

The Mo-Hud

Knockoff



Newsletter of the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club of America

March 2021

The REport

During the off-season, I tend to try to get some of the more mundane home tasks taken care of. Who wants to clean out a study or basement when the weather is great? MoHud is also taking this approach, as we've discussed how best to bring some long-overdue housekeeping duties back, like establishing a region inventory of our assets, and performing a financial audit of our region's books. There's some planning and research that needs to be done for each, so I understand why they fell off the radar in the past. Our goal is to get these tasks re-established on a regular annual basis.

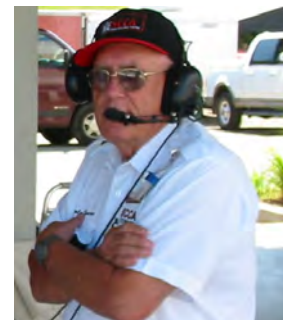
I've participated in a few Zoom calls recently, both for our region and for another organization I participate with: the Patroon Chapter of the BMW Club of America. Patroon, like us, is always looking to provide more engagement for their members. One idea was that they could create a "BMW Cup" competition based on their members' participation in our Solo autocross events. I let Patroon know that we'd welcome any of their members who want to join us. On the MoHud side, our Solo Advisory Committee met to discuss our pending talks with a potential new autocross site, how to apply lessons learned while attending the National Convention's Solo Site Acquisition Zoom presentation, and potential dates for the upcoming autocross season. Look for MoHud to return to last year's Kingston site for some of our events, and with some luck, we may have a new site in the mix.

Our kick off event for 2021 is the Road Racing Tech Party at North Country Subaru on March 27th @ noon. Legend has it that if Jared Lendrum or a Miata see their shadow at a Tech Party, it means Spring arrives early. Looking forward to seeing your masked faces there!

- *EJ Smith* Regional Executive

As many of you know, Roland (Roly) Heacox, who had been our most senior club member, passed away recently. He epitomized the notion of having fun with cars, passionate in any activity he engaged in.

An article on his MoHud days appeared in the October, 2020, KnockOff. It's as fine a memorial as one could author; look it up on the MoHud website...



Coming Events: March and...

- **March 3:** Wednesday. 7:00pm. Monthly membership meeting via Zoom; but who knows, maybe we can get back to the Gateway Diner. Stay tuned to the MoHud Facebook site. EJ will likely send a blast e-mail out as well.
 - **March 27:** Saturday. Noon. Road Racing Tech Party (annual inspection). North Country Subaru. 616 Quaker Road, Queensbury.
 - **March 28:** Sunday. The annual April 1st edition of the KnockOff available on that ever-popular MoHud website.
 - **April 7:** Wednesday. 7:00pm. Monthly membership meeting via Zoom; but who knows, maybe we can get back to the Gateway Diner. Stay tuned to the MoHud Facebook site. EJ will likely send a blast e-mail out as well.
 - **April 17:** Saturday. Noon. Road Racing Tech Party II (annual inspection). Bob Karl's. 2791 6th Ave, Troy.
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Meet Your New Officers: Shelby Blanchette - MoHud Secretary

Art Frederick's piece on the next page, and Greg Ricke's project to update the club history since our 50th anniversary, show us where we've been. But in order to get to 75 and beyond, we must always look to new blood. Fortunately, we are welcoming two younger members to leadership: Shelby Blanchette as Secretary, and Salvatore Baisly as Assistant RE. This month we asked Shelby to say a few words about herself, and she responded:

- "1. I just became a member this past summer but I began auto crossing with Mohud in 2018.
2. Honestly the first event I went to I came just to support Kirby and check out what he was raving about. Little did I know he sneakily signed me up as a driver, and I was not about to have our money go to waste. After that first event I was hooked, which was not hard due to the fact that I was raised by a mechanic and grew up on the Dukes of Hazzard.
3. I currently have only attended autocrosses with the SCCA. I would love to explore rally cross, road racing and eventually make it on a track (if I can find some bravery).
4. Outside of the SCCA my interests include, gardening, horseback riding, singing and I am very passionate about animals and the environment."



< Prepping the car

Driving the course >



65 Years of Having Fun With Cars

This month's MoHud 65th Anniversary member look-back comes from Art Frederick.

"I joined SCCA in Philadelphia in 1956 while serving in the Army. My first car was a red MGA, complete with wooden floorboards (welcome to the world of Brit cars). But a transfer from Virginia to Philadelphia somehow made me hungry, and it wasn't long before I had ordered a Porsche Speedster that I could barely afford. My tour of duty over, I then returned home and transferred to MoHud in mid-1958.

Needless to say, MoHud was at that time a newcomer. Member names that I recall include Art Flatley, Mac and Irma McClumpha, and Ray Gaul. Art was Secretary, and he had a good grasp of regional operations and relationships. Mac and Irma were fixtures (and great people) who evidently had been there at the region's formation. They drove an MG YT and hated when you called it a Singer. Their children, Dave and Diane, became members when they came of age and followed in Mac and Irma's footsteps. In fact, Diane designed the MoHud logo. Ray supplied much of the membership with tools, he being the local Snap-On Tools distributor. Many of the tools that I bought from Ray are now in Greg Rickes' possession. Ray raced an MGA Twin Cam. He once confided to me that he had one blind eye but still passed his medicals. I never knew whether or not he was serious.

