



## Another season begins, and they're off!



**MoHud has new  
web image!**  
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*There's no better time than spring time in the northeast for racing families! Jack Hanifan and Pete Smith along with Bob Karl, his son Bob Karl Jr. and his family took the opportunity to get to Pocono for the race on Mothers' Day weekend. Evan and Cassidy Karl pitched right in giving Jack a hand with his race car. Their dad, Bob Jr. took the track in his SM 08 Miata while their grandpa, Bob Sr. put laps on his SM 0 on a bright sunny weekend.*

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# RE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

June 2011 RE Report

I just got home from the car show at the Saratoga Auto Museum. The weather definitely did not cooperate. Bruce Kosakoski, Eric Smith, Jack Hanifan, Tom Moeller, and I braved the weather and brought vehicles for the show. Several other MoHud members stopped by to show their support. The other car show was very lightly attended. A group of Vipers and a group of Cadillacs were the main attraction. About a dozen other cars were scattered across the lawn. It seemed like there were more vendors than show cars. Hopefully next year will have better weather for this event. Even though the weather was bad, we did have a good time. Lime Rock Park had a booth in the museum. They had a simulator that allowed you to drive a Spec Miata around the track. I tried it and ran some 1:03 laps in between crashes. I also had trouble with the line getting around the left hander after Big Bend. I tried my luck later in the afternoon and managed to put down a couple of 1:01 laps. It is easy to run laps like that when you have a reset button for when you mess up. I give you Club Racers and PDX'ers credit for doing it for real.

Pete Smith is looking into putting together another Duck tour. Keep an eye on the website for more information.

Speaking of the website, Zeke Wright will be taking over the role of webmaster for Mohud. I have caught a glimpse of the new site and it is impressive.

Will Schambach is transitioning into the position of Membership Chair. He has been working with Dave in an effort to reach out to our new members.

On Behalf of Mohud I would like to thank Dave Wachtel for all of his efforts in taking on the responsibilities of Webmaster and Membership Chair for all of these years. While Dave is not going anywhere and will be helping Will and Zeke, he has decided to pass on the responsibilities to the "younger" guys.

Russ

# Introducing the redesigned MoHud website, check it out @ [mohud-scca.com](http://mohud-scca.com)

## Introducing the new site:

Let me introduce myself.  
My name is Zeke Wright.  
I've been autocrossing with  
MoHud since '06 and a  
member since '07.

Over the past few months,  
with Dave Wachtel's blessing,  
I've been working on a new  
revamped website, and the  
effort can be currently viewed  
at [mohud-scca.com](http://mohud-scca.com). When  
the time comes, it will replace  
the existing website, be

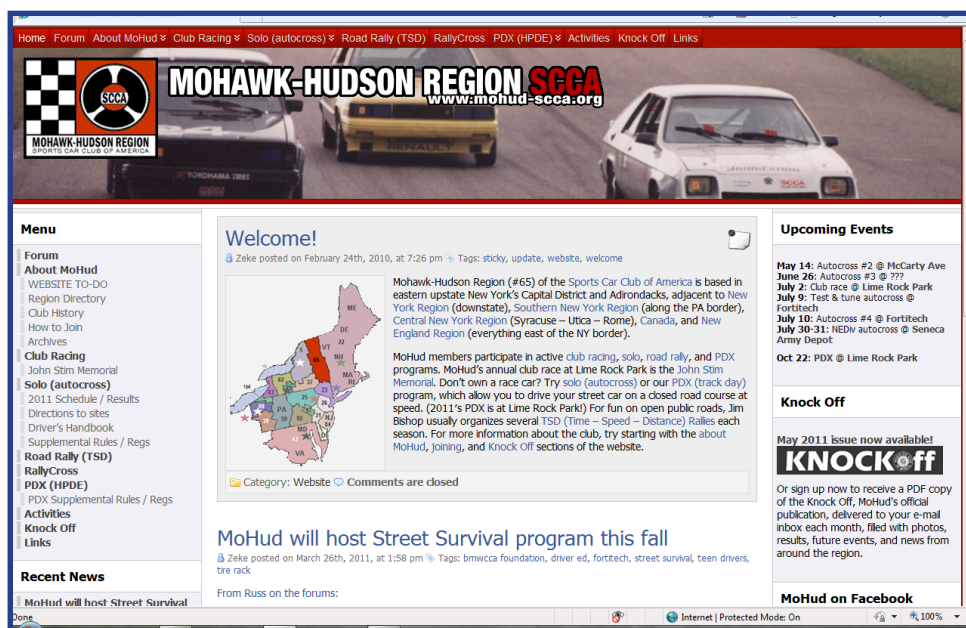
available at both .com and mohud-scca.org, and the current website will be archived and viewable at an alternate location.

