

The Mo-Hud **Knockoff**



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

April 2021

The REport

Mother Nature gave us a tease of weather to come with a few days of Spring fever, and it was a welcome reminder of a season of motorsports to come. MoHud will swing into action with two road racing "tech parties", one on March 27th @ North Country Subaru, Queensbury, and then another on April 17th @ Bob Karl's Sales & Service in Troy.

On Saturday, May 15th, the Saratoga Auto Museum will once again hold its Spring Car Show, and once again MoHud has been invited to display members' vehicles at the museum. We're looking for someone to take over my duties of coordinator for our participation in this event. If you're interested in doing so, please reach out to me. I will gladly give you guidance on what your responsibilities are and how to carry them out.

If you're a member who has an interesting autocross or road racing car, and you would be willing to bring your car to the SAM as part of MoHud's car display, please let me know. Display cars are typically asked to arrive between 8-8:30am so we can get you parked prior to the 9am start of the event. As a member, you may be asked to spend some time at the MoHud tent to keep an eye on the display cars, greet any visitors that wander through, answer questions about MoHud and the cars, etc. You'll also get a badge that will allow you to attend the main car show next door. Lunch is usually available at the car show, too. It usually is a great day out and is a fantastic alternative to mowing a lawn. Please consider participating!

On a final note, we are in need of a volunteer to join Sal Baisley and Sheri DeJan to serve on MoHud's financial audit committee. The committee will be asked to perform an audit of the MoHud books and finances, as specified in our bylaws. A general knowledge of audits is helpful but not necessary. If you can balance a checkbook, you can help us. Please let me know if you are interested.

Looking forward to warmer days!

- *EJ Smith* Regional Executive

Coming Events: April and...

- **April 7:** Wednesday. 7:00pm. Monthly membership meeting via Zoom.
- **April 11:** Sunday. 9:30am. Rally. Starts at Ocean State Job Lot in Valatie.
- **April 17:** Saturday. Noon. Road Racing Tech Party II (annual inspection). Bob Karl's. 2791 6th Ave, Troy.
- **May 16:** Sunday. 8am – 5pm. Solo Event #1. Tech City, 550 Enterprise Drive, Kingston. About 1 hour from Albany.
- **July 11:** Sunday. 8am – 5pm. Solo Event #2. Tech City, 550 Enterprise Drive, Kingston.
- **August 8:** Sunday. 8am – 5pm. Solo Event #3. Tech City, 550 Enterprise Drive, Kingston.
- **September 19:** Sunday. 8am – 5pm. Solo Event #4. Tech City, 550 Enterprise Drive, Kingston.
- **October 3:** Sunday. 8am – 5pm. Solo Event #5. Tech City, 550 Enterprise Drive, Kingston.

Rally!



GTA Rally



GAME - TOUR - ADVENTURE



When?

Sunday, April 11, 2021
9:30-10:00 Registration
10:00 Driver / Navigator meeting
10:15 First car off
2:00+ Dinner social and awards

Where? (Start)

Ocean State Job Lot
2827 US Route 9
Valatie, NY 12184

Who?

All are welcome. At least one person in each vehicle must be a SCAA member. Temporary memberships are available for additional \$15.

How much?

\$20 per team

Additional info:

Teams will need the following:

- Camera with digital display
- Internet access
- GPS unit

...or a smart phone / tablet with these capabilities



Solo- Tracey Burckhard Awarded SCCA Wendi Allen Scholarship

MoHud's Tracey Burckhard has been awarded one of three 2021 SCCA Wendi Allen Solo Scholarships underwritten by the SCCA Foundation and Mazda Motorsports. Each of the award recipients receives \$1,500 apiece to assist with travel to Tire Rack National Solo events and the Tire Rack Solo Nationals Championship, with SCCA waiving entry fees for scholarship winners to all Tire Rack National Solo events attended during the year.

Wendi Allen was a perennial national champion in Solo classes such as H Stock for almost two decades. Following her passing in 2014 at the young age of 46, the scholarships were initiated by her husband

Tracey has been a perennial champion in MoHud Solo competition for at least a decade (see Greg's HoHud history in this month's Journal section), and has honed her skills to the point where she frequently beats husband Russ on the timesheets. A real role model for women in motorsports.



Solo Report – April 2021

- *Russ Burckhard*

I hope everyone has been handling the pandemic well. With vaccines out, states have been lessening the restrictions placed on gatherings. This is good news, but we still need to be careful this upcoming season. We will have most of the same restrictions at our events that we did last year. Attendance and spectators will still be limited, but not to the extent as last year. Social distancing, masks, sanitizing, online registration, will still be required. As we get closer to the season, we will have a better understanding of what restrictions we will need to have.

Due to the pandemic our normal 2020 awards banquet was cancelled. We are still planning to do something to recognize last year's solo winners. One possible idea was to have a picnic. This is still in the planning stages and more details will be shared when we get them.

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- **October 3:** Sunday. 8am – 5pm. Solo Event #5. Tech City, 550 Enterprise Drive, Kingston.

PSCC Schedule:

- **April 25:** Sunday. 8am – 5pm. Tech City, 550 Enterprise Drive, Kingston.

Other Events:

- **June 18 – 20:** Friday – Sunday. SCCA National Tour. Seneca Army Depot in Romulus, above Seneca Lake.



The first VW in the US was a German Army Kublewagon snuck into the country for personal use by a Navy transport officer. The car/jeep wound up at Sampson Air Force Base in late 1944.

