for a course worker who didn't appear to be moving. But the car came to a stop with a fairly comfortable margin and I proceeded through. As I coasted across the finish line, a course worker ran in front of me to get a cone from a previous car. It would have been within the rules for me to stop and claim a rerun. But at my age it is more important to avoid being a jerk than getting an extra run. So I just drove back to grid.

On his next run Grant went slower. I turned a time very close to my fastest morning run but I had thought it would be faster (the first sign that you don't know what you are doing).

Grant's last run was just a bit slower than his first afternoon run. As for me, I got SO late on the closing, high speed offsets that instead of generally keeping the nose of the car pointed "downhill", I had to steer hard right, hard left, harder right, and harder left to get the car through the gates. I coasted across the finish line and was stunned to see a time only 0.7 slower than my fastest run. I guess that means I did the rest

MICHAEL SIERGIEJ  
photography



of the course pretty decently. That's my story anyway and I'm sticking to it. So that's the positive driving point I took away from the event.

Grant and Bill Gendron helped me load the car onto the trailer and I departed before the last heat was over. Traffic nearing the I90/I84 interchange was just moderately heavy this time and I only had to slam on my brakes twice. It was a good ride home.

It takes at least two and a half hours to get from Albany to Devens but it's well worth the ride. It's a great site, courses are usually very nice, and the place is quite relaxing due to the scenery and relative calm of the site. Attending an event there is very much worth consideration. Maybe we can put together a MoHud caravan next year.



Even the weeds at Devens are nice!

# 2014 SCCA NEDiv Mini-Con Report

Nov. 14-15, 2014 – Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA

Eric Smith, Assistant Regional Executive

I had the opportunity to attend this year's NEDiv (Northeast Division) Mini-Con, hosted by NER (New England Region) at the Best Western Royal Plaza hotel in Marlborough, MA. Jack Hanifan and Richard Welty were also there from MoHud, and I'm sure Jack will mention more of some of these topics in his race report.

**Quick note:** The 2015 NEDiv Mini-Con will be hosted by us, the members of MoHud, at the Holiday Inn Saratoga Inn on November 13 & 14. The 'Friday evening & Saturday' format has proven to be more popular than the older 'Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning' format of past Mini-Cons. Please look for information in the KO and on the MoHud website and Facebook page as the date draws nearer. There will be opportunities for members to help out with MoHud's hosting of this event, so please volunteer if you are able!

This won't be an exhaustive report (there aren't enough pages in the KO – lol), but I'll pass along some items I noted during the meetings and presentations I attended:

- The regions of NEDiv have proposed the following race schedule for the upcoming 2015 Club Racing season. **All dates should be considered tentative** until they are published later this year on the NEDiv website (NEDiv.com).

*Please check the website for updates:*

- April 11-12 WDC/Summit\*
- April 25-26 STC/PIR & JRB/NJMP
- May 23-24 NER/NHMS\*
- June 6-7 JRB/NJMP\*
- June 13-14 SJR/NJMP
- June 19-20 NER/LRP
- June 20-21 WDC/Summit & FLR/Nelson\*
- July 10-11 NER/TSMP
- July 11-12 WDC/Summit
- July 18-19 Glen/WGI\*
- Aug 1-2 WDC/Summit & NER/NHMS
- Aug 8-9 Tri/Pocono\*
- Aug 15-16 JRB/NJMP
- Aug 22-23 NER/palmer
- Sep 5-7 WDC/Summit
- Sep 12-13 NER/palmer
- Sep 19-20 STC/PIR\*
- Oct 3-4 WDC/Summit & NYR/LRP
- Oct 9-10 NER/TSMP\*
- Oct 17-18 JRB/NJMP (might move to 10/24-25)

