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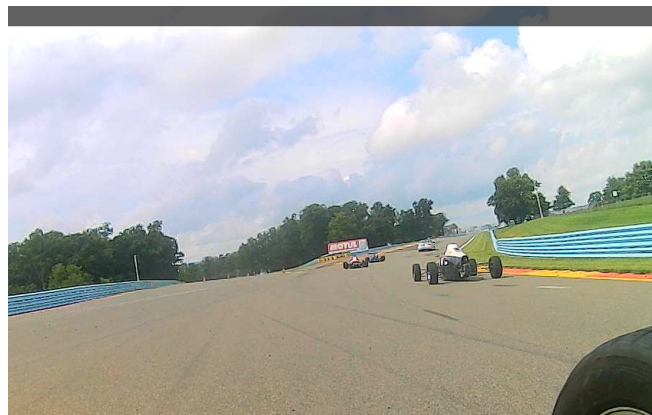
MOHUD ON THE WEB



The Fun One Moves to August



The Fun One Delivers fun yet again. See race report on page 6.



It must be Sunday at the Fun One because we're headed down the short course.

The REport

Hey Mohuders, long time no REport. As many of you know from seeing me out and about at events this year it has been an extremely busy summer, oftentimes chaining together several events within the same weekend. Out of curiosity I went through my calendar to get some actual counts. At this point I have been at the track 29 days this year (yes I do still have a job), with many more to come. This includes:

- Volunteered 4 events for NERRC (3x tech, 1x timing)
- Guided Volunteer Experience for NER
- Ran a day of racing in NERRC
- Worked 7 Track Nights in America (5x LRP coach, 1x Palmer coach, 1x NHMS F&C)
- Worked 4 events at Lime Rock (3x F&C, 1x timing)
- Attended both the NER F&C and driver school
- Helped with data at the Patroon LRP HPDE
- Ran Patroon Palmer HPDE while doing timing for Mohud TT timing

But that is just at the track, on top of that I have attended 4 Autocrosses at the Tech City lot between Mohud and PSCC, served as chief instructor for our TRSS at SAM, attended dozens of meetings after work, and started building yet another race car. So, what is the point of calling all that out?

Mohud's Autocross season just wrapped up with 4 awesome events but there is always going to be more to do in the area between a wide variety of facets of the reason we are part of a car club. PSCC will continue holding events at the same site we have run this year into the fall if you still have an itch to scratch for some local performance driving. If you want to make a little bit longer of a trip Solo Nationals will be starting up within a week of this article being published out in Lincoln Nebraska.

If you are looking for some more fun out of the track either by driving or volunteering, Patroon will be back at LRP on September 13th with some great instructors that you have probably been around as Mohud members. Additionally, there are several more TNiA in the north east coming up that you will continue to see your RE at. If you are looking for a bit more competition our neighbors and previous TT partners CART will be holding a Time Trial September 21st at Thompson. If that isn't enough competition, NER still has 2 more races this year at Palmer and Thompson before the snow starts falling soon. Just a bit closer than Solo Nationals at the end of September several Mohudders will be making the trip to Wisconsin for the Runoffs to participate, volunteer, and support other drivers.

Looking for something a bit less speed focused? Ken Relation, our resident Rally Chair will be hosting another GTA rally this fall that all road going vehicles are welcome too. This is a perfect time to hang out with family while visiting some beautiful areas around the capital district. Another great opportunity to have a lower speed adventure around some amazing cars is volunteering to help move cars September 20th and 21st. You might get the chance to drive the car of your dreams, if you have any questions please reach out to Tom Campbell. If you want a bit more speed but with teenagers driving, we will be holding out fall TRSS at SAM on October 20th with Patroon. As always, we will be looking for volunteers to help out, if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me.

But most importantly, regardless of what part of the automotive landscape interests you, Mohud will be returning to The Factory Eatery & Spirits on January 11th, 2025 to celebrate what everyone has accomplished through all the various ways to be involved in the SCCA. We are hoping for no snow storm this year, but the weather seems to think that whatever day we schedule our banquet for it must snow. Hopefully I will see you there, as well as some of the other events that we have coming up before the end of the year including our final ice cream social of the year at Guptill's September 6th and the restart of our formal monthly meetings at the Metro 7 diner September 7th.