More than 75 years later, a remaining portion of the Sampson runways is used for the SCCA National Solo Tour. Somebody ought to run the National in a VW *Thing* for old time's sake!

-Ed.

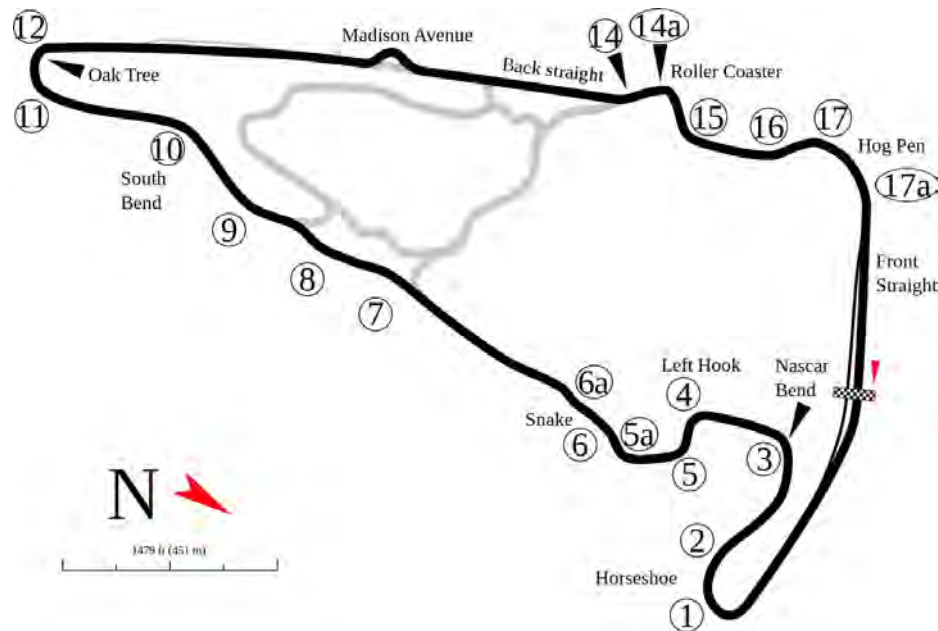
Time Trials

- *Aashish Vemulapalli, helped by Adam Wright*

The SCCA Time Trials National Tour season started with that often-overused term, a *bang*, at the picturesque Virginia International Raceway. 137 eager entrants attended the event held on March 13th and 14th, 2021. MoHud was represented by a small but spirited contingent.

Assistant RE Sal Baisley, Michael Park, Adam Wright and Greg Goss and yours truly represented MoHud. Sal, Adam and Greg had reached VIR a day sooner and they helped Event Lead John Hunter with setup and other tasks. My friend, Jeff Sienkiewicz, from the VSCCA joined the MoHud gang for dinner at The Lodge. We were also joined by Victor Boniface from the Washington DC Region. Following a spirited discussion about point-by's, we decamped to Adam's garage bay where we swapped wheels on my car. Greg and I would be co-driving my car. Greg decided not to change classes and run in Unlimited 2, whereas I was running in Max 4. We'd be underdogs, but it'd still be fun. Adam would be campaigning in Tuner 4 and Michael Park would be in the all-Corvette, Sport 1 class. Sal was working Grid for the event and my friend Jeff took charge of keeping us motivated, recording data and making sure we stayed fed and hydrated.

The weather was perfect on both days with chilly starts and then warming up to salubrious conditions for on track activity. We took advantage of the parade laps - Greg rode along in the right seat showing me the line. VIR is a track that he has raced at, whereas the rest of us were visiting for the very first time.



Given the length of the track, timing would start after half a lap past Oak Tree and going down the back straight. In theory that was expected to work out as on other tracks - everyone would get one to two clean laps and then encounter traffic. But given the length and high-speed nature of the course as well as the size of the run groups, traffic was more of an issue with the leading cars catching the tail end of the field before the latter could complete a flyer. There were also quite a few offs, some resulting in carnage, but happy to report that everyone from MoHud drove their cars back home (or back on to the trailer).

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Time Trials, II, cont'd

At the end of Day 1, Adam was within fighting distance of a podium spot. Greg was doing well and certainly not last in a class where everyone was running slicks (compared to the two-season old Hankook RS 4s on my Civic) Mike Park seemed content with his running as well and yours truly was 4th in a class of four. I wasn't quite getting the hang of VIR and was certainly scaring myself every time I rolled into the upper esses. The end of day 1, afforded us all the opportunity to socialize at a safe distance as per pandemic norms at the party presented by Hagerty.

With Daylight Saving ending on March 14th, we all turned in early for the night. On Sunday morning, as the temperature was in the 30's and Greg would go out first for his Track Sprints, I drove the car around the VIR campus to get some heat into the tires. As we entered the South Paddock, I noticed that the finish for the Track Sprint was past Oak Tree. The driver meeting confirmed that the Track Sprint would start at Turn 5 and finish past Oak Tree, on the back straight.

Greg ran in the first group for that consisted of Unlimited cars. This group had issues with the timing equipment as well as an impact that brought out a red flag and the wreckers. The cold temps and temps in the mid 30's were not helping much but Greg came back in with a respectable time of 56 seconds. The track had warmed up by the time it was time for Adam and me to go out and I was able to redeem myself by placing ahead of Greg on the Track Sprint. Small consolation that, given that he had me beat by 7 seconds on the full course. Adam did very well on the Track Sprint too but dropped further from the podium - I think it had to do with the Bridgestones he was running as compared to the Yokohamas the competition were running on. He nonetheless was consistently in the Top 5 for his run group proving how well he was driving. Elsewhere, Michael Park was acquitting himself very well too, running mid-pack in his run group and placing mid-pack in the very challenging Sport 1 class.

