

The Mo-Hud

Knockoff



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

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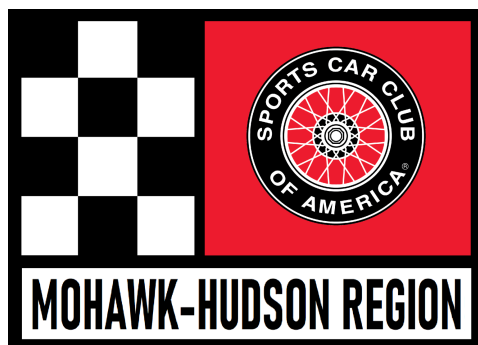
Tech Parties: By the time you are reading this, we should have kicked off our 2022 Road Racing season with another successful "tech party" on March 28th, at North Country Subaru, hosted by the dealership and fellow members Ken & Jared Lendrum. April 23rd will be another tech party at Bob Karl's Sales & Service, in Troy. Many thanks to the Lendrum family and the Karl family for their support of our region and SCCA.

Our 2022 Solo season is on pause while we try to find a site to replace the former IBM Kingston site that was purchased by a developer. If you have any ideas as to a potential site, please reach out to any of the Region's leadership, or our Solo Chair, Russ Burckhard (contact details can be found on our website). Please be aware we've likely considered most every site in the greater Capital District, but we're always hoping there's one that we missed.

In the meantime, we are actively working on approaching several potential sites for permission to run at them. Stay tuned.

Logo a Yes Go? A reminder that the formal vote on adopting our new MoHud logo will take place at the April 6th membership meeting.

~ EJ Smith Regional Executive



Calendar: Late March and into April ...

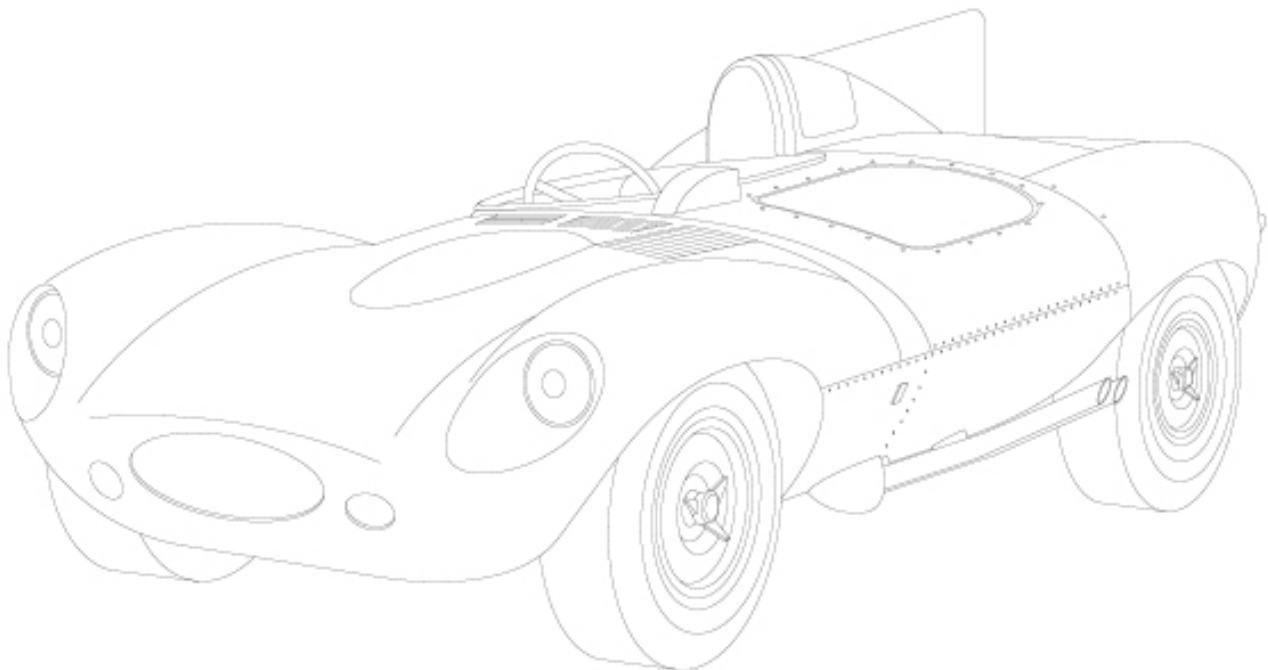
- **March 26:** Saturday. 11:30am. Tech Party. North Country Subaru, 616 Quaker Road, Queensbury. Inspection of your racing car and racing gear for conformance with SCCA requirements found in the General Competition Rules (GCR), supplemented by the accumulated wisdom of Richard Welty our chief tech inspector. Richard has one or more inspectors-in-training, and has never been stingy with pointing out all sorts of things to anyone within earshot. A good learning experience for owner/drivers competing in any SCCA program. And, if the past is any predictor of the future, the Lendrum family will provide some good noshing as well as a welcoming atmosphere.