Activities at that time centered around rallies and gymkhanas. TSD (Time/Speed/Distance) rallies and gimmick rallies such as Hare and Hounds were an important part of the regional activities. Gimmick rallies gradually receded as more attention was paid to the TSD side. There were annual events such as the Snowflake which was held in the dark of winter, at night, on slippery roads. This event tended to be self-penalizing; survivors often won just by surviving. It sure as Hell was fun!

The acme of our (the region's, that is) success in rallying came with our own Divisional - or maybe National - rally in the sixties and seventies. By that time, though, my own interests tended toward the gymkhana scene. Gymkhanas, autocrosses, or whatever you wanted to call them, they were drawing more interest. Not that there was no interest in racing; quite the opposite. But that's another subject: gymkhanas were evolving. The earliest form might include garaging, stopping to perform a task, and other non-driving activities. Gradually people began to find non-reversing events more fun, so autocrosses became the thing. Our program grew more and more sophisticated, climaxing with the (in)famous Autosprint at Lime Rock. Competitors faced a complete lap of the course with pylons placed only on the racing line. Somehow, National didn't object at first. But soon a chicane appeared before the finish line for safety reasons. Then one on the back straight. And eventually the event was scrubbed due to costs, pressure from insurers, and Westport's frown.

The racing program was gaining strength all this time, too. Of course, as an avid autocrosser I was a wannabe racer, but circumstances precluded my driving and I became a race worker.

Writing about all of the great people that I knew or had some sort of association with would take much more time and space. So I'll stop now and go take a nap."

Art Frederick

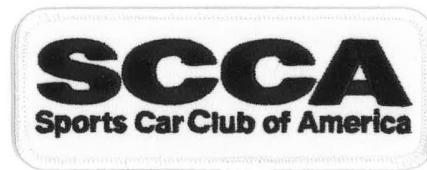
Note: Greg Rickes is updating the KO "50th Anniversary Commemorative Issue." His 2005-2011 installment is in this month's Journal section.

Road Racing

~ PaulM.

- **As of the end of January**, 46 MoHud members held Full Competition, Novice, Vintage, or *in process* SCCA Road Racing licenses. How this compares with previous years we do not know, but we'll be tracking (!) the group through the coming months.

- **The Betsy Ross Full Employment Act of 2021**: Another reminder that one of the "new" SCCA patches are to be sewn onto your driving suit before you're allowed to sit in your car this year. Richard Welty will have a supply on hand at the Tech parties. And don't forget that you have to rip off/ tape over your SCDA or other sanctioning body patches during a race weekend.



Tip: before you injure your hand sewing a new patch on the suit, look up how to use a sailmaker's palm.

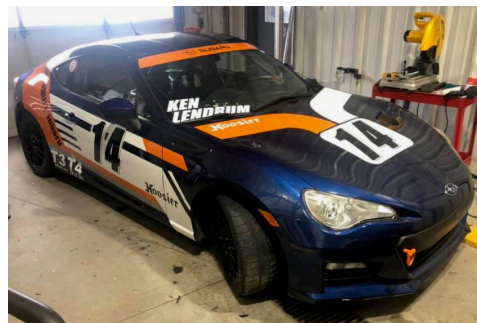
- **Helmets**: As per the January, 2021, edition of the GCR, Snell SA2010/SAH 2010 stickered helmets are valid for use in road racing to December 31st, 2021.

- **News from MoHud Racing South**: Jim Bucci reports: "Construction on the new world headquarters for J&T Racing has not yet begun. Cars are currently in storage down here. Hoping for a late summer/fall construction completion and return to the track.

We had a nice, properly social distanced visit with Greg and Debbie Rickes last weekend. (Greg took a couple of pictures but not sure if they are for KO publication or not). I've exchanged a few emails with Karl D. We plan on getting together for dinner soon and may see them at the TNinA event at Palm Beach International Raceway tonight (Tuesday).

I've been appointed to the Track Night in America staff for Florida events and will be a driver coach for the intermediate and advanced groups at PBIR and Daytona." *Note: Trish has posted several pics on their Facebook page...*

- **News from MoHud Racing North**: Jared Lendrum reports: "We're planning on building 2 T4 BRZs this winter for Maclin and dad. We're also going to tech (on March 27th) my BRZ and STI, Bills Mazda 2, Scott Stickle's T3 Legacy GT and his Jaguar XKE, Gregory's cars, our T4 Impreza, and whoever else wants to come. ...We'll have to see what state and federal (COVID) restrictions apply at the time."