The track sprints concluded around Noon, and the afternoon consisted of two time attack sessions. Greg decided to call it an event and head home as he wanted to get home at a reasonable hour. I was feeling the impact of little sleep and constant activity in the last 56 hours as well, and told Jeff I would run one of the time attack sessions so I had a complete record of time in the books for the event, and then we would head back home.

I ran my final time attack session which was disrupted by an out of sequence car that was allowed at the back before the group could complete a full lap; it wrecked laps for quite a few of us.

Back in the paddock, I pulled into Adam's rented garage space and Jeff and I swapped the snow tires and wheels back on to the car and packed up for our trip home. I got home around 3:00 AM roughly 70 hours after I'd left, exhausted but enjoying every moment of the last couple of days.

My sincere thanks to Jeff Sienkiewicz and my fellow MoHud partners-in-crime. Were it not for their support and motivation, I likely would have stayed home. Sal offered to tow me down in his truck, Mike Park offered to share his living space with me, Greg and Jeff offered to pay for my lodging and paid for gas at the track, Adam not only trailered my track wheels down but he also flipped them in his shop for me and cut me fancy vinyl numbers. Jeff came along so I wouldn't have to drive down all the way by myself and made sure he packed plenty of supplies to keep all of us fed.

Results and some pictures on the following page.

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Time Trials, VIR, March 13-14

MoHud Members at the 2021 Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials National Tour at VIR powered by Hagerty:

- Salvatore Baisley - Grid and Paddock setup
- Michael Park - Sport 1: 6th in class and 45th Overall
- Adam Wright - Paddock setup; Tuner 4: 7th in class and 57th Overall
- Greg Goss - Paddock setup; Unlimited 2: Did not compete in Time Attack on Day 2. Mid-Pack times in class
- Aashish Vemulapalli - Helped with outreach and social activities, Max 4: 4th in class and 123rd overall



< Adam Charging

- Tradd Slayton



< Aashish's and Greg's Charger

- Aashish

MoHuders Recharging >

- Victor Boniface



Road Racing

~ PaulM and helpers

Chatham Center's Bob Wright started his SCCA racing career in 1974, switching from sedans to open wheel cars in 1981. For more than 15 years he's been the guiding force for Formula Race Promotions, which organizes and promotes the F1600 Championship, Formula 2000 Championship Series, and the Right Coast Formula Ford Series along with several other open-wheel racing ventures sanctioned by SCCA Pro Racing.

Each winter Bob takes advantage of some downtime from the FRP series to travel south to return to his roots in SCCA club racing.

This year's stops included the Majors race at Homestead as well as the Hoosier Super Tour events at Sebring and Circuit of The Americas. Besides escaping winter's chill Bob had some notable racing success, picking up a fourth and second place finish at Homestead, two FX class wins at Sebring, a fourth and an oh-so-close (.248 second) second place finish to promising newcomer Sabre Cook, a 2019 W Series participant, in Texas. The Texas race had 18 entries in the new FX class and a FCY 3/4 way through that bunched up the 51 car, multi-class field to create the close finish (Bob was in 1st, gapping the field every lap before the FCY).



Bob Wright at Homestead

Jeff Lehner and Patrick Stringer gave up on the idea of an ice-racing season and headed down to Road Atlanta for the Hoosier Super Tour March 19th- 21st. In a strong 69-car field of coast-to-coast and north-to-south SRF racers, they raced mid-pack in both Sunday races. Jeff bested Pat in race 1, while Pat got ahead of Jeff in race 2. Not as dominant as they were in the 2020 season closers we reported on back in December, but hey, it's just the start of 2021!

Nothing to Report this month from MoHud-South's* Grapefruit League, but at least one family of MoHud racers thinking about going down to PBIR next winter...

* Bucci Acres

Membership Report- April 2021

-Jim Garry

Mohud Membership Chairman

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As of March 24th Mohawk Hudson Region membership climbed to 305. We welcome our new members!

New Members in February and March:

Stephen Tresco, Hyde Park

Joshua Huestis, Cohoes. Designated interests are Club Racing and Pro Racing.

John Kuitwaard, Huntington. Designated interests are Club Racing, Pro Racing, RallyCross, Solo.

Christopher Gailor, Baldwinsville

Patricia Clair, Slingerlands

Aleck Isbester, Castleton On Hudson

George Isbester, Castleton On Hudson

Paul Isbester, Castleton On Hudson

Rene' Pasco, Queensbury



Significant Anniversaries

Five Years

Phil DeJan - "This has been a very fast five years. I've had a lot of fun and made great friends."

Chris Keenan - "I'm very thankful to be celebrating 5 years as a MoHud member. I joined the SCCA after getting a 6th gen Camaro with the idea that I would get to do fun things with cars. I had no idea that the real benefit was friendships you make through the organization. I'm glad to have grown as a driver and I hope to be able to contribute to the club in the future."

Mary Reed

Richard Reed

Twenty Five Years

Debra Garrison

Thirty Years

Doug Garrison - Doug has an active Competition License.

Allison Welty - Allison has active licenses as a Regional Registrar and in Regional Timing & Scoring.