- **April 2:** Wednesday. 7:00pm. Membership Meeting. Gateway Diner, Central Avenue in Albany; near I-90 Everett Road exit. Socializing and chowing down starts around 6:00pm...

- **April 23:** Saturday. 11:30am. Tech Party. 11:30am. Bob Karl's Sale and Service, 2791 6th Avenue, Troy. Another opportunity for tech inspection/ observing. The Karl family, as the Lendrum family, have been strong supporters of MoHud for at least three generations. Oh; and the Karl tech party also can be relied upon for some noshing.

- **April 24:** Sunday. 8:00am to 5:00pm. Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) event, with Patroon BMW, at Saratoga Auto Museum. Help teens learn how to handle their cars in unexpected conditions. Always a rewarding experience in seeing young drivers begin to gain real mastery over their/mom's/ dad's daily driver. Sal Baisley, MoHud Asst. RE, has taken over the leadership reins, and always use a few more in-car instructors and event hands. Register at < motorsports.reg >.

For Those Who Missed a Coloring Page in the April 1st KO...



The 2022 MoHud Time Trials Championship

~ Aashish Vemulapalli

Join us for the all new 2022 Mohawk Hudson SCCA Time Trial Series.

This Championship is for MoHud Members and will be run according to SCCA Time Trial rules in regards to vehicle classing and safety rules. The Mohawk-Hudson Region (MoHud) Time Trials points championship will be based on running the events with Connecticut Autocross and Rally Team (CART) /New England Region (NER) SCCA as well as the Time Trials National Tour at Thompson Speedway. Bonus points will also be awarded for attending events listed as bonus events in the published schedule.

The core events of the Championship scoring for 2022 will be :

CART/NER SCCA Time Trial at Thompson 5/21/22

SCCA Time Trial National Tour at Thompson 7/1/22 to 7/2/22

CART/NER SCCA Time Trial at Thompson 9/17/22

** Event registration will be by the host clubs -not MHR ***

MoHud Members must compete in at least half of the events scheduled for the season (rounded up for odd numbers). The season schedule will be published along with any additional event that qualifies for bonus points.

To be included in future communications regarding the championship series, or if you are ready to **join us, please sign up** at <https://mohud.motorsportreg.com/>

MoHud will be running points for the following Time Trials classes. Competitors are encouraged to visit [TimeTrials.SCCA.Com](https://www.timetrials.scca.com) to class their car or read the rules to build to a class.

1. Sport - S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6
2. Tuner - T1, T2, T3, T4, T5
3. Max - M1, M2, M3, M4, M5
4. Unlimited - U1, U2

Need some help classing your car?

<https://timetrials.scca.com/pages/classmycar>

Questions about safety ?

<https://timetrials.scca.com/pages/national-event-safety-rules>

Coming soon....

A logo/ decal for the

MoHud TT Championship

The Trend of SCCA Licenses in MoHud

~ Greg Rickes

Ed's note: Greg claims some text was left off in the previous KO, so here it is again...

One of the inevitabilities of digitizing the region's historic documents is that you come across something that captures your attention, thus slowing the process of feeding sheets into the scanner.

From December 2002 Dave Wachtel did a compilation of SCCA-issued licenses in the region. These reflect mostly the racing side of the group, those there was something called a Solo II (i.e. autocross) license at the time.

A couple of explanatory notes:

1) The Competition (non-driving) license of 2002 was what the SCCA called a "crew license". It was supposedly required for access to the "hot" pit area, and as I recall came about at the behest of the club's insurance group. Somewhere along the way this quietly disappeared.

