



# MoHud shows well at July Sprints



Bob Karl (BK), 3rd SM2



Jack Hanifan, 2nd FP, Tom Campbell, 1st FP, Pete Smith, 3rd FP



Tom Campbell's  
FP Miata #89

## Solo season winding down

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## August Meeting Place & Events

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# REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT Russ Burckhard

## August 2015

July 13<sup>th</sup> was the second car show at Guptill's. The attendance was much better this time. Eric Smith brought his Evo and as usual it drew a lot of attention as it is too new to normally be in the show and is not the typical Detroit iron that is the norm. We will be back at Guptill's on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and say hi.

The John Stim Memorial was held at Thompson Speedway in association with the New England Region on 9-11 July 2015. For more info go to <http://www.ner.org/clubracing-schedule/>

We also had the Club Trials at Thompson that weekend. We had a lot of positive feedback so look forward to more of these in the future.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>.

MoHud SCCA and Patroon BMWCCA announce this year's Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) event will be held Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

### August 2015

<b>Schedule:</b>	Aug 2	Points event 5
	Sept 13	Points event 6

These events will be held at the McCarty Ave OGS lot.

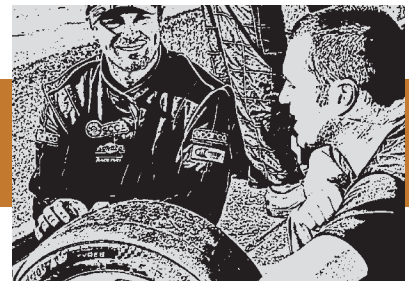
We had two events at McCarty Ave since the last issue. The first one was on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Keeping with the way the rest of the year has been, it was another wet day. While not a total washout, it didn't allow for a dry surface. For the first time maybe

ever, I had to leave early to bring Johnathon to camp up north. Leaving while the event was happening was a strange feeling. Although I knew the event was in good hands, I could not help feeling I was abandoning everyone. I called Eric Smith after the event and he told me what I already knew. The events can go on without me. Now I am not planning on going anywhere and am hoping it will be another 20 years until I have to miss another one, but it is nice to know that if I do that there are many folks willing to step up to get the job done. So thank you to everyone who helped out.

We had 44 entrants and the top time and Pax went to a familiar name. Jon Staude had both as well as the top spot in the Pro class followed in the Pro by myself, Carmine Russo, Phil Reddington, and Bill Bennett. Joe Lagdao led the Street group followed by Clifton Cearley, Andrew Bernstein, Miguel Teixeira, and Russ Gorman. Street Prepared had Dan Whaley at the top followed by Dave Trffaro, and Joe Cassidy. Street Touring had Scot Carpenter at the top followed by Stephan Zavos, Tim Frink, Aashish Vemulapalli, and Brendan Ricci. Novice had Jose Martinez at the top followed by Adam Wright, Saul Morse, Zach Taylor, and Aaron Bailey. Johnathon Burckhard had the top Kart spot

The next event had 47 entrants on a dry beautiful day. Okay maybe not beautiful. Sunny and hot is more like it. Ian Morse set the fastest raw time of the event and Jon Staude had the top Pax time and top finishing position in the Pro class in his Civic followed by Andy Furlong, myself, Phil Reddington, and Carmine Russo. Miguel Teixeira was the fastest Street driver followed by Ian Wallace, Joe Lagdao, Andy Bernstein, and Tracey Burckhard. Steven Spinnichia had the top Touring time followed by Stephan Zavos, Tim Frink, Bill Grayson, and Scot Carpenter. David Peters was the quickest in Street Prepared followed by Dan Whaley, Joe Cassidy, and Dave Triffaro. Ian Morse was the fastest Kart, followed by Johnathon Burckhard, and Moises Samiogo. And Adam Wright was the best in Novice followed by Steven Anthony, Saul Morse, Jose Martenez, and Aaron Bailey.