What's Happening

- Sept 4, 2024 Mohawk-Hudson SCCA Membership Meeting, [Metro 7 Diner](#), Latham social 6 p.m., meeting at 7
- Sept 2-6, 2024 Solo National Championship – Lincoln Airpark, NE
- Sept 6-8, 2024 Palmer Pig Roast Regional by NER, Event #5 Mohud RRC
<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/ner-pig-roast-palmer-motorsports-park-scca-new-england-club-racing-791794>
- Sept 28-Oct 6 2024 The Runoffs National Championship – Road America, Elkhart Lake WI
- Oct 20, 2024 Tire Rack Street Survival, Saratoga Automobile Museum
<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/mohawk-hudson-scca-24-2-saratoga-automobile-museum-tire-rack-street-survival-453268>
- Oct 24-27, 2024 Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials Nationals – NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green KY
- Nov 30, 2014 Racing Memories, Saratoga Auto Museum
<https://www.saratogaautomuseum.org/events/2024/11/30/racing-memories-with-ron-hedger>
- Jan 11, 2025 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, The Factory Eatery and Spirits Ballston Spa, NY

Check out the full regional calendar at:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=4l0pcskqj0sbmtg8scke5et658@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

ALBANY-SARATOGA SPEEDWAY “ASPHALT ERA” SEGMENT ADDED TO 2024 RACING MEMORIES PROGRAM

Saratoga Springs, NY.

The 2024 Racing Memories program at the Saratoga Automobile Museum may well be the best-ever, with a segment recalling the NASCAR asphalt era at the Albany-Saratoga Speedway recently added to the original schedule.

“We don’t really know if the speedway will close in 2025 after some 60 years of racing as announced this summer, but it seems high time to look back to the early days with drivers whose careers started there,” said event organizer Ron Hedger. “We’ll interview a few drivers from that era, recall highlights and rivalries and discuss some of the stars who are no longer with us.”

Drivers on the panel will include Brian Ross, Nick Ronca, Phil Spiak and Jack Halloran.

Set for the traditional “Saturday after Thanksgiving” date, November 30th, the Racing Memories program will feature a wide variety of racing personalities and topics.

“The Motorcycle Guy,” Mark Supley, will do a segment on sidecar motorcycle racing while Area Auto Racing News columnist and racing historian Herb Anastor will discuss Indianapolis 500 winner Roger Ward’s triumph in the Formula Libre race at Lime Rock Park, where Ward topped a bevy of world class sports car racers with Ken Brenn’s Offy midget. As an added attraction, owner Keith Majka will be on hand with the restored Brenn car.



Ken Parrotte will present “Triumph from Tragedy,” a look back at a fire during the Indy 500 that preceded a Johnny Rutherford/Bobby Unser battle for the win. Additionally, Hedger has two interviews on tap, one with promoter Brett Deyo and the other with DIRTcar modified star Demetrious Drellos.

The Saratoga Automobile Museum, located on the Avenue of the Pines in the Saratoga Spa State Park, opens at 10 am. Enthusiasts are encouraged to bring memorabilia to share between opening time and 11:45, when the formal program will begin. Display tables will be provided.

“I am moving the start time for the presentations up from past years as we have a full slate and I want to leave time for the audience to interact with our presenters at the conclusion of each segment,” offered Hedger.

Lunch will again be available in the museum lobby. Tickets are available online at <http://www.SaratogaAutoMuseum.org> or can be purchased at the door. As always, the event is free to current museum members.

Tales From the Track

Race Report, The Fun One by Finger Lakes Region at Watkins Glen

By Chip VanSlyke

First of all, congratulations to all drivers and crew who attended the event. 13 Mo-Hud drivers made the trip to Watkins Glen including:

Chris Brassard SRF3 and SRFx, Adam Figarsky SM2, James Cutler CSpec, Scott Stickle HRG5, Steve Grabski HRG3, George Harmuth HRG1, Patrick Stringer SRF3, Jeff Lehner SRF3, Doug Garrison SFR3, Chip VanSlyke FF, TJ Hanifan FP, Max LuxRamos BSpec, Ken Relation T1.