2) When Jim Garry was gathering the current data he broke it down into National/Regional for licensing level. That's the third column on the chart.

3) It's possible to have more than one SCCA license. In fact a number of members have them in several categories.

4) Once you get a worker license they may almost automatically renew unless you actively drop them. It has now been many years since the region last organized a race event, but at that time many members volunteered to work at registration for this once-per-year assignment, so we've got a plethora of Registrar licenses that likely don't get much use.

5) The Track Event (TE)/Time Trial (TT) category is brand new, but as you can see a number of members not only have driving credentials, they're delving into the organizational/operational side.

6) Jim G also says the number of Street Survival (SSS) Instructors, at 3, seems way undercounted.

While we are primarily and autocross-focus group these days, I hope the brief chart on the next page shows there are a multitude of ways for you to get involved and have fun with cars.



SCCA Licenses in MoHud - the chart

SCCA licensing in MoHud	2002	2021	
Racing Divison			
Competition Driver	51	45	
Comp (non driving)	200		
Flag & Comm	13	19	6,13
Emergency Services	2		
Gird & Pit	10	8	4,4
Race Admin		3	2,1
Race Control	6		
Registrar	10	15	1,14
Scrutineer	8	11	2,9
Sound Control	1	3	1,2
Steward	1	3	1,2
Timing & Scoring	7	1	1,0
Road Race Safety Steward		3	3
Rally (Driver)	3		
Track & Time Trials			
Solo 1	1		
TT Driver		22	
Driver Coach		5	
Event Lead		3	2,1
Safety Steward		4	3,1
Competition Dir		1	
Autocross			
Solo II driver	10		
Safety Steward		11	
Street Survival			
Instructor		3	



Membership Report- *-Jim Garry Mohud Membership Chairman*

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As of March 20th, Mohawk Hudson Region had 338 members, one more than last month and 33 more than 12 months ago!

New members Since February 1st

Leonard Anderson, Rensselaer

John David Houle, Altamont

Daniela Beechner, Carmel

Paul Beechner, Carmel - Paul has already autocrossed with us as a weekend member

Connor Dwyer, Brooklyn

Hope you can all make it to the April Membership Meeting at the Gateway Diner...

Significant Anniversaries for March and April

40 years

Ken Hurd - Ken has been autocrossing enthusiastically since the early 1980s. He has won two SCCA Solo National Championships and came very close several other times. Most recently he has been co-driving with Jim Garry in the BMod car and will switch with Jim to CMod in 2022 (if Jim ever gets the \$#^*& car finished).

25 years

Jeannette Udway - road racing competition license

Michael Bromirski - Jeannette's crew ... and husband

Wayne Green - has a regional T&S license for road racing

20 years

Angie Van Slyke - Angie is married to MoHud's Chip Van Slyke, a current board member, merchandise chairman, former Knock Off editor and Crossle Formula Ford racer. You don't find many people nicer than Angie.

Jeff Lehner - active competition license

15 years

Steven Dweck - long time MoHud autocrosser and a Tire Rack Street Survival Instructor

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Membership Report, cont'd

More Significant Anniversaries

10 years

Debbie Rickes - Debbie Rickes actually has more than ten years as a member of MoHud. [Ed: The national record keeping system only shows our last consecutive years as members so if we have a gap in membership only our years since renewal are listed.] She first joined the region when her husband Greg was involved with regional administration and autocross in the early 1990s. She re-joined in 2012 to travel with him to Formula Race Promotion events. Debbie's driving experience covers a broad range including the 2 Day Skip Barber Performance Driving School (Dodge Viper!), the Pittsfield ice trials in DJ McArdles Pizza Baron Omni, a Formula Vee on Lime Rock's original autocross course, and MoHud's outings at the Checkers Out indoor oval track, among others. She also helped coordinate winners' circle ceremonies for Formula Race Promotions events. She's a regular at the Lime Rock Historics, Amelia Island Concours, and MoHud Ice Cream Socials ;-)

Russ Gorman - long time Mohud autocrosser and a Tire Rack Street Survival Instructor

