

MoHud member on the podium at SCCA National Runoffs!



Car owner Tom Campbell is all smiles on the podium with his brother Charlie, who drove to a 3rd place finish in Tom's car in FP at the national runoffs at Road America.



Charlie Campbell, far right, stands with the other two FP finishers in FP.

Save the Date!
December 3, 2011

Look for information on page 3.

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ANNUAL YEAR-END MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET



Saturday, December 3rd

Troy Elks Club

134 North Greenbush Rd. (Rt. 4), Troy, NY
(Just south of HVCC)

6:30pm cocktails – cash bar
7:30pm dinner

\$20 adults, choice of:

Stuffed Chicken or Prime Rib

Vegetarian meal (chef's choice) available upon request

No charge for children's meal (age 8 & under)

Dessert and coffee

Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 18th

Mail your check (payable to: **MoHud SCCA**) and a note including number of attendees and meal choice(s) to:

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RE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

November 2011 RE Report

Last month I went to the Patroon BMW monthly meeting to give a recap of the Street Survival event that we held in conjunction with them in September. They were happy to hear of the stories of success that had happened to some of the students parents had told us via email. They are also excited that we want to work with them again next year with our future events.

The Mohud PDX was held at Lime Rock on October 22nd. DJ McArdle put on a great event. The day was beautiful. It was mostly sunny with highs in the 60's. He picked all of the right people for all the right positions and the event went very smoothly. The only hiccups of the day were two cars spinning. Fortunately these were two separate incidents and there was no damage. The event had many positive comments. The only negative that I heard was the cost. Unless we can get Lime Rock to lower the price of the track rental, there is nothing we can do about it. Early estimates are that the event had a slight income. Not enough to be able to offer a lower entry price though. A couple of cancelations would have had the event losing money.

The Northeast Divisional Mini Con will be upon us on November 4th through the 6th at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga. Please give some thought about attending this event. I am sure we will need some help with this event. Please contact Jack Hanifan or myself for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

December 3 Annual Awards Banquet at the Troy Elks Club



PDX event held at Lime Rock this past Sat. Oct. 22.



SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

November 2011 Solo Report

Our final event was held at Wilton Mall. 50 drivers competed on an unseasonably warm day. Bert built another nice course that made the most out of the small lot. Eric Smoole was the fastest of the event in a Formula SAE car. Bruce Kosakoski was the fastest on the Pax adjusted list. The mall events still seem to be our biggest draw. We get a lot of exposure with these events with all of the shoppers in the area.

We had a special guest at the Wilton Mall event. I talked my wife into bring our week old daughter, Lindsey, to the event. This is the first of many events that I hope to see my daughter at. My two boys have been coming to the events for a while. It is nice to have your family with you while you are doing something that you love. We have purchased a go-cart for our oldest this year, so look for the next generation of Burckhard to be participating at our local Solo events next year.

The Awards banquet will be on us soon. Make your plans to attend. The Troy Elks Club is the venue and the 3rd of December is the date. Come out to see who will be winning the trophies for 2011. If you have anyone you would like to nominate for a trophy, please let me or anyone on the Solo Advisory Committee know.

For those that have attended the Solo events this year, I would love to get some feedback about how the year went. Please drop me an email or call me with any comments. Any feedback will be confidential as to who wrote it and can only make our program stronger. We will be having a Solo Advisory Committee meeting soon to go over this year's trophy winners and potential schedule planning. I will pass this feedback on to the SAC members and apply it to next year's season.

Thanks to everyone that helped to make this another great season.

Russ

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COMPETITION REPORT

Jack Hanifan

November 2011 Competition Report

National Racing-The 2011 season is finished and it was a very successful season for some of our drivers. One in particular had a memorable year. Jeff Lehner was the Divisional Champion in SRF and Charlie Campbell was the Divisional Champion in FP, Charlie also finished 2nd in SM. Charlie was the only MoHud driver to participate at the Runoffs. Charlie drove his car in SM and his brother Toms car in FP. Charlie drove an excellent race to finish on the podium in 3rd place in FP and another great race to finish 16th in SM. As the photos show Tom had a bigger smile than Charlie.