\* indicates Divisional Championship designated points race

- The introduction of street tires in the Solo Street classes (formerly Stock) has had some unintended performance impacts that will require adjustments to the upcoming PAX values for 2015.
- The impact of moving the 2014 Runoffs to the West Coast this year had a measurable impact on car counts at West Coast regional club races. Where a race event had previously drawn a 100 car count at an event, during 2014 events were drawing car counts of 200 or more. The hope is that this year's Daytona Runoffs will have a similar impact on our East Coast club races.
- Addressing some comments noting that the worker support at the 2014 Runoffs was not as good as previous years, it was noted that the Runoffs business model has changed from years gone by. Tracks used to pay a substantial sanction fee to host the Runoffs, but that is no longer the case. Worker support and driver entry fees have been impacted, and that trend is likely to continue.
- Club Racing registrars have noted that the number of badges, licenses, and hard cards being issued by SCCA with similar physical features and differences in whether they represent the presence of an annual waiver has caused some confusion. It is important to verify that a badge or hard card actually represents the presence of a valid competition license and/or annual waiver on file. Some "VIP" cards being issued have been attempted to be passed off by the holder as a competition license, when in fact they do not represent a license.
- Heyward Wagner, of SCCA's newly created "The Lab", gave two thought-provoking presentations on improving the member experience for SCCA's membership. In his first presentation, entitled "Playing in Your Sweet Spot", focused on making sure everyone finds their niche in supporting SCCA events, either as a follower or a leader, and the important roles both play. Being able to articulate the "why" of your event is significantly more important than the "how" or "what" of your event. Heyward also claimed that motorsports should be more like a trip to the ski slopes, in that instead of just being dropped into the middle of a race, that perhaps newcomers to motorsports should be allowed to take a few trips down the bunny slope and to get a few lessons in with an instructor before hitting the slopes. Programs like PDXes, Time Trials, and the new "Club Racing Experience" are good ways to ease that transition, and regions may want to put new focus on providing those programs in order to grow participation in their events. The second presentation, entitled "Seeds for Growth", focused on the results of a survey sent to 75,000 former members of SCCA who had let their memberships expire. The aim of the survey was to find out why these former members were no longer interested in maintaining their memberships, and from those causes see if SCCA can address them. The attendees of the presentation were then challenged to put together a season of events that addressed the causes of membership drop-out, and to address what current members list as their goals for maintaining membership and attending events. It was a very



challenging exercise that forced us to think outside the box, and would certainly be a challenge to implement in reality. SCCA feels that exploring the topic is a necessary first step to taking real steps at making changes that could create events that hold a broad appeal to current and potential members.

- Charlie Greenhaus, newly hired General Manager of Palmer Motorsports Park and previously the engineer behind the electric Spec Racer Ford, gave a presentation on the progress of Palmer Motorsports Park, in Palmer, MA. This information was of keen interest to all in attendance as the track is anticipated to open sometime this coming summer. NEDiv has already scheduled two dates there in 2015 (see schedule above). The track is 2.3 miles in length, and has many interesting turns and elevation changes. Infrastructure for the track will be built slowly over the course of the next few seasons, so it may be a bit sparse on amenities for the first year or two.
- The other track news that many found interesting was from Central NY Region member Jim Quattro concerning the status of Central NY Raceway Park (CNYRP), the new track being built just north of Syracuse, NY. Jim brought blueprints for the track layout and gave an update on the construction. The track will be 2 miles in length, and should have a dedicated exit off of I-81 just north of I-90. Mr. Quattro said CNY Region is interested in partnering with other SCCA regions in holding a race event there as they don't have the stewards to hold a race, but would appreciate help on every aspect. They hope to open the track just as Watkins Glen closes for repaving this coming summer. Find out more about CNYRP at [CNYRP.com](http://CNYRP.com).
- On the way home I stopped in for Palmer Motorsports Park's SCCA Member Open House. I think every SCCA member in a 5 state radius must have heard about the event, as there were well over 100 street cars in attendance to take a few leisurely laps around the track. I never got out of 2nd gear on my parade lap, but it looks to be very interesting. It'll be fun to add yet another venue within a 2 hour drive of Albany to our list of potential tracks.



## 2015 Tire Rack SCCA National Solo Schedule Revealed



*Lincoln Airpark will be the home of the Tire Rack Solo National Championship for 2015, and the foreseeable future. Credit: Rupert Berrington*

TOPEKA, Kan. (Nov. 11, 2014) – Sports Car Club of America released the 2015 Tire Rack SCCA National Solo schedule today, with the two national-level tours, as well as the Tire Rack ProSolo series, slated to visit many of the competition sites that have helped elevate the autocross program. A new facility is also on the docket for the upcoming season.

The National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, will play host to its first SCCA National Solo event when the

Tire Rack Match Tour travels there for a mid-season event, May 2-3. The facility is a multi-purpose motorsports facility that opened fall of 2014. The Match Tour event will utilize the Autocross/Skid pad.

The Tire Rack Match Tour is also scheduled to stop in Moultrie, Georgia, June 6-7. This year's visit will be the first time a National Solo event utilizes the facilities at Spence Field since 1996.

This year's ProSolo event at the El Toro Airfield, in Irvine, California, April 25-26, will be the last National Solo event held at the site that has become a favorite to many drivers. The first event at El Toro was held in 2001, and was used by the local SCCA Region before that. Almost every year since, the location has been utilized as a stop on the ProSolo schedule. However, commercial development is set to begin on the area in late 2015.

The Tire Rack ProSolo series will make two visits to Wilmington, Ohio, this season, with the first event scheduled for May 20-31, and the return visit slated for Aug. 1-2.

“The 2015 Tire Rack SCCA National Solo schedule is one of the strongest we have had in years with a good geographic spread and an excellent probability of great competition through well attended events,” Howard Duncan, SCCA Vice President of Rally/Solo and Special Programs, said. “The schedule came together in record time and I want to thank the organizers for their cooperative efforts in being flexible to the ever-changing nature of building a nationwide calendar of events. The new season cannot begin soon enough for the National Solo field staff team!”