The solo program was pretty easy for me to put together, although there's more to do. What I'm ideally looking for at this point is a racing member who would want to register and help keep the site updated themselves. I've already gotten two other members roped in, but the more the merrier. Eventually, the forums will be integrated with the website, so they'll have the same design and user info. The website has an easy to use back-end to work with.

Alternatively, I'll need some feedback as to what people want and copy, resources like links, rules, reg info, whatever is needed, and steady updates from now on. Lisa can supply me with the information she gets for the KO, but I'd like more frequently updates.

The main front page currently shows only major news and events. If you enter the solo or race sections of the site, it will show all of that program's news — which can include lesser items of importance such as solo results postings. That's how it's set up, but there's still tons of content to be added and more to be implemented. Therefore, I'm seeking all content, photos, important links, regs, news, history, suggestions, comments, and offers to help sent to [zekew1@gmail.com](mailto:zekew1@gmail.com).

— Zeke Wright



The screenshot shows the homepage of the MoHud website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, Forum, About MoHud, Club Racing, Solo (autocross), Road Rally (TSD), RallyCross, PDX (HPDE), Activities, Knock Off, and Links. Below the navigation is a banner image featuring three race cars (a black Honda Civic, a yellow Honda Civic, and a white Honda Civic) with the text "MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION SCCA" and the website URL "www.mohud-scca.org".

The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Menu:** A vertical list of links including Forum, About MoHud, WEBSITE TO-DO, Region Directory, Club History, How to Join, Archives, Club Racing, John Stim Memorial, Solo (autocross), 2011 Schedule / Results, Directions to sites, Driver's Handbook, Supplemental Rules / Regs, Road Rally (TSD), RallyCross, PDX (HPDE), PDX Supplemental Rules / Regs, Activities, Knock Off, and Links.
- Welcome!:** A post by Zeke dated February 24th, 2010, at 7:26 pm. It includes a map of the Mohawk-Hudson Region and text describing the region's location and the club's activities. The text states: "Mohawk-Hudson Region (#65) of the Sports Car Club of America is based in eastern upstate New York's Capital District and Adirondacks, adjacent to New York Region (downstate), Southern New York Region (along the PA border), Central New York Region (Syracuse - Utica - Rome), Canada, and New England Region (everything east of the NY border). Mohud members participate in active club racing, solo, road rally, and PDX programs. MoHud's annual club race at Lime Rock Park is the John Stim Memorial. Don't own a race car? Try solo (autocross) or our PDX (track day) program, which allow you to drive your street car on a closed road course at speed. (2011's PDX is at Lime Rock Park!) For fun on open public roads, Jim Bishop usually organizes several TSD (Time - Speed - Distance) Rallies each season. For more information about the club, try starting with the about MoHud, joining, and Knock Off sections of the website." Below the post, it says "Category: Website" and "Comments are closed".
- Upcoming Events:** A list of events including: May 14: Autocross #2 @ McCarty Ave, June 26: Autocross #3 @ ???, July 2: Club race @ Lime Rock Park, July 9: Test & tune autocross @ Fortitech, July 10: Autocross #4 @ Fortitech, July 30-31: NEDW autocross @ Seneca Army Depot, and Oct 22: PDX @ Lime Rock Park.