Max Lux Ramos Sports his Mohud Gear as he stands on the podium at the Fun One August 2024

For me the headlines were: Rain and Breakage

While it made the price tag for the weekend staggering, I chose to do the test day because it was forecast to be the best weather of the weekend. This would turn out to be very much the case. FLR ran the event well, with no lines at registration, express tech functioning, and a functional PA all weekend. (Having PA may sound like nit-picking but when you can't see the track from your paddock space and the sessions are not at set times of day, it can be very frustrating figuring out when you will be on track)

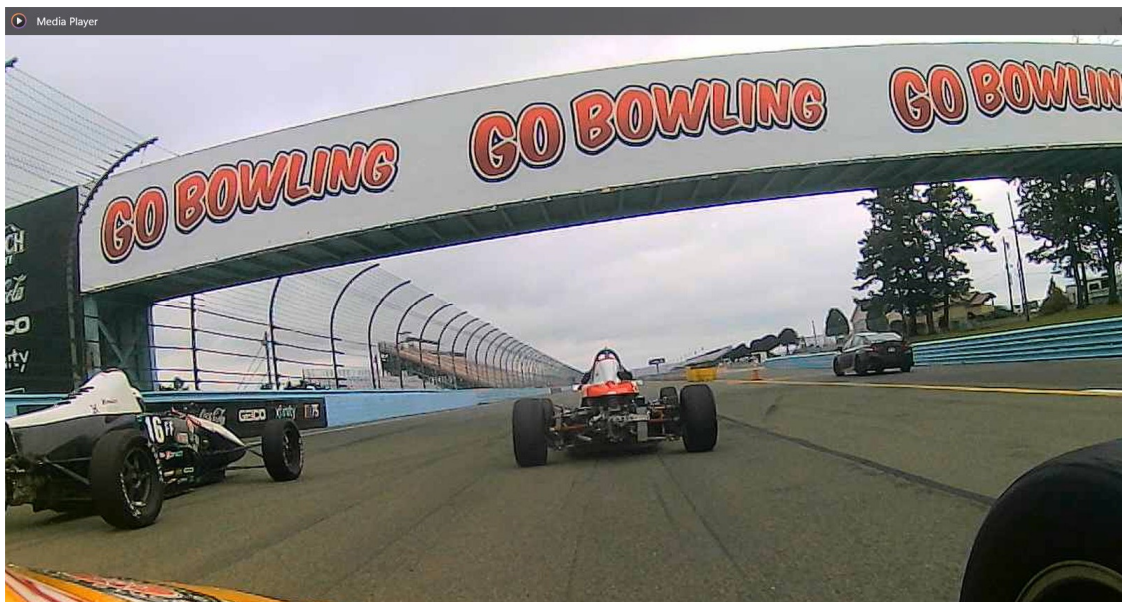
Friday was beautiful. Mid eighties and low humidity. I did three of the four sessions which was plenty for me. The plan was to get tire data and experiment with front camber. Unfortunately, sensor one (of 3) on the outside of the tire failed (breakage 1) early in session 1 making the data difficult to interpret. But when considered alongside the July data at the same track I decided I could make an adjustment with just the center and inside sensor. Data evaluation and troubleshooting the sensor caused me to miss session 2 but I decided I could still test with two sensors so session 3 was on. Again unfortunately due to the way test days are run at WGI where you are not given any warning on grid (like 5, 3, or 1 minute) so I was unprepared to start

my data logger during session 3 so that session was lost. There was still session 4 (so I thought) but as it turns out the middle sensor was damaged in session 3 or 4 so I could conclude little. In the end I re-set the camber back to where it was in July because the tread looked like it was wearing more evenly at that setting.

A heavy rainstorm on Friday night collapsed our canopy in a way which fortunately wasn't fatal although it won't be quite right ever again (breakage 2). Unfortunately, the canopy fell on the car leaving a 2 inch crack in the fiberglass (breakage 3).

Weather Saturday and Sunday was threatening rain all day each day with predicting any more than an hour before your session useless. So, we spent the rest of the weekend glued to our weather apps and for the most part, they were accurate. Saturday morning was clearly going to be rain for group 5 although we had just enough time to switch over with the rain starting about ½ hour before the session. As I sat on grid I remembered that I had forgotten to torque the lug nuts. A quick run back to our paddock space and I roused Oscar from the car to tighten them, saving me having to unbelt/rebelt and only ended up losing about 1 lap of qualifying.

The weather held out on Saturday afternoon and we have a solid dry race. I got a good start behind Jacob King who did not and I found myself dropped to 4th behind him. He would not stay there long but I would remain in 4th place. I spent a few laps threatening 3rd but I have now accepted a reality that I will explain later.



Ready to Take the Green in Saturday's pm Race

Saturday night we were smart and dropped both canopies and good thing since another torrential downpour would have knocked them out. My inverter was not so lucky and was destroyed by the rain (breakage 4). On the upside, the battery was charged and would probably make it through one more day.