5 years

Ken Relation - MoHud's rally chair, autocrosser, road racer, time trialer

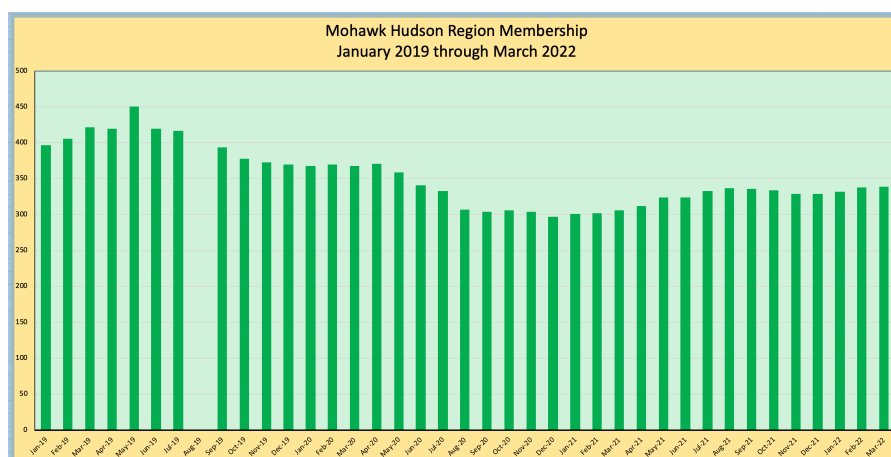
Michael Saptura - MoHud autocrosser in ES

Lyla Smith - Lyla is one of five members from the Jason Smith family. Her dad holds an active competition license and races in AS.

Tony Tovsen - TT drivers license

Gene Tricozi - Gene also has many more years as a MoHud member than the 5 he is credited with. He has been a racer and was our Regional Executive for a few years.

As always, if you know of someone who is interested in having #fun with cars, please tell them about your club and direct them to me or to the SCCA website at SCCA.com. On the home page for that site is a red rectangle at the upper left. Click "Join SCCA Today!"



Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Board Meeting of January 20th, 2022 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Officers Present: Eric Smith, Shelby Blanchette, Chip Van Slyke, Jim Garry, Paul Malecki, Bruce Kosakoski, Jim Welty, Salvatore Baisley

Total number of members present: 8

Mohud Banquet Feedback

- A little cramped, not as much room as anticipated
- Great for the amount of people we had, if a bigger event in the years coming the space would be too small.
- May have been better if awards presented where food was, but no audio system out there.
- Facebook live streaming was nice, was able to include people who could not attend, should do next year as well.
- Unanticipated costs, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Bar was not included in the per plate cost, was an additional \$525 charge.
- Banquet was subsidized about \$700 including ice cream bar.
- Per Eric Smith, should probably still make a donation.
- Salvatore Baisley and Eric Smith will follow up with Tom Campbell to see how much of a donation they should make to the SAM.
- Tom Campbell wants a thank you letter sent to museum, on Mohud letterhead

Mohud Stationary Request: Jim Garry

- New members get a detailed email, then follows up with short letter with Mohud decal thanking new members for joining.
- Has been using nice stationary all these years but running out.
- Needs about 100 sheets per year for new full time members.
- Is it worth having nicer stationary to send to new members?
- Paul Malecki proposes that sending a letter might have a negative connection because people may think we want money, but a note from the membership director is great, maybe could shift towards sending cards.
- Would be sent in an envelope
- Jim Garry states that the letter really cannot be misconstrued as us asking for money
- Bruce Kosakoski suggests trying card for a year and seeing how it works
- Jim Garry okay with trying the cards
- Paul Malecki will make some mock ups
- Salvatore Baisley mentions putting an image car related on envelope to help make it stand out

Mohud Logo Redesign: Eric Smith

- Older logo needs a refresh
- Replaced three spoke SCCA wheel with the wire spoke SCCA approved logo
- Replaced our red with the SCCA red
- Everyone on the board agreed a refresh of logo is needed.
- Paul Malecki mentions need to make sure the correct fonts are used
- Once have logo, tell members we will have a vote at next meeting, explain why redesigned then have vote
- Once have proposed design, put in KO
- Eric Smith will reach out to Coyote Black, send mock up and tell him what we want, see what he comes up with

SAM Spring Show Display: Eric Smith

- Need some volunteers to help with the display of cars for Mohud
- Would be great to get some track modified cars along with stock solo cars
- Chip Van Slyke offers to help organize
- Have to make sure we get the bus there
- Eric Smith has contacts for road racing cars and more modified cars

Salvatore Baisley makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Bruce Kosakoski seconds and all members in favor.