Membership Report- March 2021 *-Jim Garry*

Mohud Membership Chairman

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Mohawk Hudson Region's total membership count has been holding steady at around 300 for about half a year. We're actually at 301 this month as of February 22nd. With the fine tuning of Covid-19 protocols at SCCA events and continuing vaccinations we look hopefully at the coming 2021 season and with it a return of some of the members who did not renew in 2020 plus new folks.

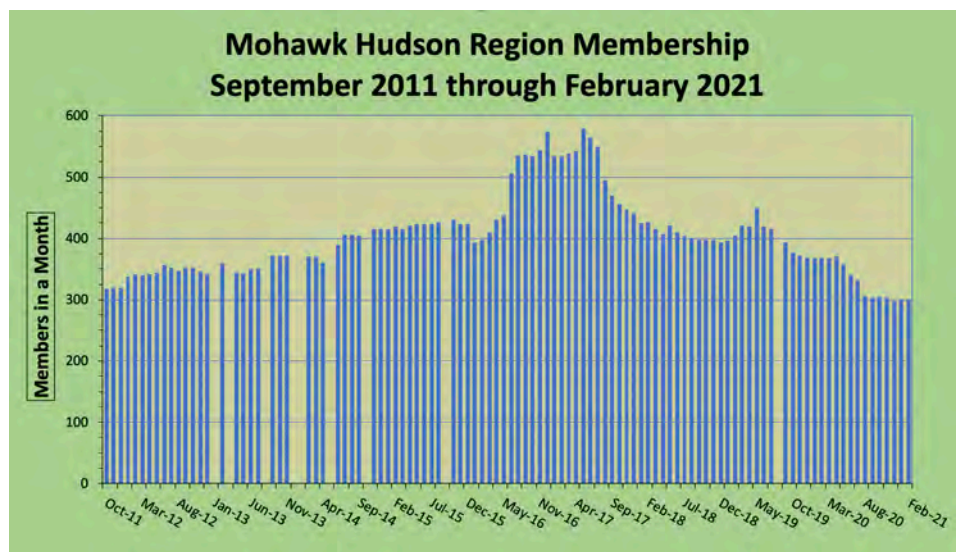
New Members since December 30th are listed below. If they offered a primary interest it is noted.

Jeremy Kaswer	Albany
Mark Jackson	Highland
Nancy Ogle	Pittsfield (Club Racing)
Mark Axen	Stony Creek
Stephen Tresco	Hyde Park
Joshua Huestis	Cohoes (Club & Pro Racing)

Significant Anniversaries

Dan Gorss	5 Years
Samuel Smith	15 Years
Hannah Smith	15 Years
Robert Beierlein	25 Years
Carol Campbell	35 Years

This month there are no biographies available from our members celebrating significant anniversaries, but not for lack of effort on the part of KnockOff staff.



Competition Speed Secrets

By Permission from Ross Bentley (<https://speedsecrets.com/webinars/>) via Jim Garry



Make sure your car has energy in it when you turn in.

I think every driver has had the experience of approaching a corner, braking, braking, braking... then realizing they had to accelerate to get to the corner! It becomes very obvious, very soon, that they began braking way too early!

But what do you do when you begin braking too early? You end your braking too early. In other words, you ease/lift off the brake pedal. Now, when you turn into the corner, the car is in limbo – it doesn't have much, if any, load on the front tires; you may even be coasting. Your car doesn't like to be in limbo. But it loves to brake, corner, and accelerate – and even combine those three things. But, when you turn into a corner with your car in "limbo mode," it doesn't react the way you want. Often, it feels unresponsive, not turning into the corner very well. And this doesn't matter whether you're pretty much at the limit, or quite a ways from the limit.

I like to think of it as "you need energy in the car when you get to the turn-in point so you can make the car do what you want." By having load on the front tires, the car has energy in it, and therefore it will respond to your inputs better.

Drivers who struggle to carry more corner entry speed are often struggling because they're not carrying enough corner entry speed! See, it's because they arrive at the corner with less than the ideal amount of energy in the car. If they would move their entire brake zone - the area of track from the Begin-of-Braking (BoB) to End-of-Braking (EoB) - further into the corner, their car would have energy in it; the front tires would have load on them, and therefore, the car would respond and turn in to the corner.

With the objective of driving smoothly, some drivers approach corners without enough energy in the car. If you turn into a corner and feel that your car is not responding as well as you'd like, it's likely that you don't have enough energy in it. Think about the brake zone on the approach to the corner. What would happen if you moved it in half to a full car's length further into the corner? Would the front tires have more load on them? Would that help the car turn more responsively?

Yes, moving the brake zone further into a corner requires you to brake later, and that can sometimes be, well... unnerving. But it's less unnerving when you think about it as doing everything exactly like you have been, only now you're moving it all a little bit further into the corner. See, it's not about braking later (compressing the brake zone). It's about doing the same thing as you are now, only a bit later. And I'm not talking about beginning your braking 50 yards or meters later. No, just a car's length (or less), and it's moving both the BoB and EoB that much later.

