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MoHud's New Young Drivers

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Evan Karl, 15, gets signed off.



Jack Lehner, 16, gets his paperwork.



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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

July 2015

June 8th was the first car show at Guptill's. The attendance was very light and it ended early due to a storm rolling through around 5:00. With the amount of rain that fell quickly, it could have been a boat show. Fortunately I did not do a full setup and was able to put it back in the van without getting too wet. We will be back at Guptill's on July 13th. Stop by and say hi.

SCCA has a new website. Go to <http://www.scca.com/> to check out their new look.

The John Stim Memorial will be held at Thompson Speedway in association with the New England Region. 9-11 July 2015

Back to the Future II

NERRC Quad Regional Championship Races

presented by Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park

NARRC Double Regional Championship Races

For more info go to <http://www.ner.org/clubracing-schedule/>

Reminder, the August meeting will be held at the Funplex in North Greenbush for our annual go-kart outing. Reduced rates for MoHud members.

The MoHud golf tournament will be at the Burden Lake Country Club on August 13th.

MoHud SCCA and Patroon BMWCCA announce this year's Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) event will be held Saturday, October 10th, 2015, at the Saratoga Auto Museum. For more details, please see our webpage: <http://www.mohud-scca.org/street-survival/>

We will be holding the Mini-Con on 11/13-15/2015 at the Saratoga Holiday Inn. Rates are \$129/night. We will need help to put on this event. If interested, please contact Jack Hanifan, Pete Smith, or myself.

We signed up with <http://www.sccaregiongear.com/> to get our logo on their site. You can order shirts with our logo direct from them.

SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard

July 2015

Schedule:

June 28	Points event 3
July 12	Points event 4
Aug 2	Points event 5
Sept 13	Points event 6

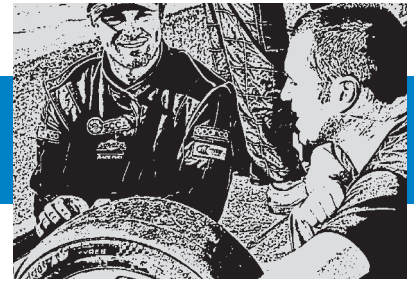
All of these are at these are at the McCarty Ave OGS lot.

We had our first Test and Tune on June 1st at McCarty Ave. The course was an easy but technical straight forward course that allowed as many runs as promised. It was a warm if not hot sunny day. Everyone seemed happy with both the course and amount of runs. Unfortunately we had a brief passing shower at the very end, but it did help to cool us down before loading the van.

The second event had 60 entrants on a not so beautiful day. What a difference a day makes. Saturday was sunny and warm, Sunday was cold and wet. Despite the weather, it was a good turnout. Jon Staude set the fastest raw time of the event and also had the top Pax time and top finishing position in the Pro class in his Civic. Ian Wallace was the fastest Street driver, Stephan Zavos had the top Touring time, Dan Whaley was the quickest in Street Prepared, Scott Carpenter was fastest in Street Modified, Johnathon Burckhard has the top spot in Junior Kart, and Adam Wright was the best in Novice. As far as Season Points are concerned, Ian Wallace, Miguel Teixeira, Andrew Bernstien, Clifton Cearley, and Tracey Burckhard are your top 5 in Street. Dan Whaley, David Peters, Dave Trifaro, Joe Cassidy, and Jeremy Haas are your top 5 in Street Prepared. Stephan Zavos, Aashish Vemulapalli, Timothy Fink, Scot Carpenter, and Vince DePaul are your top 5 in Street Touring. Jon Staude, myself, Carmine Russo, Andy Furlong, and Eric Smith are the top 5 in Pro. Adam Wright, Saul Morse, Alex Norton, Jose Martinez, and Schuyler King are the top 5 in Novice, and Johnathon Burckhard holds the top spot in Kart. It is still early in the season and a number of the names that were at the top last event have been shuffled.

It looks like 4 from Mohud went out to Devens for the National Tour. Arne Beebe, Andy Furlong, Russ Gorman, and Jon Staude were on the entry list. It is too early to get results but keep an eye on <http://www.scca.com/events/1967512-2015-tire-rack-ayer-champ-tour> for more details.