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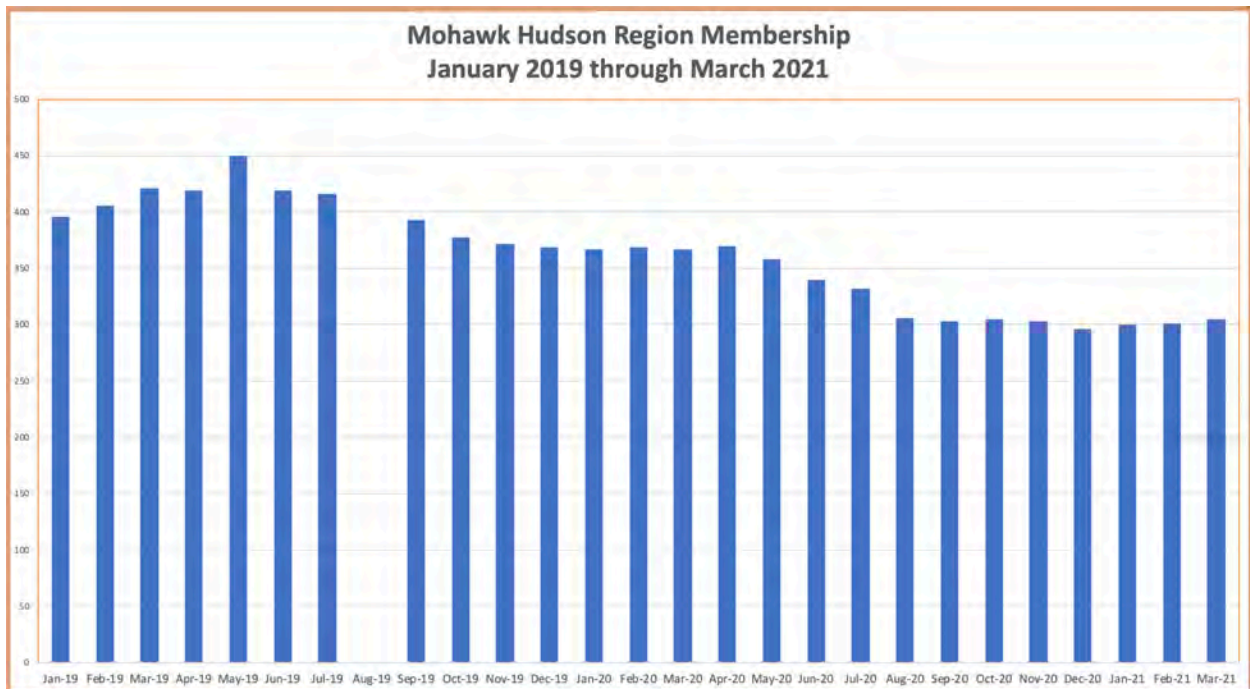


Membership, *cont'd...*

Another 30-year Member:

Kim Graff - "It's hard to think that 30 years have passed. Over the years I have met many great people, and had many fun-filled times. Still have hopes to bring the old rides out again! The MGB V8 or the MGTD SUPERCHARGED, MAYBE BOTH! Believe always looking to the future keeps one young. To the Mohawk-Hudson family: "stay calm and keep moving.""

And from **Dan Gorss**, who celebrated his significant anniversary last month: "I've been around the SCCA since I was a kid through family friend Tom Campbell and have great memories of roaming around tracks with the Campbell kids. As an adult, my love of cars drew me to join SCCA a few times, but I never found the time to actually follow through and allowed my membership to lapse. Then Track Night in America started and I decided to give track events a try. It was better than I was expecting, and now I'm hooked on TNIA and Time Trials. "



*Previous Page: Happy 60- Anniversary to the Jaguar E-Type, aka XKE, unveiled In 1961.
MoHud had just over 100 members then...*

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Board Meeting of February 22, 2021; 7 pm

Location: Zoom

Officers and Committee Chairs Present: Eric Smith, Shelby Blanchette, Jim Garry, Aashish Vemulapalli, Salvatore Baisley, Chip Van Slyke, Russell Burkhard, Paul Malecki, Kenneth Relation

Total Members Present: 9

Aashish Vemulapalli

- Need to get the word out about Mohud events
- Suggests brochures, having a rep at track nights or having members volunteer to work at tracks to advertise road rally and solo programs
- offer a coupon in the track brochure packet

Eric Smith

- Downsides of Aashish's ideas, no schedule of our events yet, no guarantee track attendees are in our region/area, if offered a coupon would be complex to set up on motorsports reg.
- If tracks had registrations from our area and could let us know that would be helpful
- Per Aashish the people at the track can help us out with that
- Eric Smith will work with Paul Malecki on making a PDF with links to our website and Facebook page
- Shelby Blanchette suggests making business cards and mentioning that we have them at events for people to try and recruit new members
- EJ recommends making a simpler business card that would work season to season with minimal updates
- Jim Garry suggests making 500 business cards and offer them to people who want to be patrons
- Per Russell Burkhard, he has some at solo events
- Aashish asks if Mohud is on all platforms of social media
- According to EJ Mohud has Facebook and Instagram
- Aashish asks who would take charge of these media sties and taking photos, suggest utilizing hashtags
- Shelby Blanchette offers to ask Kirby Vaillant-White would be willing to help
- Eric Smith asks who will take photos at track and road racing
- Paul Malecki will send out an email to get an idea of who is at track and road rally events to see who could do pictures
- Eric Smith and Paul Malecki will work on a simple brochure for track days