Think about how your car will feel when you do this. It won't feel like you left it in limbo. No, it'll feel as if you're an active participant in the braking/cornering process. You're putting energy into it, and it will respond in a positive way in return. You're giving it energy, and it'll give you cornering speed and responsiveness in return.

The next time you're feel as though your car is not as responsive as you'd like when you turn into a corner, ask yourself whether you've put enough energy into it.

~ Ross Bentley

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Board Meeting of January 25th, 2021; 7:04 pm

Location: Zoom

Officers Present: EJ Smith, Salvatore Baisley, Paul Malecki, Bruce Kosakoski, Chip Van Slyke, , Shelby Blanchette

Others Present: Aashish Vemulapalli, Rich Alexander, Jim Garry, Rich Welty

Treasury Report Presented by Paul Malecki

- Current balance at \$29,230.84
- On 1/19/21 received money from memberships

Business

EJ Smith notes

- Overall Banquet was a success
- Suggests a Zoom test session or walkthrough to work through any issues for future meetings/banquets
- mentions upcoming expenses helmets, six ordered
- Will Schambach missing from 2012 plaque, cost 20-25 dollars to add name
- Paul Malecki did not get anything to mark Evan Karls' award for Driver of the year; offers to get him something

Tech Party: Rich Welty

- Tech party on April 17th at Bob Karl's
- Tech party dates for Queensbury unconfirmed, possible dates 3/27/2021 and 4/3/2021
- Need to make sure we have merchandise at tech parties
- New Driver patch required for road racing, need to have them available to sell
- Estimates would need about 20 patches

Region Purchasing: Rich Welty

- Helmet stickers for the year needed, needs to know who is going to order them
- Logbooks needed for the year, needs to know who orders them
- Recommends charging 10 dollars for a new issue of a logbook and five dollars for an extension
- Rich Welty proposes ordering 20 logbooks at a time, EJ agrees it's a good place to start
- Chip Van Slyke is designated as merchandise chair per EJ, but per Chip he cannot order anything, EJ will look into this.

Street Survival: Jim Garry

- John Kirschman unable to help, Jim looking for replacement help
- Jim Gary and EJ cancel Street Survival event planned for April 25th

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm

Recorded and Submitted by Shelby Blanchette

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Monthly Meeting of February 3rd, 2021; 7:07 pm

Location; Zoom

Officers Present: EJ Smith, Salvatore Baisley, Paul Malecki, Shelby Blanchette, Bruce Kosakoski, Chip Van Slyke,

Chairs Present: Jim Garry, Richard Welty

Total Members Present: 25

Guests Present: 0

Membership Report presented by Jim Garry

- 3 new members in January; Mark Jackson (Highland, NY), Mark Axen (Stoney Creek, NY), Nancy Ogle (Pittsfield, NY)
- Mohud has 300 members
- February anniversary- Eleanor Morris, 55 years

Treasurer Report presented by Paul Malecki

- Yesterday A.M. \$29,215.72 in checking account
- Account shows \$140 off each month due to offsetting entry three years ago, insignificant, but noteworthy for next Treasurer
- January Income: \$160 from memberships
- Outstanding check for \$120

Solo Report presented by EJ Smith

- Adam Wright in contact with a facility in Albany for a possible new site
- Solo Advisory Meeting this weekend to prepare for meeting about potential site
- PSCC will allow us to use site this year if the new site does not work out

Street Survival Update presented by Jim Garry

- Announces cancellation of April Street Survival Event

Road Racing presented by Paul Malecki

- Asks drivers to self-report on accomplishments or anything worth mentioning in order to make them better known

Knockoff Report presented by Paul Malecki

- A lot of biographies were provided, helped add to content

Topics

- Rich Welty announces dates and locations of 2021 Tech Party, 3/27 at North Country Subaru and 4/17 at Bob Karl's in Troy, both events begin at noon. Please socially distance
- Rich Welty announces new club racing patch, black and white, is required this year
- Paul Malecki mentions leftover money from a software upgrade grant, in response EJ Smith plans for ability to broadcast results

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Monthly Meeting of February 3rd, 2021, Cont'd

New Business presented by EJ Smith

- According to constitution, Assistant RE in charge of inventory to keep track of equipment
- no known inventory completed
- EJ has started inventory, hands it off to Salvatore Baisley
- Inventory includes but is not limited to; laptops, buss and its' contents, software licenses, anything else required
- Suggests treasurers audit with Paul Malecki to satisfy constitutional requirement
- EJ recommends audit completed through Zoom due to digitized records
- Sheri DeJan expresses from experience that having accounts verified internally would suffice
- If inventory that is not used anymore, club should get rid of or inquire if other clubs need

Bruce Kosakoski motions to adjourn meeting, Richard Welty seconds, no oppositions.