Sunday morning, short course, and a dry qualifying session. A decent session for me considering I lost the draft early.

Sunday afternoon would be spent glued to the weather apps looking at a storm that was predicted to arrive just as our session started. All the FFs arrived at grid with either wet or intermediate tires with one FF not showing. And then we proceeded out for a perfectly dry session. The apps had failed us. Jacob King and Steve Roux took off on their intermediate tires (Jacob on grooved vintage tires and Steve on worn-out radial rains). I chose to save my tires and ran 9 easy laps to get credit for 2nd in class / 3rd overall.

Overall, the weekend was somewhat disappointing from the data collection and weather standpoints. But the positives include: 3rd overall/2nd in class in wet qualifying on Saturday, 3rd overall / 2nd in class in Sunday's parade laps, and Steve Roux lent me his leakdown tester and Nitrogen bottle and on Friday night we ran a leakdown test my engine as a big source of my problems. While not good news, not really surprising considering the miles on it. And it is encouraging because it means the chassis and my driving are maybe not as bad as I thought.

MoHud Road Racing Championship

Mid Season Update

Note: the following does not include event number 4.

At mid-season Jared has a substantial lead owing to finishing all three races and entering one race twice. But not un-assailable. There's still points to be had at the last two races at Palmer September 6-8 and Thompson October 17-19.

Please notify me any errors and omissions at chipv87@gmail.com

-Chip VanSlyke, Points Keeper

Name	Class	Points
Jared Lendrum	B-Spec/T3	91
Max LuxRamos	B-Spec	60
Ken Lendrum	B-Spec	42
Ed Zemeck	SM2	42
Jim Cutler	C-spec	40
Chris Brassard	SRF3	32
Doug Garrison	SRF3	30
Tyler Reynolds	FV	29
Jeff Lehner	SRF3	28
Leon Zavos	FVR	23
Chip VanSlyke	FF	20
William Dergosits	T4	20
Vince Gentile	ITA	19
Ken Relation	T1	19
Scott Stickle	HRG5	19
George Harmuth	HRG1	19
David Moak	SRF3	15
Christian Flagg	FV	14
Chris Zarzycki	FV	10
Paul Maleki	HP	10
Diane Maleki	HP	10
Ron Bass	FV	10

		Total Points	Palmer 5/11				LRP 6/15				Thompson 7/6				
			PIC	Nclass	Position points	Cars beaten	PIC	Nclass	Position points	Cars beaten	PIC	Nclass	Position points	Cars beaten	
David Moak	SRF3	15	8	10	13	2									
Jared Lendrum	B-Spec	60	3	7	18	4	3	13	18	10	40	40	10	0	
Jared Lendrum	T3	31	40	40	10	0	5	10	16	5					
Ken Lendrum	B-Spec	42	4	7	17	3	6	13	15	7					
Max LuxRamos	B-Spec	60	5	7	16	2	5	13	16	8	5	7	16	2	
Chris Zarzycki	FV	10	100	100	0	0	40	40	10	0					
Ed Zemeck	SM2	42	8	9	13	1	12	14	10	2	7	9	14	2	
Vince Gentile	ITA	19	3	4	18	1									
Jim Cutler	C-spec	40	1	1	20	0					1	1	20	0	
Chip VanSlyke	FF	20					2	3	19	1					
Jeff Lehner	SRF3	28					9	25	12	16					
Doug Garrison	SRF3	30					8	25	13	17					
Chris Brassard	SRF3	32					7	25	14	18					
William Dergosits	T4	20					2	3	19	1					
Paul Maleki	HP	10					40	40	10	0					
Diane Maleki	HP	10					40	40	10	0					
Ken Relation	T1	19					3	4	18	1					
Tyler Reynolds	FV	29					7	22	14	15					
Ron Bass	FV	10					40	40	10	0					
Leon Zavos	FVR	23					3	8	18	5					
Scott Stickle	HRG5	19									2	2	19	0	
George Harmuth	HRG1	19									2	2	19	0	
Christian Flagg	FV	14									11	15	10	4	

Membership Report

By Jim Garry

Mohawk Hudson Region counts 330 members on its rolls which is good news. We last boasted this many members 24 months ago. Yet we are still well below the membership levels of mid 2019 when we had over 400 members, or the last few months before the start of the pandemic and for a few months afterward when MoHud had 370 members.