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Knock Off" section with the text "May 2011 issue now available! KNOCK OFF" and a link to sign up for a PDF copy. Below that is a "MoHud on Facebook" link. The footer includes "MoHud will host Street Survival" and "From Russ on the forums:".

# 2011 June Competition Report Jack Hanifan

**Upcoming Events** - NER is hosting a "Triple Regional" Memorial Day Weekend at NHMS. The event has two Sanction numbers and 3 individual races per class.

**Racing Scene** - the NNJR Double Regional was not well attended, but the MoHud guys had a great time. Bob Karl Jr. made the most of the weekend by entering the Pro IT race and both SM and SM2, a total of Seven Races in two days. All of the MoHud cars were Miata's. Walt Ryan, Dylan Murcott and BK were in SM or SM2 and I was in FP.

Bob Karl Jr. finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pro IT, and had a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 5<sup>th</sup> in SM. In SM2 he had two Wins.

Dylan Murcott had 5<sup>th</sup> in Pro IT & finished 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in SM.

BK Karl had a 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> in SM2.

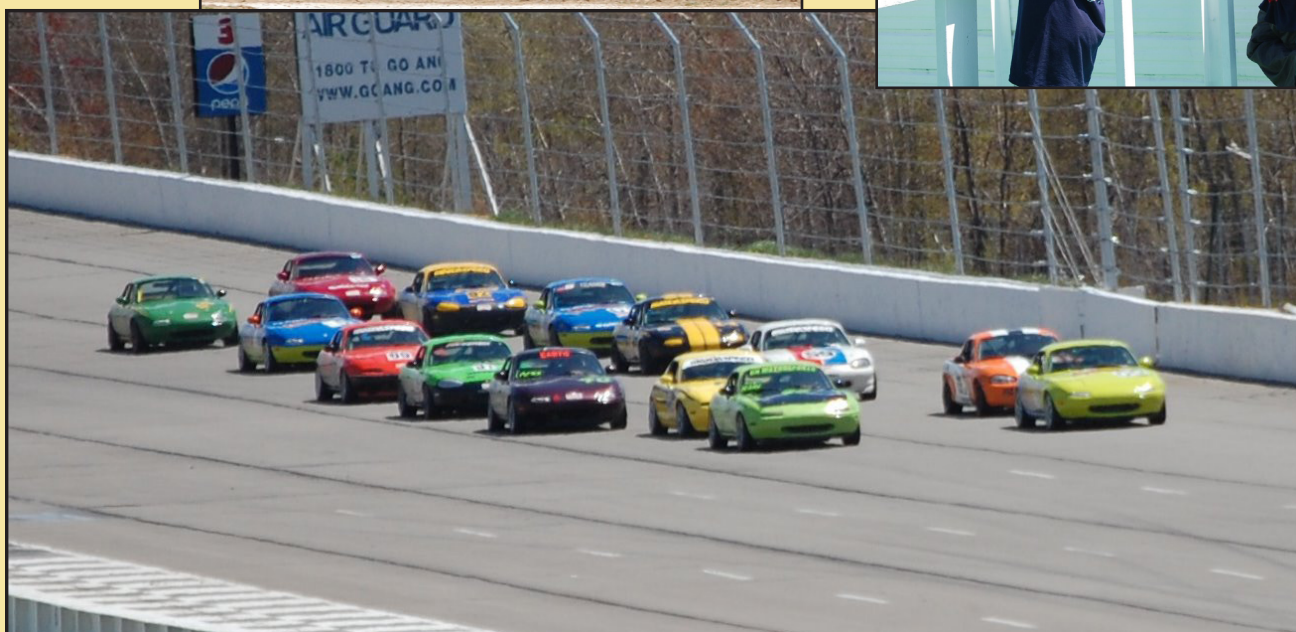
I managed to beat the other guy in the first race and he broke in the wet (British Car) so I ran unopposed for the last two races but I had fun with a Mini and a Fiesta.