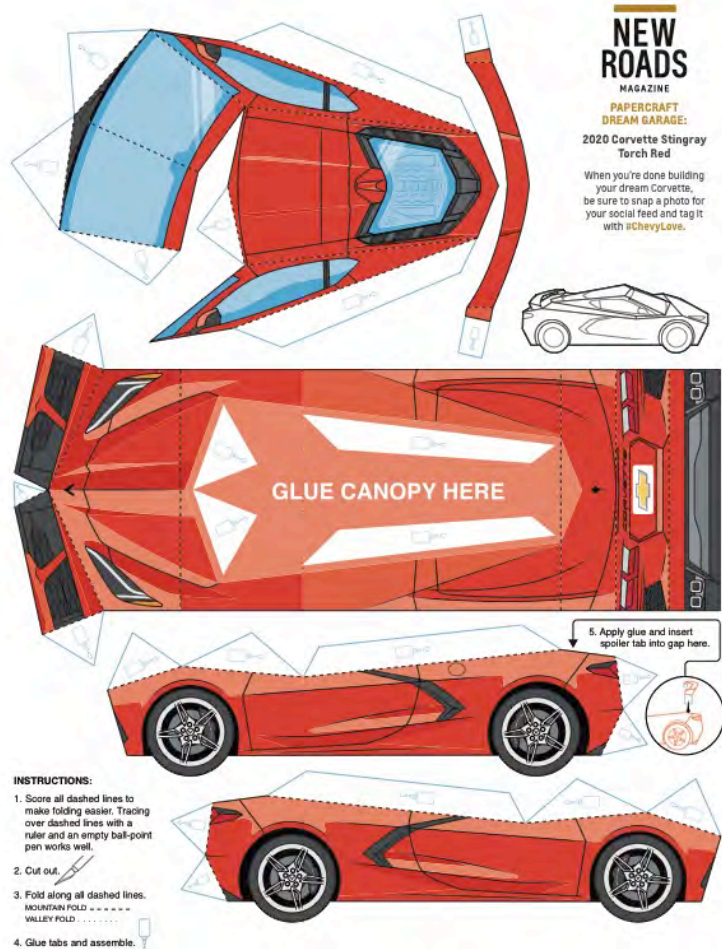
Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Submitted and Recorded by Shelby Blanchette

Bored working at home? Wanting a new Corvette?

Folks at GM to the rescue. They've made available a bunch of paper cutouts for various GM cars, including the new mid-engined Corvette.

Enlarge this page on your computer screen, take a screen shot (shift-command-4 on a Mac), print, get out your scissors and library paste...



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Membership meetings of the Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, excepting July and August, 7pm, at locations as announced on the Region's Facebook page.



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The KnockOff Journal

This Month...

- Greg Rickes updates the 50th Anniversary
KnockOff Commemorative Issue.



The MoHud Saga Continues --- 2006 to 2011

2006 - Following an entertaining 50th anniversary celebration at the Saratoga Auto Museum in July, the year continued on.

A dozen MoHud autocrossers head to the NEDiv Solo Championship at the Seneca Army Depot. Andy Furlong takes his VW to a class win in EP, and also at the top of the order in Formula SAE is Charles Goodwin.

Area 10 Director John Sheridan announces that the SCCA National Championship Run-Offs will move to a new venue for 2007, at Heartland Park in Topeka Kansas.

Eric Smith is hard at work as Administrator of the region's new electronic bulletin board. Lara O'Connor adds to the family racing history by recounting her adventures at Lime Rock's kart school.

Eric Lendrum and Tom Campbell pick up racing awards at the annual banquet, but the KO doesn't seem to report exactly what awards they are :-0

Membership in the closing months of the year hovers around 374

2007 - Breaking news as the new year dawns is that the region will begin electronic delivery of a digitized version of The Knock-Off, though paper will continue to the edition of record for the time being.

Lime Rock will host 7 SCCA events (one National, five regional races, and a drivers' school). MoHud gets a May date, and plans for a full two-day event with practice and qualifying on Friday and two races for each group on Saturday. On the autocross side seven events, plus a school, are on the schedule. Venues alternate between Adirondack Community College in Glens Falls and Fulton-Montgomery CC in Johnstown.

To overcome the winter doldrums MoHud members travel to Wallingford Connecticut in February for a day of excitement at the indoor kart track.

On a frigid April day 20 cars go through annual technical inspection at Bob Karl Sales and Service in Troy.

The autocross season starts off strong with 90 entries for the season opener. On the racing side the news isn't as promising. The region's experiment with a two-day format at Lime Rock is a major financial disappointment; with a break-even of 200 cars @ \$399 entry fee, the turn-out is barely 120. With a significant financial setback the region leadership looks to serious budget-cutting for the remainder of the year.

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2007 – Cont'd.

Andy Furlong continues his winning ways with a class win at NEDiv Championship autocross in Pennsylvania.

Due to lack of interest the Dutch Apple dinner cruise is cancelled. Adding to the region's woes Kock-Off Editor Lisa Hanifan has emergency surgery and apologizes for missing the October issue.