New Members in July:

Yuanxi Lin, Schenectady

Tyrone McGregor Alleyne, Mount Tremper

Brian Costello, Cohoes

Tanner Schrader, Sand Lake

Sean Mayo, Delmar

Welcome everyone! Please reach out to any of our officers or me for more information on the club's activities.

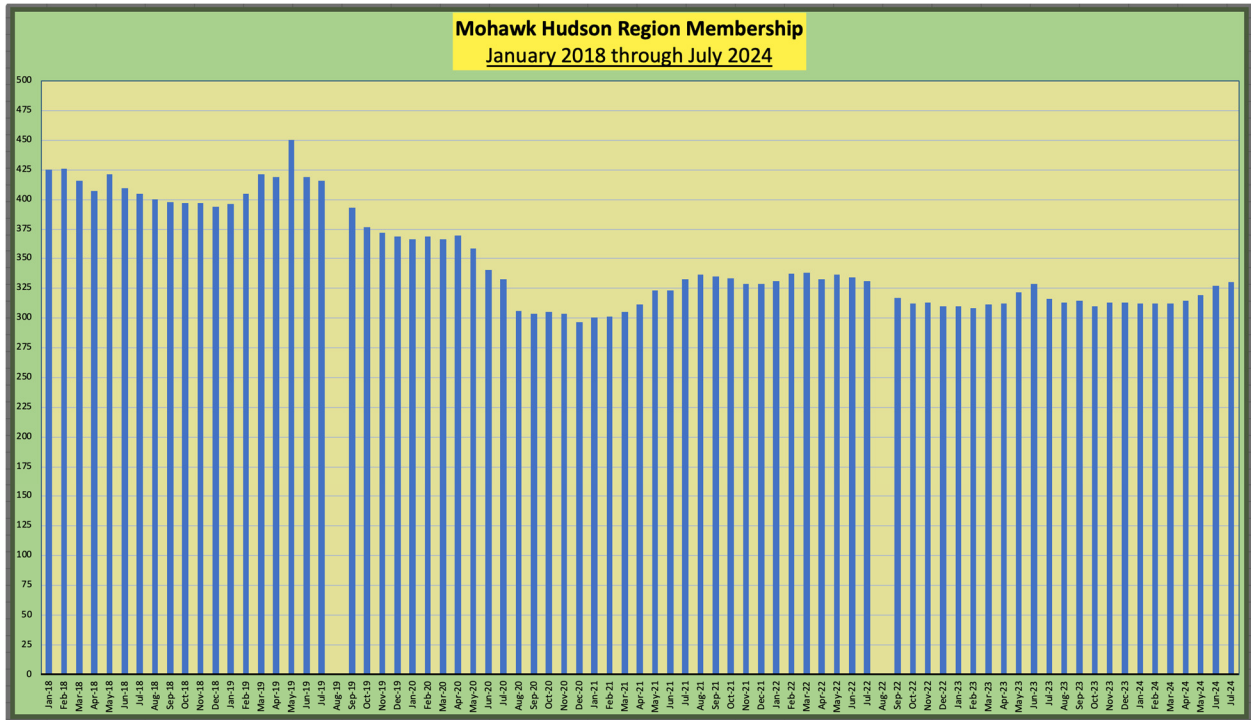
Significant Anniversaries in July & August

David Marchetti - Ten Years - I'm not certain but I think Dave has been in the club for more than the ten years shown in the membership spreadsheet. He has raced and autocrossed.

Laura Smith - Twenty Years - Laura is related to Jason who has raced an A Sedan Mustang, went to the Run Offs, and was Driver of the Year a while back.

DJ McArdle - Thirty-Five Years - In DJ's years as a member of Mohawk Hudson Region he has been a significant contributor to its programs. He has taken on many tasks & projects, and has been an officer of the club. He took over the reins of the Solo Program in the early 90's and continued for years. He not only guided the program successfully but due to his standout ability to project his voice he became known as the human megaphone, a title he still holds. His interests later turned to track days and time trials where he's enjoyed himself immensely and currently holds SCCA licenses as a Regional Registrar, TE/TT Safety Steward, TT Competition Driver, and TT Driver License Advisor. In addition to his hard work he is always fun and

entertaining and is one of MoHud’s colorful members. We always rely on him to cast a sole no vote at membership meetings just to demonstrate club democracy in action.



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