Inventory

- Per Eric Smith nothing new about inventory yet
- Salvatore Baisley will take the Mohud bus to Bob Karl's tech event to start inventory
- Eric Smith will get Sal some more information

Treasurer Audit

- Per Eric Smith Paul Malecki sent options for the audit
 - Paul Malecki should not take part since he is Treasurer
 - Eric Smith wants a committee of 3 to pick three to four months of previous year and ask Paul for information to validate
 - Per Paul Malecki every bank statement is a PDF so will be easily accessible
 - Eric Smith asks for volunteers for committee to audit. Several responded.
 - Per Eric Smith will have to decide how and when to do audit
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- Eric Smith motions to create an Audit committee of two board members and one regular member, excluding any person who has received Club funds in the year being audited; such committee to make a framework for, and then perform, the audit.
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- Chip Van Slyke seconds motion and all present in favor.

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Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Board Meeting of February 22, 2021: cont'd...

Treasurers Report by Paul Malecki

- \$29,388.58 in account as of 2/22/2021 AM
- Paul states logbooks and helmet stickers have been ordered
- Per Eric Smith BMW club wants members to be more involved with solo
- Eric Smith willing to let BMW club members use their times from our solo events and let them score how they like

New Solo Site

- Per Eric Smith had a solo advisory meeting over new site
- Adam Wright reached out to Colonie Center and spoke with owner, owner receptive to meeting
- Adam Wright and Russel Burkhard will meet via zoom first week of March with owners

Meeting Adjourned by Eric Smith at 8:06 PM

Notes recorded and submitted by Shelby Blanchette

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Monthly Membership Meeting of March 3rd, 2021; 7:03 pm

Location: Zoom

Officers and Committee Chairs Present: Eric Smith, Salvatore Baisley, Paul Malecki, Shelby Blanchette, Kenneth Relation, Bruce Kosakoski, Chip Van Slyke, Richard Welty, Richard Alexander, Jim Garry

Total Members Present: 31

Shelby Blanchette makes a motion to accept the minutes published in the last knockoff

Sheri DeJan Seconds motion

All members in favor

Membership Report by Jim Garry

- 299 members as of 3/3/2021
- Since 1/1/2021 six new members; Jeremy Kaser, Mark Jackson, Nancy Ogle, Mark Axner, Steven Tresco, Joshua Huestes
- Significant anniversaries for March; Dan Gorse 5 years, Sam Smith 15 years, Hannah Smith 15years, Robert Bearline 25 years, Carol Cambell 35 years
- Region's average age is 53, Median age 59, youngest member is three, oldest member is 86

Knockoff Report by Paul Malecki

- Two editions in April, April 1st edition will be the annual special edition

Treasurer Report by Paul Malecki

- 3/3/2021 account balance is 27,563.58
- Started program year report for 3/1/2020-2/28/2021
- Surplus of \$1,831.45 from program year; did cut down on many expenses

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Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Monthly Membership Meeting of March 3rd, 2021: cont'd...

Solo Report by Eric Smith

- Awards have not been purchased
- Late April/May awards will be presented
- Solo meeting ¾ with Colonie center to discuss lot use, good sized lot but some complications
- Thanks to Adam Wright for reaching out to Colonie Center

Street Survival by Jim Garry

- All events until July have been cancelled
- October event is still scheduled

Road Rally by Kenneth Relation

- Road Rally Scheduled for Sunday April 11th
- Start in Valatie at Ocean State Job Lot
- Sanction still needs to be applied for
- Tom Campbell states Saratoga Auto Museum planning an ABC rally

Track Report by Eric Smith

- Event 3/11 at VIR
- Per Sal event at Palmer on July 3rd or 4th
- Paul Malecki mentions Brochure to bring to track days, would need volunteer to help
- Kirby Vaillant-White volunteers
- Sheri DeJan suggests "Tech Soup" for technical help/software

Road Race Report by Richard Welty

- Tech parties on 3/27 North County Subaru in Queensbury and 4/17 at Bob Karl's in Troy
- Earlier techs are available by appointment
- Teaching moments available
- New patches, logbooks and stickers will be available

Old Business

Eric Smith

- Audit of books
- Proposed committee includes Salvatore Baisley, Sheri DeJan, and one other, will meet and discuss auditing plan
- Mohud Inventory done by Assistant Regional Executive (Salvatore Baisley)
- Sal will be taking bus to Tech party, please make Sal aware of any club equipment
- Per Eric Smith Mohud.RE@gmail.com for Assistant Regional Executive to store documents

Paul Malecki

- Roly Heacox passed away, was longest standing member, suggested to send something in his honor to SCCA Foundation
- Motion made by Arn Beebe to send donation of \$250 to SCCA Foundation and \$250 for a memorial brick at Watkins Glen International Motor Research Center; Tom Campbell Seconds.
- Tom Campbell will handle memorial brick. Motion passed.

New Business

- Peter Kroth mentions Flag and Fire training event 3/27 at Thompson, if interested contact Eileen McStay.
- Tom Campbell states 3/6 Cars and Conversation at the museum from 10-12
- Rich Alexander mentions 60s-70s cars needed for extras in movies if need more information email dweebdad@msn.com
- Eric Smith asks for feedback on mail chimp, seems to be working well

Eric Smith motions to adjourn meeting, Rich Alexander seconds, no opposition.