Jim Garry does the region proud by winning the SCCA Autocross National Championship in the highly competitive C Modified class. It's Jim's second national title, his first one coming in 1984. At the accompanying Pro Solo event in Topeka Alex Schipkov picks up a class win

Locally the MoHud autocross program has mixed fortunes. The Adirondack CC lot is deemed unsuitable due to pavement problems, and the Fulton-Montgomery CC has a management change and withdraws permission to use the facility. A last minute arrangement to use the OGS lot on McCarty Avenue in Albany nonetheless draws 88 entries, and some local TV coverage.

Treasurer Chip VanSlyke delivers a detailed financial analysis in the KO.

In spite of ups and downs there are lots of awards handed out at the annual banquet at Mallozzis. On the racing side, Driver of the Year goes to Dick Stewart, Adam Figarsky is Most Improved, and Charlie Campbell captures the Region Road Racing Championship. Not to be outdone, on the autocross side there are class championships for Jeff Kanetzky (Stock), Russ Burckhard (Street Prepared), Andy Furlong (Prepared/Modified) and Eric Smith (Street). Jim Garry is Driver of the Year, Alicia Sorrentino gets Female Driver of the Year, Jennifer Newport takes the Novice award, and Jeff Kanetzky gets Most Improved.

Membership holds steady at 371

2008- Jack Hanifan is back at the helm as Regional Executive, reprising his role from 1984 and '85. He's backed up by Roly Heacox as Assistant RE, the same position he held in 1959/60. The Knock-Off sheds its legacy of ink and paper, going all-digital starting with the January issue. This technological advance is quickly followed by the launch of the region's website, under the guidance of Dave Wachtel.

The region's planned June race date is shelved when Lime Rock announces a comprehensive re-paving program for the summer months.

Long-time member, and winner of the first Car & Driver Showroom Stock Challenge race, Bruce Cargill is eulogized in the March issue of the KO. At the time I wrote "Those halcyon days spent in the company of Bruce Cargill were rollicking, boisterous, pugnacious, free-wheeling, larger-than-life. They contained all the ingredients for a mis-spent youth. For that I shall always be grateful".

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2008 – Cont'd.

The autocross season gets off to a slow start as available sites are in short supply. There is some speculation about the impact of rising gas prices on both autocross and track events. Thanks to an outstanding effort by the Solo Committee the McCarty Avenue lot is secured for four events, plus a co-host with Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club in Kingston, and a special event in conjunction with the (Pontiac) GTO Nationals at Wilton Mall. Mohawk-Hudson Region also takes over organizational responsibility for the SCCA Northeast Divisional championship at Seneca Army Depot.

On the social side Pete Smith organizes a tour of Albany that includes a splash in the Hudson River as part of the "Duck Tour", and the annual August golf outing at Burden Lake Country Club celebrates its fifth year with all the usual suspects.

For anyone looking for some light reading before bedtime, the KO contains several editions of the Bylaws revisions.

Among the winners at the Watkins Glen July Sprints were Thom O'Connor in Showroom Stock C, Tom Campbell in F Production, Hillary Graf in G Production, and Dave Dartt in GTL.

The autocross divisionals are a rousing success with over 100 cars (including 19 MoHud members), excellent weather, and a festive Saturday night BBQ.

The traditional Fall "Fun One" at Watkins Glen adds a unique format, using the full Grand Prix circuit on Saturday and the shorter NASCAR course on Sunday. MoHud drivers enjoy success on both layouts: Saturday wins include: Dave Lendrum (T2) Walt Ryan (Historic Group), the Campbell brothers Tom (F Production) and Charlie (Spec Miata) and TJ Hanifan (Showroom Spec Miata). On Sunday Lendrum, and the Campbells again stood on the top of the podium, while Pete Smith picked up the SSM win over TJ Hanifan.

Roly Heacox and Skip Barber both celebrate their 50 anniversary as SCCA members. In the KO Classified Ads Clark Nicholls offers his well-used 1987 Ford Taurus station wagon for free to anyone who will take it away.

The autocross season concludes with a new venue at Clifton Country Mall. Entries throughout the year hover right around 50.

In November the loss is felt far and wide as noted actor and SCCA racer Paul Newman passes away. Newman's first ever SCCA race was a MoHud regional at Thompson in June 1972. Only adding to the somber spirit long-time MoHud member and race registrar Mary Cameron leaves us in November.

On a much happier note Jim Garry repeats as Champion in C Modified at the Autocross Nationals in Topeka.

End of season awards go to : Jeremy Treadway and Tom Campbell (Co-winners of Driver of the Year), Walt Ryan (Road Racing Rookie of the Year), BK Karl (Most Improved), and Pete Smith (Dave Riggi Award for contributions to the sport). On the autocross side Outstanding Female Driver goes to Laura Kanetzky, Best Novice is Corvette driver John Danese, and Most Improved is Zeke Wright, while Driver of the Year is shared by Jim Garry and Andy Furlong.

Region membership holds steady in the area of 370.

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2009- Jack Hanifan adds another term as Regional Executive, now backed up by Russ Burckhard who moves into the role of Assistant RE.

The Rallye of The Snowflake makes as popular return under the guidance of Jim Bishop, with 16 entries and a good time had by all. The team of Guertin & Guertin takes the prestigious win.