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan



2015 July

July 10-11, at Thompson – This will be a special event, MoHud is assisting NER with this event, most of our Stewards will be there and Rich Welty as Chief of Tech. Jim Bucci is Chairman for the Time Trial event. This would be a great time to let one of your crew or a sponsor (your spouse) drive your car. Check out the flyer or contact Jim. The time trial is on Saturday only. **This is a MoHud Race, counts as double points in the MoHud Championship.**

NeDiv Road Racing Championship Series – There has been 4 rounds of the championship, Summit, NHMS, New Jersey and LRP. MoHud is doing well in the Championship; the next event will be on the short course at WGI, July 18, 19.

Majors – WGI and Finger Lakes Region will also be hosting the next Majors Race, July 3, 4 & 5. Charlie Campbell will be there, driving both his SM Miata and brother Tom's F Prod Miata.

New Drivers – MoHud had two new drivers signed off at the NHMS Driver's School. Both drivers have been around SCCA most of their lives. 16 year old Jack Lehner, son of Jeff, did well in Spec Racer Ford. 15 year old Evan Karl, son of Bob and grandson of BK, did well in his SM2 Miata.

Capital Area Miata

A club of Miata enthusiasts to meet a couple times a month to share our passion for Mazda Miatas. We offer a couple events each month including weeknight and weekend drives. Gatherings with other northeast Miata clubs are in the works. Our members span a region from Altamont to North Creek so far. Website under development. No charge for membership so far. Contact Mark Bergman - mark@adkreal.com or 518.636.4725 to be added to our mailing list



When: Saturday, October 10, 2015
8:00am – 4:00pm

Where: Saratoga Auto Museum
110 Avenue of the Pines
Saratoga, NY

Please share information about Tire Rack Street Survival with your family, friends and co-workers. We have flyers available to hand out, post on bulletin boards, or to send through email.

We need your help to make this a successful event

We need in-car coaches and volunteers to help
on the course throughout the day.

Please consider spending a day helping to save teen lives.

Registration for students, in-car coaches and volunteers
will soon be open at www.motorsportreg.com

For more information,
Jim Bucci: jjbucci@hotmail.com or Trish Bucci: trimar71@gmail.com

Report From Karl Daneil

My day seemed to start normally when Eleanor and I headed to Albany.

Sure, the skies were gray but that is normal. The first sign of trouble was when we were leaving the 787 construction mess in downtown Albany.



Regatta image

The Fiero start burbling and then died as I entered the parking lot.

Eleanor reported that she heard what sounded like a blowout about half way up the hill, and she was right. She continued up into the parking lot, and while we were parking a friend pointed out the flat tire.

So the event starts and I am in the first work session. About the time we got on the flag station, the skies opened up - about 4 inches of rain in the next hour. My two rain coats were not up to it - I was drenched from my feet up to the top of my head. This wasn't summer rain - it was winter rain i.e. cold.

I finally got to look at the tire problem. I couldn't see any problem but it wouldn't hold air. So off with the tire! Sure enough, hidden under a chunk of tread was a hole the size of a 3/8 inch bolt! I tried

4 times to get hole plugs to seal, but they just weren't up to it the hole was so large and messy. So we now have a new \$170 tire.

The Fiero wasn't ready to face the conditions either. Even though the rain was down to a drizzle when our turn to line up came, the engine assured me that it wasn't happy and continued to die and not immediately restart. I have had that problem several times in the past two years, but still haven't found the solution. Well after heading home, the engine was burbling as we descended 787 and across the river, then it died. It took another 1/2 hour to go the next three miles up the Route

20 hill into Greenbush. I finally found a solution - turn off all the electrical gadgets - wipers, headlights, demister AC, fan, etc. The engine then ran properly the rest of the way home! The problem now is - I can't get it to fail again and all electrical checks verify everything is great. Aren't old cars fun!

1988 Pontiac Fiero 6 cylinder with aftermarket Turbo.



What
Club trials track event

Where
Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park
205 E Thompson Rd
Thompson, CT

When
Saturday, July 11, 2015
8:00-5:00

Come and enjoy this historic and challenging track, and experience SCCA's camaraderie and sportsmanship.

We welcome drivers of all abilities

Who can participate in the time trial event?

Participation is open to any SCCA regular or weekend member. If you are not an SCCA member, weekend memberships will be available at registration.

What types of cars are allowed?

Econo-box sedans, performance cars, tuner cars, imports and domestics. Even convertibles (no roll bar required) Yes, this means you Miata guys and girls!

How much does this cost and what do I get for it?