Meeting ends at 8:07PM

Notes recorded and submitted by Shelby Blanchette

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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 continues updating the 50th Anniversary
KnockOff Commemorative Issue.**



The MoHud Saga--- 2012 to 2016

2012

MoHud members find new winter entertainment by spending an afternoon at Checkers Out Speedway, an indoor oval kart track in Johnstown. A few die-hard road-racers find out oval track racing isn't as easy as it looks.

At the annual SCCA Northeast Division Mini-Con MoHud draws the National Race at Lime Rock, scheduled for June 23 & 24.

After 14 years and two National Championships Jim Garry makes the fateful decision to sell his C Modified Citation Formula Ford. In its place he'll embark on going even faster on the autocross courses with a Cheetah Sports Racer in B Modified. Jim also changes co-drivers as Will Schambach joins the team.

The popularity of the Street Survival program (presented in cooperation with the BMW Club) results in expansion to two events at Fortitech.

Autocross season kicks off with a 50 car entry at the McCarty Avenue lot. The second event at Fortitech is even more popular with 72. A young Evan Karl continues the family tradition by making his racing debut at kart races at the Balston Spa Fairgrounds. There's profound sadness in the region with the news that Linda O'Connor, wife of long-time MoHud member Thom and mother of second-generation racers Sean and Ian, had passed away. Among her many and varied talents Linda was an accomplished ice racer in the late 1960s.

There's enthusiastic discussion about Central New York Motorsports Park, a complex that would include both a dirt oval and road course north of Syracuse.

The turn-out for the Lime Rock National is again on the lean side at 130, a great disappointment for those who remember when National events at LRP would draw twice that number.

The July autocross is cancelled when the use of Wilton Mall is unavailable but the autocross program bounces back with another field of 70 plus in August at Fortitech.

At the National Tour autocross at Fort Devens in Massachusetts class wins go to Alex Schipkov (D Street Prepared) and Will Schambach (B Modified). Schipkov continues his successful campaign with his first National Championship victory at Lincoln Nebraska.

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2012 – Cont'd.

The traditional Fall Fun One at Watkins Glen is notably successful for Mazda Miata racers Bob Karl Jr and TJ Hanifan, who each pick up a pair of wins in in SM2 and SSM respectively. Earlier at New Hampshire Motor Speedway Bob Smart scored a pair of wins in F Production.

MoHud's PDX at Lime Rock is again a popular attraction, but there is some lament that more members don't take advantage of the opportunity. Registrations come largely from outside the region.

The region's racers enjoy more success in the New York State Road Racing Championship; series titles go to George Klein (E Production), Jack Hanifan (F Production), H Production (Thom O'Connor), SM2 (Bob Karl Jr.) and SSM (TJ Hanifan).

After a long absence Trish Bucci relaunches the MoHud Rally program with the Ghosts and Goblins GTA. There were dual winners: the team of Arn Beebe and Diane Gurdak were closest on mileage, while Eric Smith and Pat Clair had the best score on correct observations.

Formula One makes its return to the United States with the debut of the Circuit of The Americas in Austin Texas. MoHud members Rich Alexander, Leigh McBride and Mac McCormack are selected as part of the elite crew to staff the flag stations.

The year ends with the always popular annual meeting/banquet/awards presentations. A successful autocross season culminates in an array of awards: Novice Of The Year goes to Scott Carpenter, Ian Wallace is Most Improved, Female Driver of The Year is the perennial Tracy Burckhard, Driver of The Year is Bill Bennet, and the Hard Worker award goes to Tom Moeller. There are Appreciation Awards for Street Survival to Kevin Belden and PDX, Brian Bailey.

Not to be left there are awards for the racing program too. The Dave Riggi Award for dedication and support of racers goes to Dave Reynolds. TJ Hanifan wins both the MoHud Road Racing Championship and the Paul Hacker Memorial Regional Driver of the Year. The Paul Hacker award for the National Driver of the Year is Charlie Campbell.

The annual Lewis Award for overall service and participation is renamed the Lewis/McClumpha Award in recognition of the distinguished contributions made to the region by the late Dave McClumpha and his family. For 2012 this award goes to Will Schambach.

Membership at the end of the year is 345

2013

MoHud (and New England Region) member, three-time SCCA National Champion, and president of Lime Rock Park, Skip Barber is inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame.

MoHud draws a July race date for Lime Rock, which will be a combined NYSRRC/NARRC championship. It's one of three SCCA club races on the Lime Rock schedule, all regional events. For the first time since the track opened in 1957 they will not host a National (now called Majors) race.

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2013 - Cont'd.

In a unique partnership the Schenectady Public Library designates Garth Stein's "The Art of Racing In The Rain" for its "One County, One Book" program. The Campbell Brothers Racing Miata is the featured display at the library for "Meet The Author" day.

Rich Alexander, Leigh McBride, and Mac McCormack go flagging at the Sebring IMSA 12 Hour race.

Seven events make up the autocross schedule for the year, split between Fortittech and the McCarty Avenue OGS lot. MoHud moves into the video age thanks to the efforts of Mike Roselli. As a student project at UAlbany Mike produces a mini-documentary on the region and its varied activities. It's still out there

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G6RHo_UfmA

There's the usual strong turnout of racers and autocrossers for the MoHud display at the annual Saratoga Auto Museum spring car show.