**Pete Smith** - My Crew Chief for the weekend was Pete Smith; Pete declined several invitations for a ride citing this 12 Hour race the previous weekend. He and the Subway SSM Miata took the 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy home.

**SM2 Miata Class** - The rules for SM2 are very simple, the car has to be prepared to SM specs and must be a 1997 or later. The car is still legal for SM and if you wish you can "Double Dip". NER and MoHud are offering discounts for "Double Dippers", so check the Supps and think about running in two classes.



*Evan and Cassidy Karl played a big role in helping their dad, Bob Karl Jr., get the great finishes he had over the race weekend.*



# SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

June 2011 Solo Report

Well the Solo season has started and we have had 2 points events and 2 test & tunes since my last report. The first event at the OGS lot contained a test & tune / school on Saturday followed by a point's event on Sunday. Both days had about 30–35 entrants with a few new faces on both days. They seemed to have a good time and learned a lot about how to drive the course and their vehicles. Everyone had the opportunity to take 8 runs. The event did not go without a problem. A competitor's car lost a wheel going into the final turn. While the outcome could have been worse, it turned out fairly well in the end. The wheel missed a couple of cars parked in the paddock and there were no spectators in that area. When all was said and done, no one got hurt and damage was limited to the vehicle. At the end of the event, Eric Smith piloted his recently caged Evo around the course the fastest with a time of 28.849. Eric was closely followed by Will Schambach in his CSP Miata with 28.884 and with the Pax adjustment, his adjusted time was the fastest.

Jim Garry held a test & tune out at Seneca Army Depot on May 7<sup>th</sup>. 16 participants had all of the runs that they could handle.

Our second point's event was moved to Saturday to avoid a conflict with the Saratoga Auto Museum also had an attendance in the 30's. Like the first event, this one also had 8 runs apiece. Eric Smith once again showed he could get it done and set the fastest time of the event. His time was a 30.528. I was close behind with 30.799. With the Pax adjustment, my time came out on top. It was good the event was changed to Saturday since Sunday was a very wet day. Saturday was a dry day up until the van was almost done being loaded. Now don't get me wrong, I love the challenge of driving on a wet course. It is just miserable being wet all day.

I have been in contact with Wilton Mall and they have told me a contract will be coming for the June 26<sup>th</sup> event. They have upped the rent for the lot usage and we will evaluate whether we will be able to continue using the site. Please keep an eye on the web site or message board for updates.

## **Upcoming events:**

*June 26 Event 3 Wilton Mall*

**July 9-10** Fortitech Test and Tune / School Saturday Event 4 Sunday

**July 30-31** NE Divisional. Seneca Army Depot

**August 7** OGS McCarty Ave lot Event 5

**September 10** Adirondack Corvette Club Charity event. Prospect Mountain

**September 18** Street Survival at Fortitech

**September 19** Fortitech Event 6

*October 9 Event 7 TBD*

The *italicized dates have not been confirmed.* The regular font dates have been set.

**Continued**

## Other dates to consider:

**July 2** Club Race at Lime Rock Park

**October 22** PDX at Lime Rock Park

**November 4-6** Mini Con at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga

**December 3** Annual Awards Banquet at the Troy Elks Club

## Spring Solo Event!

*RE Russ Burckhard gives encouragement to his better half before her turn on the Solo course at the McCarty Ave. lot.*



*DJ McArdle waits for the go-ahead for his spin on the course.*



# **Go Kart Night**

## **Aug 3rd 6:30 PM**

### **Fun-plex Park**

### **East Greenbush**

Price should be around \$2 per ride  
*Thanks Dick!*

## **8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

Burden Lake Country Club

**Aug 18th**  
*Be there @ 2pm*

\$33 per person includes  
golf cart, food and awards (really?)

*Thanks Dick again!*



FYI: Divots won't be counted!  
A divot is the scar left behind when turf is  
"dug up" by a golf club.