The event cost is **only \$160**. For that you get (2) 20 minute on-track sessions plus appropriate class room instruction. In addition, time trial participants are allowed full access to the paddock and garage areas of the track to see the drivers and club racing cars up close. Participants are also invited to be a part of the driver/worker party after the conclusion of the day's racing events. The time trial participants rotate as a separate run group at this club racing event so you'll also get to see the finest club road racers in the northeast compete in a variety of cars and classes when you are not on track or in the classroom.

Registration will soon be open at <https://www.motorsportreg.com>

You can find everything else you need to know including complete rules here:
<http://scca.cdn.racersites.com/prod/assets/2015%20PDX%20CTRrules%20.pdf>

Questions? Event Chairperson Jim Bucci 518 944-4371 or hdjimbu@gmail.com

Summer Fun!

GO KART NIGHT



Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015 • 6PM

Fun Plex Fun Park \$22
Free Pizza & Drinks

Call Pete Smith **518-339-5744** with questions.

Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015

Burden Lake Country Club

\$34 including golf carts, and food,

Be there around 2PM

Call Pete Smith @ 518-339-5744

Tiger Woods won't be there this year, so everyone will have a chance at the BIG TROPHY... if we can find it.

Remember last year?



These guys could use some competition this year!

There will be an excellent buffet after the golf, so bring your friends.

Membership Report Jim Garry

As of 6/3/15

424 members. Up three members from last month.

9 New members in May. Bold names are Solo Primary Interest

Aaron C Bailey	Voorheesville
Brent Eric Howard	Valley Falls
Thomas W Morris Jr.	Greenwich
Saul Morse	Ballston Lake
Julie Morse	Ballston Lake
Ian Morse	Ballston Lake
Evelyn Morse	Ballston Lake
Paul Soulske	Glenville
Adam Wright	Berne

Significant Anniversaries in June

30 YEARS

Michael R Larimer	6/12/1985
William Hudson	6/14/1985

20 YEARS

Chip Van Slyke	6/21/1995
Ellie Alexander	6/27/1995
Richard D Alexander	6/27/1995

15 YEARS

Charles R Campbell	6/29/2000
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5 YEARS

Ethan Corey	6/4/2010
John Arthur Corey	6/4/2010

2015 Schedule

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~~Palm Beach* Feb. 12-14~~

ATLANTIC
championship

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Formula F
championship



~~Road Atlanta - April 10-12~~

ATLANTIC
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Formula F
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~~Watkins Glen - May 15-17~~

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~~VIR - June 5-7~~

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Mid-Ohio - July 3-5

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Pittsburgh - July 31-Aug. 2

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New Jersey - August 28-30

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Pittsburgh - October 16-18

*Non Points Exhibition Weekend

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For Immediate Release

SCCA Mid-States Celebrates Father's Day at Driver Acclaimed Kansas Speedway

Kansas City, Kan. (June 20, 2015) – Through sun and rain, the Eighth Round of the SCCA Mid-States Majors Tour on Sunday at Kansas Speedway provided drivers with an array of challenges, some like only Mother Nature can provide. Twice through the day, workers were called in from their stations due to lightning in the area. The drivers, teams, and workers embraced these challenges, making for a phenomenal day of racing during a first-time event at the driver-approved track.

Sunday's schedule featured six run groups of 21-lap Championship races, with drivers representing twenty-eight SCCA classes.

On Saturday, Tom Smith scored a GT-1 victory in the No. 62 USA Metal Recycling Chevy Camaro. On Sunday, it was his son, Dane Smith, in the No. 21 USA Metal Recycling Chevy Corvette repaying the favor and stealing a Father's Day win.

The big bore group had a wet track, with the race starting just after a short delay due to lightning in the area, the drivers were given a chance to change to rain tires after the worst of the storm passed. The father/son duo made the decision to go to the Goodyear rain tires too late, leaving them to tackle the wet track on slicks in the high horsepower machines.

The younger Smith started on pole based on his faster time from yesterday's race. Because of the slick track, both fell back at the start in the overall battle as the drivers with rain tires charged forward. Once on their own, the Smiths initiated an independent race, with both becoming more comfortable with the conditions as the race progressed.

On the second lap, the elder Smith took the lead and held on for four laps before being passed by his 20-year-old son. The pair officially swapped the lead four times early, but there was no stopping the younger Smith once he claimed the lead on lap eight. He held his position through the checkered flag, claiming the Eighth Round of the Mid-States Majors Tour.

