



Podium Finishes for Many MoHud Race Drivers!

Stories inside!



Clockwise from top left:
Bob Karl Sr.(BK) with his grandson Evan Karl; Tom and Charlie Campbell, Jared Lendrum; Greg Goss; Jeanette Udvary; and in the middle, Pete Smith and Jack Hanifan.

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MAZDA CHAMPS AT FINAL NE MAJORS

New PittRace layout gets rave reviews as Mazda racers claim Northeastern Majors titles.

Sports Car Club of America SafeRacer Club Racing drivers got their first official taste of the newly-expanded PittRace circuit for the final weekend of the 2015 SCCA U.S. Majors Tour Northeast Conference Championship, the 63rd Cumberland Classic.

Seven run groups held 25-minute races on Saturday and 16-lap races on Sunday on the newly expanded circuit that now features 19 corners over 2.78 miles with dramatic elevation changes.

Charlie Campbell, of Corry, Pennsylvania, won F Production in his Campbell Brothers Racing/Jesse Prather Motorsports/Hoosier/Carbotech Mazda Miata on both days, having already clinched the season points title.

On Sunday, Campbell's car stalled on the grid, forcing him to start from the back. Campbell made quick work of the field, assisted by a flat tire from early class leader David Strittmatter's Lancia Scorpion, to take the lead and his seventh win, placing him into a four-way tie atop the Nationwide Point Standings with Fellow Mazda drivers Ken Kannard and Eric Prill, and Joe Huffaker. Kannard will win that title based on the tiebreaker process.

Tyler Kicera, of Manheim, Pennsylvania, had already clinched the Spec Miata Northeast Conference Championship, but scored his second win of the weekend in his Rock-It Cargo Mazda Miata. Kicera's win did put him close to the Nationwide Point Championship with one race remaining at Michigan International Speedway next weekend.

SCCA Northeast Conference Majors Tour
Pittsburgh International Race Complex (PittRace)
Wampum, Pa., Aug. 15-16, 2015

Saturday Mazda Winners

Class	Driver	Hometown	Car
F Production	Charlie Campbell	Corry, Pa.	Mazda Miata
Spec Miata	Tyler Kicera	Manheim, Pa.	Mazda Miata

Sunday Mazda Winners

Class	Driver	Hometown	Car
E Production	Don Walsh	Orrtanna, Pa.	Mazda RX-7.
F Production	Charlie Campbell	Corry, Pa.	Mazda Miata.
Spec Miata	Tyler Kicera	Manheim, Pa.	Mazda Miata.

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Charlie Campbell, with brother Tom Campbell as car owner, crew chief, engineer, won F Production and Season Points Title.

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan



September 2015

MoHud's First 15 Year Old Winner - Evan Karl became our 1st 15 year-old driver to win a race. Evan was in the SCCA NeDiv Championship race at Pocono. He was racing against his grandfather BK and his uncle Nick, with about 4 laps left in the race it was Evan, Nick and BK ready to fill the podium but Nick had steering problems.

Northeast Conference, SCCA Majors Series F Production Champion Championship - Charlie Campbell won the series championship with two wins at Pittsburgh International Raceway Complex. His brother Tom Campbell is Car Owner, Crew Chief, Chief Engineer and Test Driver.

Jared Lendrum - Jared had a bad crash at the WGI Majors race. He was taken to Sayre Hospital by helicopter with a broken shoulder blade. He managed to return to WGI two weeks later with a borrowed car, he then fixed his car and won at Pocono to secure his invitation to Daytona for the Runoffs.

Gregg Goss – Greg also drove a borrowed car at WGI and finished 2nd at Pocono and will also compete at the Daytona runoffs

Jeanette Udway - Jeanette finished 2nd to make the podium in GT1 at the WGI Majors.

Important Note from your Editor:

AGAIN, I'm asking for a member(s) to step forward.

I need to take retirement from the KO. 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

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jim Garry

As of August 15th our total membership is 424. Despite losing some members and picking up some new members, we have been stuck on this number for about three months!

New Members

Joseph Lagdao, Glenville. Solo interest.

Abigail Chunilal, Schenectady.

Jonathan Baniak, Ballston Spa. Club Racing interest.

Significant Anniversaries

Fifteen Years

Alex Shchipkov, Clifton Park

Twenty Years

David and Sheelah Lucier, Niskayuna

Twenty Five Years

James Neese, Albany

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15" snow tires & steel wheels for VW/Audi products - fit Passat, A4, probably Golf/Jetta. Hankook Winter iPike RS 205/65R15 deep snow tread similiar to Hakkas. good tread, at least one full season left in them. includes correct lug bolts and plastic wheel covers. \$200.

Tires/wheels are in East Greenbush.

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Tire Rack Solo Championship Tour Makes Western Swing in Scenic Washington

WILMINGTON, Ohio (Aug. 18, 2015) – This past weekend's Tire Rack SCCA Wilmington Solo Championship Tour, held Aug. 15-16, was the final regular-season meet of the year and the final competition tune-up for the Tire Rack Solo National Championships Presented by Garmin VIRB.