# **DUCK TOUR**

## **Albany Aqua Ducks & Trolleys**

### **July 21st**

**\$38 adult – \$23 kids**

**Includes the same menu as 2008 outing:  
Salad, Wings, Pizza, Soda.**  
*Cash bar for alcoholic beverages.*  
**There will be no entertainment.**

We have ONE Duck reserved  
at this time which holds 42 people.

**If you plan on attending, please let me know ASAP**

*If we have more people we can reserve another Duck,  
but we can't wait until the last minute to do so.*

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Please call Pete Smith at 518-587-9755  
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**If you have PayPal, send it to my email address &  
make a note regarding who & how many are coming.**

# Minutes – April 25, 2011 Board Meeting

**Secretary** – no report

**Membership/Web** – Dave Wachtel reported the following:

- ⤴ One new individual had joined in March, interest is Solo.
- ⤴ Member anniversaries were provided with milestones reached.
- ⤴ Region presently has 322 members, not counting nine individuals that have not yet renewed but are expected to do so.
- ⤴ Rich Welty has not yet re-joined. He will need to do so shortly; he is scheduled to be Chief Tech at the upcoming regional Lime Rock Park race.
- ⤴ Website has been updated – both the Solo race schedule and the Knock Off have been posted. Russ advised that Dave will be resigning his position as Membership Chair/Webmaster. Zeke Wright will be the new Webmaster and Will Schambach will take over as Membership Chair. Dave will work with both Zeke and Will on transition. A new web host site will be researched. The board will look into the possibility of permitting activity chairs (e.g., Solo, PDX, etc.) to update the website directly.

**Knock Off** – addendum was published after the KO was posted. The editor is continuing to get about 25 email bouncebacks/month. Lisa will forward the bounced email addresses to Jack Hanifan and Jim Bucci, who will research.

**Treasurer** – Chip gave a brief report on the previous month's expenditures and revenues.

**Solo/Rally** – Russ provided the following information update:

- ⤴ All Solo sites have been contacted.
- ⤴ Wilton has a new property manager, who has not yet gotten back to the Region with an approval to use the site
- ⤴ Five new rental helmets have been purchased.
- ⤴ Six rulebooks have been ordered for Solo staff.
- ⤴ Waivers – both regular and minor – have been ordered.
- ⤴ Two boxes of cones have been ordered.
- ⤴ May 15<sup>th</sup> OGS Solo date has been changed to May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ⤴ Jim Bishop will not be able to be Rally Chair for at least another 12 months. A replacement has not yet been designated.

**PDX** – will be held on October 23. This may conflict with the Glen Fun One regional.

**Activities** – the Region will be doing both the Golf and Go Kart outings this year. The Region will also look into doing an evening event with the Albany Aqua Ducks.

**Competition** – the upcoming Pocono/NJ Region race needs help with volunteers. Jack asked that any MoHud members planning on attending should consider going up early to help out.

The following was discussed on the upcoming MoHud Lime Rock Park Regional race:

- ⤴ entry fee will be \$270. T-shirts will be provided to all participants. We will need approximately 161 cars to break even.
- ⤴ \$25 “appearance” money will not be offered this year.
- ⤴ Hoosier Tire Raffle – will be researched.
- ⤴ Formula Vee Fest will be held at the LRP Regional.
- ⤴ Race lengths will be 18 laps or 20 minutes.
- ⤴ Race Chair – proposed will be either Todd or Gene.

- ⤴ Race registration will be handled through Motorsportreg. A few decisions need to be made before registration can be completed including cancellation policy and confirmation notice.

**Old Business** – Mini Convention will be at the Saratoga Holiday Inn. Lodging is \$99/night, meeting room rental is \$150/day, two rooms @ \$300. Evening activities will be at the Saratoga Museum. Cost is \$1250 to rent the facility. Holiday Inn can cater the evening event. Region needs to decide the style of dinner – buffet, sit down.