As far as Season Points are concerned, Miguel Teixeira, Clifton Cearley, Andrew Bernstien, Ian Wallace, Tracey Burckhard, and Ian Wallace are your top 5 in Street. Dan Whaley, Dave Trifaro, Joe Cassidy, David Peters, and Jeremy Haas are your top 5 in Street Prepared. Stephan Zavos, Timothy Fink, Scot Carpenter, Aashish Vemulapalli, and Vince DePaul are your top 5 in Street Touring. Jon Staude, myself, Carmine Russo, Eric Smith, and Arne Beebe are the top 5 in Pro. Adam Wright, Saul Morse, Jose Martinez, Aaron Bailey, and Alex Haririj are the top 5 in Novice, and Johnathon Burckhard holds the top spot in Kart. These standings are without the worst event being dropped. I will factor that in for next months report.



*Facebook Report from Jack Hanifan*

## July Sprints Results for MoHud drivers

T4 Jared Lendrum 2nd in a borrowed car

FV Justin Noble 1st

P1 Jonathan Ericksen 1st

FC Steve Dweck 2nd

FP Tom Campbell 1st

Jack Hanifan 2nd

Pete Smith 3rd with flat tire

SM2 BK Karl. 2nd

Nick Karl 7th

SM2 Greg Pecora 4th

HRG Scott Stickles 6th

Pro IT Fred Fox 3rd

SM Greg Pecora 7th

STU Greg Goss 4th in a borrowed car

### ***Important Note from your Editor:***

I have been KO editor for some time and feel I would like to pass along the reins to another interested member. Please contact me or one of the officers to let me know. I would gladly pass along all of my materials and files for future use. I feel it could use a different approach and a new outlook from someone else. Looking forward to hearing from anyone with the desire to take on the challenge.

Thanks!

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**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](http://www.motorsportreg.com)

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## Membership Meeting Minutes JUNE 2015

*Meeting called to order 7:45 pm.*

**Secretary** – May membership meeting minutes need one correction - roll bars do not need to be in cars for the Thompson drivers school. Revised minutes will be submitted to the Knock Off Editor.

**Knock Off** – members reminded to get their articles submitted in time. The 15th of each month is the deadline.

**Treasurer** – income/expenses reported for the previous month.

**Solo** – Russ provided a report on the recent solo event – there were 60 competitors on the Sunday race. Other news - possible new site may have been located. Russ will be taking a look at the venue.

**Street Survival** – still no confirmed date – the school will be held on one of the first two weekends of October. The Saratoga Museum will be partnering with us.

**Rally** – no report.

**Time Trial** – will be July 11th. Participants will have two 20 minutes sessions – entry fee is \$160. It will be held at Thompson in conjunction with the New England SCCA Regional Race. Registration opened on June 3.

**Activities** – Go Kart night will be on August 5 at the Funplex, \$22 for unlimited go kart rides; August 13, golf at Burden Lake, \$33, includes kart and buffet dinner.

**Competition** – two new Mo Hud drivers were signed off at the New Hampshire drivers school.

**Membership** – Jim Garry reported that we currently have 424 members with 9 new members in May. Member anniversaries were summarized.

**Old Business** – Guptills Car Show will be Monday evening, 5 pm to 9 pm, June 8th. Mo Hud will have a booth there. Members are welcome to stop by. We will be offering free entries for the Solo program as we did last year. Mo Hud van has been inspected for this year. We're still looking for a replacement van or small box truck. RPI Formula Race Team - Bruce and Eric met with the group last Wednesday and provided them with basic pointers on driving and car handling. Mini Con - Jim Garry is searching for an individual who can do a seminar on solo course design. He is also trying to arrange for a safety steward seminar as well as an SCCA Board Member who can provide an update on the future direction of Solo.

**New Business** – NARRC - there is a lack of available information about the need to have a new treasurer. Mo Hud needs more information before we can vote on a replacement treasurer. Dick Stewart suggested that the NARRC topic of treasurer position be included on the Mini Con agenda. Club logo merchandise - Eric will be putting information on facebook, the website, and in the Knock Off. Suggested that we upgrade radios to FRS. Radios with headphones would help. We should consider purchasing new radios. Need to test them first before purchasing to make certain that volume is loud enough to compete with engine noise.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.*

# Membership Meeting Minutes JULY 2015

*Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.*

**Secretary** - June meeting minutes were not published in the Knock Off. Secretary will ask they be published in the next edition.