The meet utilized a similar format as the National Championships, which allowed each driver to take a set number of runs throughout the weekend. Competitors had four attempts on Saturday's course, then the layout was changed for Sunday's four remaining runs.

In many classes, the class winners were decided by mere fractions of a second. However, none was closer than the finish in G Street. Andrew Pallotta (Bridgestone/Stranoparts.com Ford Focus ST), of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, took home the class win, but only by 0.049-second ahead of David Entz. Pallotta sat third after the first day of competition, but Sunday proved to be Pallotta's day. He set the fastest lap of all other drivers in the class by a large margin, allowing him to overcome his day-one deficit and slide into the top position.

On the other extreme was Brian Kuehl (Street Modified FWD, Big Budget Racing Honda CRX), of Durham, New Hampshire, who drove away from the entire field of drivers. Kuehl finished more than one second ahead of his next quickest competitor in the entire competition, in indexed time, and also took the win in his class by more than four seconds.

C Street provided another very close finish as Chris Harvey (Tire Rack Mazda MX-5), of Granger, Indiana, brought home the win by 0.078-second. At the end of Saturday's four runs, Harvey sat second behind Sean Grogan. On Sunday, Harvey ran the second-quickest time of the class on his final run, putting him into the top spot. Chris Fenter set the fastest time on Sunday's course, but it wasn't enough to overcome the gap to the lead driver after day one.



A cone becomes a casualty at the Tire Rack SCCA Wilmington (Ohio)
Photo Credit: Perry Bennett

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Edward Fisher (B Street, Chevrolet Corvette), of Huntsville, Alabama, was the third class winner to score a victory by less than 0.1-second. Unlike the two previous battles for class wins, Fisher was the leader following both days of competition runs. On both days he was able to finish just hundredths-of-a-second ahead of his closest competition.

For Alex Jones (F Prepared, Avon Tyres/Westers Garage Pontiac Solstice GXP), of Grand Rapids, Ohio, it was the tale of two completely different days. On Saturday, Jones dominated his class with a run that cleared the rest of the field by 1.1 seconds. On Sunday, Jones struggled compared to the rest of the pack. He was only able to come within 0.8-second of Sunday's quickest drivers, but was able to hold onto the win as a result of his day-one cushion.

Street Touring R was decided by less than one-third of a second. Shane Chinonn-Rhoden (Agile Auto Mazda MX-5) ended Saturday's runs in second, by a comparatively large margin. On Sunday he made his comeback, and took the win by 0.278-second. The icing on the proverbial cake was that Chinonn-Rhoden celebrated his birthday over the weekend.

Steve Hoelscher (Race-Keeper/TerrieHoward.com Toyota MR2), of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, was the class of the D Prepared field on Saturday as he set the fastest time in class of 69.192 on his final run. Hoelscher could afford to dial things back on Sunday while still taking home the win by 0.352-second over Andrew Blasiman.

Tom O'Gorman, former National Champion, was also on hand for the event after competing at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Pirelli World Challenge B-Spec competition. O'Gorman took the Super Street Modified class win by a resounding 1.6-second gap in Martin Valent's Toyota MR-2.

Additional information on the Wilmington Tire Rack Championship Tour, including full results, can be found at <http://www.scca.com/events/1976122-2015-tire-rack-wilmington-champ-tour>. The final national-level Solo Competition of the season will be the Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships Presented by Garmin VIRB, Sept. 8-11.

Additional information on the SCCA Tire Rack National Solo program can be found by visiting [SCCA.com](http://www.scca.com).

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Ellie Krieger



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FRIDAY, SEPT 11, 10:30am-3pm

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Celebrity Host: Josh Capon

This evening grill-off competition will serve as the kick-off event to the weekend's events at SPAC as top chefs from the Capital Region's finest restaurants compete against New York City grill masters. Enjoy live music, a cold refreshing Stella, cocktails, and incredible gourmet grilling as some of the region's top chefs go head-to-head with their downstate counterparts.

GRAND TASTING & CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

SATURDAY, SEPT 12, 12-4pm

Celebrity Hosts: Ellie Krieger
Culinary Demos by: Ric Orlando & Zakary Pelaccio

The centerpiece of the festival, the Grand Tasting takes place under expansive, elegant tents on SPAC's lawn, and features hundreds of fine international wines, delicacies prepared by the region's top chefs, cooking demonstrations, and connoisseur-led wine seminars. A live auction of luxuries provides opportunities to bid on rare wines, exotic travel, original artwork and more.



Ric Orlando



Zakary Pelaccio

IN THE GROOVE JAZZ BRUNCH

SUNDAY, SEPT 13, 11:30am-2:30pm

This sumptuous Sunday Brunch will feature gourmet offerings from six of Mazzone Hospitality's finest restaurants in Saratoga National's idyllic setting. Live jazz, culinary delights, delectable Mimosas, Bloody Marys, Old Fashioneds, and the Best in Show Auto Awards highlight the event.



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