**Street Survival** – Russ reported that the event is tentatively scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fortitech site. SCCA recently provided Russ with event information. We will be pooling personnel resources with the BMW CCA Patroon Chapter.

Jim Bucci brought up discussion about the Region's soundmeter. The meter's certification has expired – it was last certified in 1997. It will cost approximately \$200 to have the unit re-calibrated and certified. Dick Stewart made a motion to not pursue calibration/certification of the meter at this time. The motion was unanimously approved.

## MoHud Membership Meeting Minutes – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

**Secretary** – corrections to the previous meeting's minutes were made:

- ⤴ The Region's upcoming Lime Rock Park race will be a regional race, not a "rational" as reported in last month's minutes.
- ⤴ The date for the Street Survival is September 17<sup>th</sup>, not the 18<sup>th</sup> that was in last month's minutes. No other changes were requested, and the minutes were approved by the membership.

**Membership** – Dave Wachtel reported on current membership numbers, as well as reporting that two new individual's had recently joined, one whose interest is club racing and the other is solo. Dave will be vacating the post of Membership/Web Chair. Zeke Wright will take over the web activities; Will Schambach will take over the membership activities. Zeke will be looking for membership help in keeping the schedule of activities updated on the website. Will intends to focus on new member outreach. Dave will assist with transition.

**Knock Off** – Both the Knock Off and addendum were recently posted to the website and emailed to the membership. Jack Hanifan and Jim Bucci have researched the bounced emails that Lisa had been receiving and have been able to clean up most of the list.

**Solo** – Russ reported that the race schedule for the upcoming year is set, except for Wilton. The new property manager for the Wilton mall has not yet gotten back to our request for using the site. The following items have been recently purchased:

- ⤴ new loaner helmets
- ⤴ 40 new cones
- ⤴ new rulebooks and waivers
- ⤴ new radios.

Russ also reported on the past weekend's Solo event at the OGS site. Saturday had a test/tune day, and Sunday was a Solo race. The events were successful - both days had approximately 35 participants. Competitors provided positive feedback. There were approximately 10-12 new drivers on Saturday, eight of those returned on Sunday. There were three minor incidents reported over the weekend: one competitor popped out their shoulder, one competitor lost a wheel (there was no

damage to any other vehicles or individuals from the lost wheel), and a third competitor sustained a very minor cut on their hand while working on their car.

**Treasurer** – Chip provided a report on the Region’s last month’s revenues and expenditures.

**PDX** – DJ reported that the event will be posted on Motorsportreg.com shortly.

**Activities** – Pete Smith and Dick Stewart reported the following activities:

- ⤴ Go Kart evening is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ⤴ Golf date is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Burden Lake Country Club, tee off at 2:00 pm. All are welcome.
- ⤴ Save the date Thursday, July 21 for an Albany Aqua Duck tour.

**Competition** – Jack Hanifan reported the following:

- ⤴ Tech Party had about 15 cars.
- ⤴ The Pocono race is this upcoming weekend. The NJ Region is looking for volunteer help with set-up. Mo Hud will be assisting them on Friday. Members planning on competing were asked to come early on Friday and assist.
- ⤴ GCR is now available online. It is also available on iPhones.
- ⤴ The MoHud Lime Rock Park race will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Supps are being drafted. Entry fees will be \$270, and \$200 for a “double dip”.

**Old Business** – Mini Convention will be at the Saratoga Holiday Inn (\$99/night room rate), with the presentations held at the Saratoga Museum. MoHud will be sending the SCCA Foundation a \$325 donation. The Foundation is the charity arm of the SCCA. They actively promote/support the Street Survival program. MoHud is scheduled is put on a Street Survival event on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fortitech site.

**New Business** – none reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

## FOR SALE

If anyone knows of someone looking for a real nice Spec Miata (front runner every race), I have decided to sell the Lime Green 08. Please either send me the info or pass on my number. Thanks in advance for any leads.

Bob Karl Jr.  
518-857-7504

