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Big smiles from student and instructor at our recent Tire Rack Street Survival event

Special thanks to Quad Graphics for supplying us with a tractor-trailer for the blind spot demonstration

See inside for more photos and a brief write-up of our Street Survival event at the Saratoga Automobile Museum



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The REport

June 2016

THE Filing Cabinet

I had heard about it for years. I did not doubt that it existed. Many an RE before have said "Yep, I'll have to come get THE filing cabinet someday". That day never seemed to happen though. Oh sure, every once in a while the keeper of THE filing cabinet would bring some photos, or stickers, or some other contents from the filing cabinet to share at a membership meeting and then hand off to the "keeper of the archives".....me.

On a cool and cloudy Saturday in March, the keeper of THE filing cabinet, Harry Adalian, and I finally got our schedules to mesh and he delivered it to my house. Four drawers chock full of MoHud history. From something as routine as the sign-in sheet from the November, 1978 general membership meeting (a quick scan shows some of you guys have been at this a while) to the more significant, like the original artwork, drawn by Diane McClumpha, of the MoHud steering wheel/checkered flag logo. I plan to share more of the contents of THE filing cabinet in the coming months through this column and at the membership meetings. Stay tuned, I've uncovered some pretty neat stuff.

For the good of the sport,
Jim Bucci



"The Glen is Back!" Back from what? Where did it go?



Some pretty vintage-looking stickers

SOLO REPORT

By Russ Burckhard

SPECIAL NOTE: Full coverage of the region's first Solo event of the season will appear in next month's Knockoff.

Competition Report By Jack Hanifan

June 2016

SARRC- MoHud has a number of drivers with South Atlantic Road Racing Championship points. Thom O'Connor leads the way with 3 wins followed closely by Jim Bucci with two wins. Pete Smith, Dave Dartt and TJ Hanifan all have points. Jim and Trish Bucci had a long weekend, they left Wednesday night after the MoHud meeting towing Jim's ITA car to North Carolina where they sold it, continued south to Florida purchased a T4 Honda Civic and then headed north to VIR where Jim got his two wins. Good way to start off with a new car.



Ice Breaker at Thompson- BK Karl, Evan Karl, Bob Karl Jr., Doug Kelly and Tyler Reynolds all participated in the Ice Breaker at Thompson. This was a fantastic event, entry fee was \$200 and for an additional \$100 you could double dip. Drivers had so much track time that some drivers were skipping a session or two. The race of the day was in SM where Evan Karl and two NER drivers exchanged the lead at least 5 times. Evan out braked the leader with two laps to go and went on to claim victory. It was one of the best races I have seen. In the Open Wheel Division, Tyler Reynolds launched his car high in the air on the start when the car in front of him lifted because his steering wheel came off. Tyler and the FV guys managed to fix his car for the feature and he finished 2nd.



Competition Report (continued)

NERRC at Whiskey Hill Palmer- The New England regional had several MoHud drivers present. I know Greg Peccora and Jared Lendrum both had wins and Greg Goss has a 2nd on a cold and rainy Saturday.



Pittsburgh Majors -Greg Goss , George Kline and Charlie Campbell were all at the Majors at Pittsburgh International Raceway Complex. I hear Charlie had a 1st and Greg and George each had a second.

Memorial Day Regional- NER is hosting a Drivers School, Club Racing Experience and a double regional at New Hampshire Memorial Day Weekend.

MoHud at the Saratoga Automobile Museum Spring Car Show

photos by Jack Hanifan and Trish Bucci

Many thanks to all of those MoHud members who brought out their cars to represent MoHud and SCCA to visitors to the Saratoga Automobile Museum's Spring Auto Show. I'd like to thank the following for participating:

<i>Hilton Tallman</i>	<i>Arn Beebe</i>
<i>Russ & Tracey Burckhard</i>	<i>Jack Hanifan</i>
<i>Chip Van Slyke</i>	<i>Andy Furlong</i>

Thank you all for being great ambassadors for our sport and club!

- EJ Smith-



MoHud at the Saratoga Automobile Museum Spring Car Show (continued)