Former MoHud Regional Exec Carl Corrin passes away; Carl was one of the people who sponsored Jack Hanifan's original membership in the SCCA.

The autocross program sets a tentative schedule with the first two events at a new and improved Adirondack Community College, and subsequent events TBA. On the racing side MoHud takes over the National race weekend at Lime Rock, with plans to add a pro race for Improved Touring cars.

MoHud members fill all the Stewards assignments at the Memorial Day races at New Hampshire Motor Speedway : Tom Campbell, Dave Canavan and Jack Hanifan are operating stewards, John Sheridan handled protests, Roly Heacox was in charge of tech-related issues ,and Walt Huber was Chief of Stewards. On the track Dick Stewart took the top spot in Formula Vee. At Pocono Charlie Campbell fills the Iron Man role, driving the whole two-and-a-half hour enduro by himself, and picking up the win. Jeremy Treadway wins Formula Ford at the Summit Point National race.

By mid-summer the autocross schedule fills out with a variety of venues, including back to the OGS Lot on McCarty Avenue in Albany, Clifton Park Center, and Wilton Mall. Entries are averaging in the mid 50s. Jim Garry (C Modified) and Zeke Wright (Street Modified/FWD) pick up class wins at the National Tour event at Seneca Army Depot.

All hands turn out to staff an artistically successful John Stim Memorial race at Lime Rock. Eleven MoHud drivers compete in the National race portion of the event, another eleven run the restricted Regional and four drive in the Driving Impressions sponsored Pro Improved Touring race. Jeremy Treadway gets another National win in Formula Ford. On the statistical side the National-level entries only produce enough cars for six race groups, quite a change from earlier years. The event is a break-even proposition from the financial side.

One of Mohawk-Hudson Region's most accomplished racers, Paul Hacker, passes away at the end of August. From autocross and ice racing in the late 60s Paul moved into the Showroom Stock classes, winning the prestigious Car & Driver Showroom Stock Challenge, and then diving into the professional side with numerous successes in the VW Cup. Later he and his brother Karl built the Hacker Express into an endurance racing dynasty in IMSA's Firestone Firehawk series, including championships for both Volkswagen and Oldsmobile.

Mohawk-Hudson racers demonstrate their speed and endurance by dominating the Fall 4 Hour race at Watkins Glen, finishing first through fifth in SpecMiata: Dave and Alan Lendrum get the win, followed by Charlie and Tom Campbell, Jared and Eric Lendrum in third, Ken Lendrum and BK Karl fourth, followed by John Kuitward and John Wechsler. Adam and Max Figarsky add further glory with the class win in SSM.

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There are plenty of awards coming to Mohawk-Hudson Region racers as the season closes. Jeremy Treadway is Northeast Division Champion in Formula Ford. Charlie Campbell is Driver of the Year in the New York State Road Racing Championship, while class titles in the same series go to Jim Sheridan (American Sedan), Adam Figarsky (SSM), Tom Campbell (F Production) and Gene Tricozzi (STU). Sheridan, Figarsky and T.Campbell all repeat their title form in the North Atlantic Road Racing Championship, while Jack Hanifan steps up in STU.

Regionally Hilton Tallman (Formula C) and Demetrius Mossaidas (ITA) are co-winners of Rookie of the Year, Michael Lo wins the regional championship, Charlie Campbell becomes a two-time winner of the Dave Riggi Award, and Adam Figarsky is the winner of the Paul Hacker Memorial Driver of the Year.

Over on the solo side there's plenty of hardware handed out too. Danielle O'Hara is Female Driver of the Year, Sue Cuda takes the Novice of the Year, the Hard Luck Award goes to Zeke Wright, Arn Beebe is Most Improved, and Driver of the Year goes to Eric Smith. Worker of The Year goes to John Danese.

Membership at the end of the year slips slightly to 341, and MoHud membership extends to 14 different states.

2010- Monthly meetings continue at The Ranch Tavern. Warmer than usual weather scuppers plans for a winter Rallycross in Pittsfield. Pre-season tech comes early at Bob Karl Sales and Service as the region's racers get ready for another MoHud May race date at Lime Rock.

D.J. McCardle gets plans in place for the region's first Performance Driving Experience (PDX) at the Monticello Motor Club, in September.

The region suffers a grievous loss when Dave McClumpha passes away suddenly at the end of March. In addition to his own long service to Mohawk-Hudson Region Dave was a link to MoHud's history as his parents had been both involved with the region from just about its founding days. Dave was a stickler for transparency and sound financial practices, but also had a warm spot for the camaraderie at the club's foundation, whether it was at the monthly membership meeting or out working Sound Control prior to the usual end-of-day party at Lime Rock.

MoHud's Lime Rock date draws a banner entry: 173 cars for the six National races, 42 in the Restricted Regional, and 43 in the Driving Impressions Pro IT race.

The autocross program suffers a setback with the loss of Adirondack Community College as an event site. On top of that it's announced that 2010 will be the last year for events at the Seneca Army Depot, which has hosted not only local events but the NEDiv Championship.