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Board Meeting of February 10th, 2022 7:06 PM

Location: Zoom

Officers Present: Eric Smith, Salvatore Baisley, Paul Malecki, Bruce Kosakoski, Shelby Blanchette

Total Members Present: 5

Activities Chair Position: Eric Smith

- At last social event, Tracey Burkhard expressed interest in the Activities Chair position
- Paul Malecki suggests appointing her to position and give her a forum to promote what she wants to do
- That forum would be the website Knock-off and Facebook page
- Not really a downside to appointing her
- Eric Smith told Tracey Burkhard to come up with ideas and run them by the board
- Paul Malecki makes a motion to appoint Tracey Burkhard to the Activities Chair position, Eric Smith seconds that motion. All Officers in favor, motion passed.

Treasury Report: Paul Malecki

- \$26,314.29 in account
- Includes \$500 donation to SAM
- Still need to do the audit

Proposed Mohud Logo

- Eric Smith did a rough sketch of what we want
- Got rid of partial checkered board, used the correct red from SCCA, shrunk down the red box to de-emphasize the wheel
- Salvatore Baisley points out that image looks blurry, may need to send along to a Graphic Designer
- Eric Smith will try to convert image to correct format
- Will publish logo in Knock Off and schedule a membership vote
- If logo get approved then will look to clean up image
- Will have April membership meeting to discuss logo and vote
- All board members agree with plan

Eric Smith makes a motion to adjourn meeting, Bruce Kosakoski seconds, all are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by Shelby Blanchette.

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Monthly Membership Meeting of March 2nd, 2022 7:00PM

Location: The Gateway Diner Albany, New York.. Officers Present: Eric Smith, Salvatore Baisley, Paul Malecki, Shelby Blanchette, Bruce Kosakoski

Total members Present: 23

Shelby Blanchette makes a motion to accept the annual January meeting minutes as published in the Knock Off. Diane Malecki seconds, all members in favor.

Knock Off Report: Paul Malecki

- No special April 1st edition but there will be something special in the April edition
- Still looking for new editor

Membership Report from Jim Garry

- 337 members as of March 2nd, 6 more members than we had on January 1st 2022
- One year ago today we had 299 members

Treasury Report: Paul Malecki

- \$25,327.66 in account
- There is a \$84.00 outstanding check
- February membership income \$360.00
- Paid \$1,375 for van insurance today
- Filed annual IRS form
- Have not received anything from last years Street Survival

Solo Report: Eric Smith

- As of right now, do not have a site
- There is a site the club is pursuing

Tire Rack Street Survival: Eric Smith

- 2 events planned this year, April 24th is the first event, second event is October 16th
- If interested in helping with program email Salvatore Baisley
- Will be at the Saratoga Auto Museum

Time Trials: Salvatore Baisley

- MoHud will be running a Time Trial series with CART and National Time Trial at Thompson
- Points based system
- Registration will be on MSRP
- May 21st and September 17th are the CART Time Trials, which are Saturdays
- The National Time Trial at Thompson is July 1st and 2nd
- Will be SCCA Time Trial rules and tire rules

Road Racing: Rich Welty

- Tech Party at Bob Karls, starts around noon
- National Convention update, contingency forms and annual waivers are electronic, performance criteria has been brought back for runoff qualifications
- Runoffs will be at VIR this year
- SCCA moving from paper vehicle log books to electronic vehicle log books for road racing

Activities Director: Tracey Burkhard

- First outing was indoor go-karting, very successful
- May do a drive-in movie night
- Sometimes Valley Cats have a safety night, we could see if we can set up a booth
- May do a cruise and dinner night

Old Business: Eric Smith

- Financial audit, Eric Smith will reach out
- Region inventory, may not be able to do at Bob Carl's tech party
- Still need a Knock Off editor

New Business: Eric Smith

- Refreshed logo passed around room
- Plan is to vote on logo at the next membership meeting
- Tracey Burkhard is our new Activities Chair
- Greg Rickes has some glassware that needs a new home

Rich Welty moves to adjourn meeting, Salvatore Baisley seconds motion, all members in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted and recorded 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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