**Membership** - Eric read Jim's report. There are presently 424 members. New member's names were read to the membership. Significant member anniversaries were also read.

**Knock Off** – it was noted that Secretaries minutes and member anniversaries were not published in the June publication.

**Treasurer** - Todd summarized the previous month's income and expenses.

**Solo** - Solo event was held this past weekend. There were 44 entries. National Tour was at Devons last month. Four Mo Hud members competed. Results have not yet been posted. Russ has dropped a check to Fortitech. There has been no change in their position on the use of their site.

**Tire Rack Street Survival** - date has been confirmed for Saturday, Oct 10th. It will be held at the Saratoga Auto Museum. Instructors and volunteers will be needed. Attendance will be limited to 24 students. Tricia has flyers available - both print and by email. Please contact her for copies.

**Rally** - still in the planning stages. May be held this Fall.

**Time Trial at Thompson** - this will be an "intro to track day" at Thompson. Format is very similar to "Track Night in America". We currently have 7 paid entries.

**Activities** - Golf outing will be August 13, 2:00 pm, Burden Lake country club. No experience necessary. Kart Night will be at the Funplex on August 5th.

**Competition** - Jack provided a summary of the races at New Hampshire and the Glen.

**Old Business** - Eric described status of updating the bylaws. Jim Bucci laid out a couple of proposed changes - officer elections every two years rather than every one year. Also a possibility of term limits, e.g. two "two year terms" and then individual must vacate position. This would be similar to the Finger Lakes Region who holds election every two years with two year terms. An individual must not be in the position for one term in order to run for that office again. This would be limited to the specific office that the person holds. July 13th, Monday, is the next car show at Guptill's. This will be a Solo and Street Survival night. Eric and DJ will have their cars available. Mini Con - will be November 13th - 14th in Saratoga. Banquet will be at the Saratoga Auto Museum. Radios – there was a 50% failure rate at the last Solo event. We either need new batteries for the radios or need to purchase new radios. FRS radios may be an option, but they may not have a high enough volume to overcome the ambient noise.

**New Business** - next Mo Hud meeting will be at the Funplex on August 5th.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.*



# 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 golf,  
so bring your friends.



Greg Goss was able to get his needed race on his quest to the Runoffs. One more MoHud member #59 in a borrowed car finished 4th. This was Greg's ride donated by Ian Prout so I could qualify for the runoffs. I can't thank him enough.



A whole lot of MoHud history could be found sitting in the garage at the Glen. Lots of laughter as always and another great time had by all.





MoHud's Jim Bucci had his ITA #19 at the July Sprints. His son, Anthony (below) was crew while Trish visited her family.



The Hanifan and Smith garage stall.



# Thompson Time Trial

Jim Bucci

Plenty of sun and plenty of smiles are my take-aways from MoHud's first time trial event. The event was held on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Thompson Speedway. 14 participants (including FOUR, that's right, FOUR Ford Focuses, or is it Foci?) took to the track under a bright blue sky. Although 14 cars was not a sell-out, I think it was a good manageable number for our first foray into such an event. I would like to offer my sincere thanks and a big round of applause to the following people who made our event a success. Todd and Nancy Boice in registration (Todd was also our chief of tech); Jack Hanifan, as our chief steward; Bruce Kosakoski, our driving instructor chief; Greg Rickes for traffic control and on-track driver observer; and Trish for all her help behind the scenes and at home. And, of course, a great big THANK YOU to our participants. Hope to see you all on track again sometime soon!

Check out the MoHud Facebook page and Youtube for photos and in-car video.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jim Garry

Total members as of June 30: 424. Same as a month ago.

### **New members in June**

Alex Hariraj of Schenectady

Jose Martinez of Halfmoon

Noah Simms-Levy of Salem

Cameron Smith of Troy

Zachary Taylor of Malta

All but Noah listed Solo as their primary interest. Noah appears to be with the FSAE group.

### **Significant Anniversaries in July**

Five years: Gregory, Johnathon, & Tracey Burckhard

Forty years: Clark Nicholls