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MoHud racers continue their winning ways at the Watkins Glen Double National: Jeremy Treadway sweeps the wins in Formula Ford, and Jeff Lehner notches a top spot in SRF. At the Northeast National Tour autocross class wins go to Jim Garry (C Modified), Alex Shchipkov (D Street Prepared) and Russ Burckhard (C Prepared).

The PDX at Monticello Motor Club brings in 72 entrants, and 45 (!) instructors.

Good news on the local autocross scene is that an event is scheduled for the Fortitech facility at Schenectady Municipal Airport.

After something on the order of a ten-year layoff Tracy Burckhard returns to autocross competition.

The annual banquet is held at the Troy Elks Club. Awards are plentiful.

On the racing side Rookie of the Year goes to Pat Stringer, racing in the very competitive SpecRacer Ford class. The Dave Riggi Award goes to hard-working Tech. Inspector Todd Boice. The Regional Racing Champion, based on points earned at all SCCA racing events, goes to another SRF driver, Rob Reed. Driver of the Year has co-winners, Dick Stewart (now an 11 time NARRC series champion in Formula Vee) and Jeff Lehner (Jeff is yet another in the SRF ranks).

Not to be outshone the autocross contingent recognizes their best. Newcomer Allan Varcoe is named Novice Driver of the Year. Ron Carl is Most Improved. Tracy Burckhard is awarded Female Driver of The Year. Longtime competitor Bill Bennet is named Driver of the Year, and rounding out the autocross awards Tom Moeller is recognized as Worker of The Year.

Membership in MoHud at the end of the year is 321.

2011- Leadership change as Russ Burckhard moves into the Regional Executive chair, and Jim Bucci joins the board as Assistant RE. On the national scene Tom Campbell is named Chairman of the Board of Directors for SCCA Pro Racing. At the SCCA National Convention DJ McArdle and Mohawk-Hudson Region are recognized Northeast Division PDX/Time Trial Event of The Year for the region's event at Monticello Motor Club. Unfortunately the Monticello facility has decided outside groups will no longer be invited to use the country club facility.

In sad news long-serving regional rallymaster Jim Bishop is injured in a non-automotive related accident and faces a long recuperation.

The region ventures into new territory with plans for the first Street Survival driving clinic for teenage drivers; the event will be held at the Fortitech facility at Schenectady County Airport. Fortitech, OGS McCarty Avenue lot and Wilton Mall will be the locations for the year's autocross events.

Dave Wachtel who has guided the region through its website development, as well as a long tenure as Membership Chairman, steps down.

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MoHud and Northern New Jersey Region co-sanction the July regional race at Lime Rock. It's the 23rd edition of the John Stim Memorial. MoHud class winners include Jon Waterhouse (H production), Pete Smith (SSM), Dick Stewart (Formula Vee), Dave Lendrum (SM2), and Dave Dartt (Historic Race Group).

Summer fun includes another "Duck Tour" of Albany, the annual golf outing at the Burden Lake Country Club, and go-karting at the FunPlex.

MoHud members make another successful foray to the Northeast Division autocross championships (back at Seneca Army Depot). Class wins go to Will Schambach (C Street Prepared), Alex Shchipkov (D Street Prepared), Olga Bogdanova (D Street Prepared/Ladies) and Russ Burckhard ((C Prepared).

At the National Championship autocross Olga Bogdanova takes another title in D/SPL.

MoHud's latest PDX effort, again under the guidance of DJ McArdle, takes place at Lime Rock on a crisp Fall day. A good time is had by all.

The Fall months are busy. The inaugural Street Survival program held at the Saratoga Auto Museum is a resounding success, to the extent that the region is encouraged to expand the schedule to two events (Spring and Fall) in the future. The region's PDX event at Lime Rock, under the guidance of DJ McArdle, is also popular with participants. On the racing side Charlie Campbell gets on the podium at the National Championship Run-Offs at Road America, finishing third in F Production.

The annual awards banquet marks the end of another season for both racers and autocrossers. On the autocross side Novice of the Year goes to Andrew Lauria, Kevin Gebert is Most Improved, Tracy Burckhard repeats as Female Driver of the Year, and Jeff Kanetzky is Driver of the Year. Worker of the Year goes to DJ McArdle, who also receives special recognition for his on-going efforts with PDX programs for the region.

Dave Lendrum accumulates the most points over the year to MoHud Regional Club Racing Championship, Tom Hansen is Rookie of the Year, BK Karl is Most Improved, and Driver of the Year is split into two divisions, Regional and National; Dave Lendrum wins the Regional award and Charlie Campbell takes honors at the National Level. The Dave Riggi Award goes to Jared Lendrum.

In the final tally for the New York State Road Racing Championship the region takes three titles: SM2 (Alan Lendrum), F Production (Jack Hanifan) and SSM (TJ Hanifan). Dave Lendrum is named NYSRRC Driver of the Year.

Year-end membership is 321.

~ Greg

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