In spite of blending in a PDX at the Lime Rock race the event is a major disappointment and setback for MoHud. With an entry of just 115 cars there are serious financial implications, but the impact goes far beyond monetary concerns. 2013 will be the last time Mohawk-Hudson Region presents an SCCA racing event. It marks the end of an era that began with MoHud's first effort at race organization back in 1966. In the intervening period of more than 45 years the region has provided the structure for Drivers Schools, Regional and National races and even a SCCA Pro TransAm race, operating at both Lime Rock and Thompson.

Being involved in presenting races moved the region beyond local events, fostering both organizational and personal relationships first with the other SCCA regions in upstate New York (what was then SCCA Area 11) and later with the larger regions of Area 1 (New England, New York, and Northern New Jersey). The annual race also became a focal point for turning out MoHud membership to support an array of logistics, from details like printing, mailing and then processing registrations to hosting what became some legendary post-race parties.

Autocrossers got a week-end outing that provided an up-close look at a different side of the sport, and MoHud also developed a coterie of race specialists who provided expertise at multiple events each year. MoHud's withdrawal from the racing side was part of a larger trend which saw a dwindling prominence for SCCA club racing at Lime Rock Park; what was once a cornerstone of Lime Rock's annual schedule was on its way to becoming merely a footnote. *Make no mistake, losing the annual race re-shaped the character of MoHud.*

Second-generation racer Tyler Reynolds scores his first race win, in a Formula Vee at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The rallye program is back with The Bridges of Washington County. Rich and Madeline Welty are the most accurate for mileage, while the pairing of Michael Landau and Daniel Huber have the best Observation score.

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2013 – Cont'd.

Another year of competition and camaraderie comes to an end, with awards aplenty. On the autocross side Joe Rapp-Dimopolous is Novice Of The Year, Tracey Burckhard is Most Improved, and keeping it in the family Driver of The Year is Russ Burckhard. Ace course designer Burt Huiest is Worker Of The Year.

Street Survival and PDX provided appreciation awards to Bill Bennett, and DJ McArdle respectively.

For the racing side of the club Greg Goss was named Rookie of The Year, Most Improved went to Tyler Reynolds, The Dave Riggi Award for dedication to racers went to BK Karl, Regional Driver of the Year is Mickie Mossaidis, and National Driver of The Year goes to Jeff Lehner. The MoHud Region Racing Championship goes to Pete Smith.

Membership at the end of the year is 372.

2014

Big news on the racing scene is the return of Thompson Speedway Motor Sports Park in Connecticut. Thompson has been part of SCCA racing going back to the 1950s, and even further, with various circuit configurations. The latest track design incorporates elements of the 5/8 mile oval into its overall 1.7 mile length.

The WTCF Racing Team ventures to New Jersey Motorsports Park for the 12 Hour "Devil In The Dark" endurance race. The Honda Civic driven by Will Schambach, Eric Smith and Jeff Kanetzky comes home with a class win.

The autocross program keeps going strong, with 75 cars on hand for the July event,

A piece of MoHud history is lost when former Regional Executive Bill Morris passes away in September.

September marks the 50th anniversary of MoHud's first ever speed event, the one and only Whiteface Mountain Hill Climb.

Building on the positive relationships coming from the Tire Rack Street Survival program TRSS participants get their own exclusive road rally. Tom Daley and Tom Daley Jr. take the top prize.

At a NER Fort Devens autocross Jim Garry experiments with his GoPro to capture some data on the effectiveness of the aero package on his B Modified.

Before you know it, the time has come again for year-end awards. Justin Noble and Greg Pecorra are co-winners of Road Racing Rookie of The Year, Greg Goss has a good evening as he's is named Driver of The Year and class champion in ITE in both the Northeast Divisional series and the New York State Road Racing Championship. BK Karl gets the Dave Riggi Award for dedication to the SCCA racing program. Chip VanSlyke has the best season results in the MoHud Regional Road Racing Championship.

The MoHud autocross program has another successful season, averaging 62 cars per event and a total entry of 152 different competitors. Novice Driver of The Year goes to Ray Nelson, Most Improved is Aashish Vemulapalli, Driver of the Year is Jon Staude. There are a wide array of worthy candidates for the Outstanding Worker award; after much deliberation the Solo Advisory Committee selects Miguel Texeira for the honor.

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2015

A new year brings another new track on-line in New England. Palmer Motorsports Park (aka Whiskey Hill Raceway) in Palmer Massachusetts is open for business.

After a long absence the legendary Rallye of The Snowflake makes a return in late January. Conditions are suitably appropriate, cold and blustery with snowdrifts encountered on the route through the Albany County hilltowns. Todd and Nancy Boice use their expertise to achieve the best score.

Team Bucci goes all-in for winter rallying. Jim and Trish take part in rounds 3, 4 & 5 of the Finger Lakes Region Winter Rallye Series, scoring a 2nd in class, followed by 2 wins!

SCCA introduces a new "experiential" program called Track Night In America. It's designed as non-competitive introduction to the race track environment aimed at street driven cars. Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park is the first venue to host a TNiA, and it proves to be a popular attraction.

Meanwhile MoHud organizes something called a Track Trial, an SCCA form of a Performance Driving Experience, in conjunction with the New England Region Divisional race at Thompsom in July. The event is limited to Advance level drivers. 14 drivers take part; Jim Bucci is enthralled that Ford Focus accounts for 4 of them.

For the good of the order, a work group is formed to review the region's by-laws. The region expands its recruitment efforts; in addition to the annual display at the Saratoga Auto Museum Spring Car Show there's now a MoHud booth at the monthly Cruze In at Guptil's in Latham.