A Racecar For Sale

A racecar that was just ready to get in and go. A racecar Jim wanted. What's a wife to do? Pack some drinks and snacks for a road trip of course! A lot of drinks and snacks because it turned out to be the mother of road trips. I agreed to a new car without even knowing where it was, and it turned out to be in Florida. It also turned out (hooray!) that before buying the new racecar we actually found a buyer for one of the racecars we already owned so now the trip would combine delivery of old and pick-up of new. So we loaded up the truck and trailer and headed south right after the May MoHud meeting. Twelve hours later we arrived in Asheboro, NC to unload and leave behind the Ford Focus that got Jim and me into SCCA racing four years ago – it was a bittersweet moment leaving that car but we left it with a friend and then moved on to a whole new adventure. About ten more hours of driving brought us to Titusville, FL where we finally got to sleep in a bed. Early Friday morning we were on our way to pick up the new addition to our stable, a Honda Civic...with a lot of pink on it! The Honda's prior owners had trouble saying goodbye but we promised to take good care of it and before long we were headed north again...not tooooooo far north though, not all the way back to New York's Capital District. Why? Because there just happened to be a race at Virginia International Raceway the next day, and what better way to welcome our new ride than to put it on the track? About eleven hours after loading up the Honda we arrived at VIR in the dark to unload, and while Jim installed new belts in the car I prepared the Ford Motor Lodge for the weekend stay. Barely twenty-four hours after picking up the car Jim was taking it on track for qualifying. His qualifying time was better than he'd expected considering he'd never driven that car (except the few hundred feet to tech) and he'd never seen that track (except for a few videos online). During the lunch break we were able to do a ride around and I got to see the whole track while Jim got some instruction about how to drive it – very cool! After lunch came race time and once the early full-course caution was over, it was exciting to watch. A second full-course caution slowed things down again but there was still time to race more and Jim finished first in class! Sunday brought more qualifying and another race, no cautions this time and it was another exciting race. If only Jim's crew chief (yep, that's me) had gotten the GoPro set up properly, we could see how it went. I can tell you that he was in Victory Lane again with a second win in two days. I think we like VIR. Actually, beyond the wins, we really did like it. It is a very nice track and some of the friendliest people we've ever encountered work and race there. Several people have said we have to keep the pink on the car...we'll see about that. We are off to a fun and exciting start with it and hope to do a lot more racing this year, hopefully a little bit closer to home. We got home Monday morning just in time to get ready for work. Sleep? Who needs sleep?! There were miles to drive, cars to buy and sell, races to compete in. We had quite an adventure – we logged 2,684 miles through ten states, ran two races, got two wins and returned safely home to unload our new race car and start planning for the next time.

Trish Bucci





MoHud and Patroon BMWCCA held a TRSS event on Saturday, April 23rd at the Saratoga Auto Museum and SPAC. We had a great turn-out for both students and instructors, 20 students and 20 instructors. We've mentioned many times how lucky we are to have a one to one ratio (most other regions are lucky to get two to one) and want to thank you for participating – we couldn't do it without you. We are also grateful to all the volunteers who showed up to help in other ways, from instructing to registration to traffic control to shagging cones to whatever was asked of you – we couldn't do it without you either! We formed a new partnership this year with Quad Graphics and their tractor trailer drivers. We heard an excellent and entertaining presentation about the dangers of driving around those big trucks on the road and everyone was able to climb into the driver's seat for a view from there. Our airbag demonstration went as planned and everyone was properly awed by the speed and force with which they deploy. There was plenty of food and drink. And most importantly, there was plenty of learning. By day's end I heard many students talking about what they'd learned, smiling about the way they got to learn it and even thankful to their instructors for teaching them. This is a truly valuable program we're offering and we really appreciate the time and efforts of everyone who was involved!

Thank you,
Jim & Trish Bucci
TRSS Coordinators



Driving on the skid pad is always a student favorite



There were quite a few SUVs at this event. All vehicles are checked through the safecar.gov website. Any vehicle with a 3-star or higher Rollover Rating is allowed to participate in our class



Quad Graphics driver, Andy Cottone, gave the students a very entertaining and informative talk on safely sharing the road with tractor-trailers.

May 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

A \$500 donation made to the RPI Formula SAE Program. Corinne and Andrew, members of the team, gave an overview of the program.

Minutes - accepted as published in the April Knock Off.

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

Membership – there are presently 437 members, an increase of 30 from the previous month (primarily due to TRSS new members).

Solo - equipment has been ordered for the upcoming year - cones, rulebooks, and other ancillaries. May 21/22 are first events of the year. Bus is at Bob Karl's for routine repairs. Squier Designs will provide graphics for the bus.

Street Survival - first school of the year was at the Saratoga Auto Museum, April 23. Thanks to all who volunteered, including Tom Campbell who facilitated the school with the Saratoga Auto Museum. A \$500 donation was made to the museum by our TRSS program.

Knock Off –A new editor is needed. We are looking for a volunteer. In the interim, all articles should be sent to Jim Bucci.

Activities – Saturday, July 16, MoHud 60th anniversary celebration will be held at the Saratoga Auto Museum. Other upcoming activities – Thursday, August 11, golf tournament at the Burden Lake Country Club. August 3rd, Go Karts at the Funplex in East Greenbush. Look for more details for these events in upcoming Knockoffs.

Competition - 11 cars were teched at the recent tech party at Bob Karl's. Two weeks later, 10 cars were teched at North Country Subaru. Jack and John Sheridan summarized the races at the recent Thompson race.

New Business – Jack Hanifan will be running for the vacant SCCA Area 10 Board of Director seat. Saratoga Auto Museum show is scheduled for May 14th. A number of Region cars will be on display.

Old Business - None

Adjourned at 8:15 pm.