The site for the Utah Match Tour is still under consideration, but the date, set for June 27-28, is confirmed. A final decision on the location should be coming within the next month.

Below is a complete list of the national-level Solo events scheduled for the upcoming year:

## **2015 Tire Rack SCCA National Solo Schedule**

### **Tire Rack National Tour (Champ Tour and Match Tour): 13 events**

- March 14-15: Cecil, Ga. – South Georgia Motorsports Park (CT)
- March 21-22: San Diego, Calif. – Qualcomm Stadium (CT)
- April 11-12: College Station, Texas – Texas A&M University Annex (CT)
- April 18-19: Crows Landing, Calif. – Crows Landing Air Facility (CT)
- May 2-3: Bowling Green, Ky. – NCM Motorsports Park (MT)
- May 24-25: Lincoln, Neb. – Lincoln Air Park West (CT)
- June 6-7: Moultrie, Ga. – Spence Field (MT)
- June 13-14: Fountain, Colo. – Pikes Peak Int'l. Raceway (CT)
- June 13-14: Ayer, Mass. – Devens Airfield (CT)
- June 27-28: Utah – TBD (MT)
- July 11-12: Packwood, Wash. – Hampton Mills (CT)
- July 18-19: Toledo, Ohio – Toledo Express Airport (MT)
- August 8-9: Wilmington, Ohio – Wilmington Airport (CT)

### **43rd Tire Rack Solo National Championship**

- September 8-11: Lincoln, Neb. – Lincoln Airpark West

### **Tire Rack ProSolo National Series: 11 events**

- March 7-8: Blytheville, Ark. – Arkansas Aeroplex
- March 28-29: Irvine, Calif. – El Toro Airfield
- April 25-26: Crows Landing, Calif. – Crows Landing Air Facility
- May 9-10: East Rutherford, N.J. – Met Life Stadium
- May 22-23: Lincoln, Neb. – Lincoln Airpark West
- May 30-31: Wilmington, Ohio – Wilmington Airport
- June 6-7: Mineral Wells, Texas – Mineral Wells Airport
- June 27-28: Toledo, Ohio – Toledo Express Airport
- July 18-19: Packwood, Wash. – Hampton Mills
- Aug 1-2: Wilmington, Ohio – Wilmington Airport
- September 5-6: Lincoln, Neb. – Lincoln Airpark West

Additional information on the Tire Rack SCCA Solo Program can be found at [SCCA.com/Solo](http://SCCA.com/Solo).



## Club Elections Add Christopher, Hill to SCCA Board of Directors

TOPEKA, Kan. (November 17, 2014) – Two new members will join the Sports Car Club of America Board of Directors, and two incumbent candidates remain for a second three-year term in office, after election results were announced on Monday.

Area 4 Director Stephen Harris, of Dayton, Ohio, and Area 9 Director Brian McCarthy, of Sacramento, Calif., ran unopposed to retain their positions on the 13-member Board of Directors.

Lee Hill, of Brandon, Fla., won the Area 3 election with 744 votes over John Zuccarelli, of Jupiter, Fla., with 598 votes. Hill replaces outgoing director Robin Langlotz.

In Area 11, KJ Christopher, of Redondo Beach, Calif., received 405 votes to win the seat. Jim Malone, of Wilcox, Ariz., garnered 194 votes, and Lois Petersen, of Mesa, Ariz., earned 151. Christopher fills the seat vacated by Mike Lewis.

“Congratulations to Lee and KJ on their elections to the SCCA Board of Directors,” Lisa Noble, SCCA President & CEO, said. “And thank you, to John, Jim and Lois, who were willing to put themselves out there and run for a volunteer position to make this Club even better. I’m looking forward to working with the 2015 version of the Board of Directors.”

### 2015 Board of Directors Election Results:

#### Area 3

Lee Hill - 744

John Zuccarelli - 598

#### Area 4

Stephen Harris (unopposed) - 1

#### Area 9

Brian McCarthy (unopposed) - 1

#### Area 11

KJ Christopher - 405

Jim Malone - 194

Lois Petersen – 151

**The 2015 SCCA Board of Directors:**

- Area One: Dick Patullo
- Area Two: Terry Hanushek
- Area Three: Lee Hill
- Area Four: Stephen Harris
- Area Five: Bruce Lindstrand
- Area Six: Peter Zekert
- Area Seven: Dan Helman
- Area Eight: Bill Kephart
- Area Nine: Brian McCarthy
- Area 10: John Walsh
- Area 11: KJ Christopher
- Area 12: Tere Pulliam
- Area 13: Todd Butler

Election ballots were received through November 15, and were tallied by Mize, Houser & Company, Certified Public Accountants.

The current Board Members will gather for their final meeting of the year in Topeka, Kan., Dec. 13-14, joined by incoming Board Members Hill and Christopher. The new Board Members will officially assume their duties on January 1, 2015.