The autocross program goes on, but now with only the McCarty Avenue OGS Lot, as corporate changes make the popular Fortitech site unavailable. A new class "Pro" is introduced which sets up competition between drivers in different classes by basing finishing positions on PAX (class adjusted) times. Radio reliability is a hot topic for event management. Teen-agers Jack Lehner and Evan Karl get signed off for the SCCA racing licenses.

At the Watkins Glen July Sprints MoHud drivers score a clean sweep of the podium in F Production with Tom Campbell scoring the win over Jack Hanifan and Pete Smith. They're all driving Mazda Miatas.

Evan Karl takes his first SCCA race win at Pocono, finishing just ahead of BK Karl, his grandfather!

At mid-year MoHud membership is 424.

Long-serving Knock-Off editor Lisa Hanifan, who has shepherded the newsletter from ink & paper into electronic publishing and distribution says it's time for new blood. Tim Frink becomes the latest editor of the esteemed newsletter.

Charlie Campbell wins the SCCA Northern Conference title in F Production, setting the course for another invitation to the SCCA National Championship RunOffs. In spite of car problems with his usual Honda S2000, Greg Goss borrows a car to secure his invitation to Daytona too. In a great drafting battle on the high banks of the superspeedway. Charlie finishes 5th in FP while Greg Goss also finishes fifth but then gets a penalty for an inadvertent pass under the caution flag.

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2015 - cont'd

Todd and Nancy Boice team up to win the Into The Woods Rallye.

Awards time rolls around again. For the autocross program Saul Morse is Novice of the Year, Most Improved goes to Knock-Off editor Tim Frink, Female Driver of the Year is getting to be the perennial honor for Tracy Burckhard, Driver of the Year is a repeat for Jon Staude, and Manual Texeira is recognized as Worker of the Year. Average event attendance is 51, a slight decrease for the first time in several year, and a total of 112 different drivers participated. 17 attended all the region's events.

Amongst the racing participants Evan Karl is Rookie of the Year, Justin Noble and Charlie Campbell are co-winners of Driver of the Year, and Rich Welty receives the Dave Riggi award for dedication to the racing program.

Membership at the close of the year is 424.

2016

Jim Bucci assumes the role of Regional Executive.

Winter activity is highlighted by a visit to the K1 Karting track at Crossgates Commons. 25 members join in the fun.

A number of MoHud road racers head south to start the season at Sebring; Thom O'Connor picks up a pair of class victories. The region's legendary "filing cabinet" gets transferred from long-time custodian Harry Adalian to RE Jim Bucci. The RE also finds time to head south to swap his ITA Ford for a T4 Honda, and debuts the new car with a pair of wins in the SARRC series race at Virginia International Raceway.,

Greg Goss recounts a memorable, or perhaps forgettable, weekend of racing at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex (PIRC), which includes getting himself locked out of his truck and a shortened racing program when the tirewall barrier catches fire ! Dave Ferguson has better fortunes at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Memorial Day weekend with a trifecta of wins in SpecRacerFord.

New England Region starts a new tradition at the June race at Lime Rock Park with a Friday evening "Paddock Crawl". The MoHud Margartia Machine is a popular attraction.

The autocross program gets off to another good start with 64 competitors taking part in the season opener at the OGS McCarty Avenue lot. Jon Kirschman makes his debut as course designer.

Mid-summer membership tops out at 536!

Member and friends celebrate the region's 60th anniversary with a reception at the Saratoga Automobile Museum. Long-time MoHud member and CEO of RaceMark Bob Bailey is the guest speaker.

Paul Malecki marks another 60th anniversary, the opening of the permanent track at Watkins Glen, which he visited as a teenager on opening day in 1956.

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2016 - cont'd

Charlie Campbell scores a podium finish at the National Championship Run-Offs at Mid-Ohio, coming home third in F Production in the Campbell Brothers Miata.

Evan Karl picks up two wins at Thompson at the John Stim Memorial finale in October, one in SM and one in SM2. Time seems to fly by, and soon its time for end-of-the-year recognition.

The autocross program again delivers an informative statistical recap. Average event attendance is 58, total number of individual participants is 136, an increase of 24 over the previous year. 18 drivers make all the events on the schedule. Over the course of the year 50 drivers enter the novice class. On to the awards: Christopher Keenan is Novice Driver of The Year, Jose Martinez is Most Improved, Tracy Burckhard continues her domination of Female Driver of The Year while Driver of the Year goes to Adam Torrey. Course design maestro Jon Kirchsman is recognized as Worker Of The Year.

The racing side of MoHud has notable success as well. Northeast Division class championships go to Greg Pecora (T3), Jaren Lendrum (T4) and Jonathan Eriksen (P1). New York State Road Racing Championships (NYSRRC) are captured by BK Karl (SM2), Greg Pecora (T3), Jim Bucci (T4), Dave Ferguson (SRF), and Jack Hanifan (FP). Third-generation racer Evan Karl wins the MoHud Regional Points Championship and the SM2 class title in the North Atlantic Road Racing Championship. Charlie Campbell and Jared Lendrum share Driver of the Year.

Membership at the end of the year is an impressive 574.

Ed's Note: We challenged Greg to find an appropriate photo to finish out this page. Here's one of him taken at Thompson during the 2012-2016 era you've been reading about. Look up the TDI Truth and Dare saga on the internet; it's Mad Men, only 45 years later. Key phrase: "coffee filter." As they say upstate, in light of what we know now, "it's a hoot."