Just before the Smiths were faced with their tire dilemma, the F Production race was a showdown between three Mid-States drivers who are contenders for a Runoffs presented by Garmin VIRB crown this September at Daytona.

Eric Prill, a Runoffs podium finisher in five of the last seven years, mixed and matched with Sam Henry – a Runoffs runner-up, a Solo trophy winner, and a RallyCross National Champion – and Kent Prather, an eight-time National Champion.



Eric Prill and Sam Henry battled back and forth in F Production on Sunday at Kansas. Credit: SCCA

Prill's No. 7 MaxtonsFight.Org/Jesse Prather Motorsports/Hoosier Mazda Miata officially led 18 of the 21 laps at the stripe, but Henry crossed the stripe in front on lap six, seven and 17. That's a misleading statistic, however, as the lead swapped several times throughout the race, with Prather's No. 26 Prather Racing MG A even slipping past the two Miatas briefly on the banking.

Henry's experiments in the draft with the No. 37 Springfield Dyno/SafeRacer Mazda Miata allowed him to lead several times and establish the class track record at 1:31.702 – a half-second quicker than Prill, who led around the 1.5-mile oval.

Prather fell back of the leaders, dropping two tires off in the dirt on lap 10, and then a rainstorm and thundershower slowed the pace with three laps to go. Prill brought his red and silver Miata home in front for the checkered flag by 1.887-seconds after the back and forth battle.

Results and more information from the Kansas Speedway Majors can be found at SCCA.com/kansasspeedwaymajors. Interviews from each of the race winners, post-race, can be found at SCCA.com.

The Mid-States Conference returns to action on the July 4th weekend at High Plains Raceway in Byers, Colo. The Western Conference finale, at Portland International Raceway, and the Northeast Conference, at Watkins Glen International, are also in action that same weekend.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Provisional winners from Sunday's Mid-States Conference Majors Tour Round 8 at Kansas Speedway, with class, name, hometown and car.

American Sedan: Jim Wheeler, Lenexa, Kan., Pontiac Trans-Am

B-Spec: John Phillips, Sealy, Texas, Toyota Yaris

E Production: Matt Reynolds, Fair Oaks, Texas, Mazda Miata

F Production: Eric Prill, Topeka, Kan., Mazda Miata

H Production: Chris Albin, Maryland Heights, Mo., Volkswagen GTI

Formula 500: Jack Walbran, Saint Louis, Mo., Novakar J10/Rotax

Formula 1000: James Michael, Fort Worth, Texas, Stohr F1000

Formula Atlantic: Dwight Rider, Aurora, Colo., RT-41/Toyota

Formula Continental: Brandon Dixon, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Citation F2000/Ford

Formula Enterprises: Henry Donohoo, Arvada, Colo., Formula Enterprises/Ford

Formula Mazda: Alan McCallum, Houston, Tex., Formula Mazda

Formula F: Max Mallinen, Liberty Lake, Wash., Spectrum 014H/Honda

Formula Vee: Charles Hearn, Houston, Tex., Vortech/Volkswagen

GT-1: Dane Smith, Springdale, Ark., Chevrolet Corvette

GT-2: Mike McGinley, Overland Park, Kan., Chevrolet Corvette

GT-3: Brian Haupt, Spring Hill, Kan., Mazda RX-7

GT-Lite: Jesse Prather, Topeka, Kan., Toyota Tercel

Prototype 1: Kirk Kindsfater, Eaton, Colo., Speads RS11

Prototype 2: Bruce Gurney, Honolulu, Hawaii, Carbir CS-2

Spec Miata: Matt Reynolds, Fair Oaks, Tex., Mazda Miata

Spec Racer Ford Gen 3: David Pheteplice, Monument, Colo., Spec Racer Ford

Spec Racer Ford: Grayson Strathman, Jennings, Okla., Spec Racer Ford

Super Touring Lite: Richard Schader, Longmont, Colo., Mazda Miata

Super Touring Under: Anthony Simmers, Boulder, Colo., Volkswagen GTI

Touring 1: Chris Edens, Sherwood, Ark., Mazda MX-5

Touring 2: Tim Kezman, Fraksville, Wis., Porsche GT3 Cup

Touring 3: Jason Ott, Littleton, Colo., BMW Z4 Coupe

Touring 4: James Place, San Antonio, Tex., Acura GRS