Regional Racing-In the NARRC Championship Tom Hansen, Dylan Murcott, BK Karl, Bob Karl jr., Doug Garrison and myself all did well. The final NYSRRC results are not yet posted but as of today the leaders as of press time were: Jon Waterhouse HP, Brian Blizzard ITA, Tom Hansen ITE. David, Ken and Alan Lendrum in SM. SM2 is led by Alan Lendrum with BK Karl and Bob jr also in the top five. TJ Hanifan leads SSM with Pete Smith close behind. John Kuitward leads STU with young John Sheridan in third and I lead FP.

The Fun One had many MoHud winners but probably the most significant was the One, two, three finish of David, Ken and Alan Lendrum, although this means that impound is a pretty empty place.

Year End Awards- At the MoHud Annual Meeting and Banquet on December 3rd, we will be presenting our drivers with awards. We normally recognize The Driver of the Year, The Rookie of the Year, Most Improved and other awards which are proposed. We also honor the recipient of the Dave Riggi Memorial Mechanic award. It is important that we receive nominations for these awards, if you would like to nominate someone please contact me asap.

Regional Club Racing Championship- It's that time of year again; we will be presenting T-shirts to every driver who enters. The rules are: you can count any 5 SCCA races: they can be Nationals, Regionals, Pro or endures. Mohawk Hudson Races count double. Points are awarded as follows: 1st-20, 2nd-15, 3rd-12, 4th-10, 5th-8, 6th-6, 7th-4, 8th-2 and 9th and higher-1. In addition you receive one point for every car in your class that you beat. Your best 5 races should be totaled. If you worked the MoHud race you may pick another race for your double points. Remember you could conceivably finish 2nd in a race and receive more points for that race than a 1st if the field was larger. The races have to have been run in 2011 and you have until November 15th to submit your points to me at JackHanifan@hotmail.com don't forget to include your shirt/jacket size.

NEW ARRIVALS!



Newborn Lindsey Burckhard makes an appearance at her first solo event.



Marie McClumpha holds her new granddaughter Marielle.

Marielle Davie Idland

October 8, 2011

2:42 p.m.

7 pounds, 12 ounces

21 inches long



RE Russ Burckhard with his baby daughter

Lindsey Victoria Burckhard

5 pounds 2 ounces

18 inches long

Born 10/2/11

These recent arrivals give MoHud another reason to celebrate; potential new members a few years down the road.

2011 Lincoln Solo Nationals – A Great Vacation

by Arn Beebe CP-50

OK, so we did this trip last year without a GPS, but without a major problem. So now we know what to do, how to do it, and what not to do. A piece of cake – right? Wrong!

I spent the days leading up to the big event getting everything ready to rock and roll and loaded up the F150 with everything that might be needed and take nothing that would take up valuable space and never be needed (based on last year's experience).

I hit my shop before 8:00am Thursday morning 9/29/11, the day we decided to start the journey, after my lovely wife Diane got out of work. I hooked up the trailer, and then started up my 89 Mustang engine to load the car on the trailer. Just the sound of this engine always makes me smile. I checked my "To Do" list on the shop wall and tried to decide what I was forgetting – "it's always something" (Thank you Gilda Radner) - so I checked my list twice. I got back to the house early and put the last of the luggage in the truck. We headed west on the NYS Thruway, with great excitement, and about 4 hours later, got off at Exit 46, Victor NY, where there is a Hampton Inn right off the exit. There is also a TGI Friday's right next to the hotel, and we had a great dinner there.

Dark and early Friday morning, we set out west on basically flat terrain. I have figured out how to get better mileage after all these miles of towing. We ate our picnic lunch in a truck stop and continued heading west to Chicago. Everything was going well until we failed to see the miniature sign just inside the Chicago city limits that says I-80 truck detour (we weren't the only ones!) and we blithely followed I-90 into the heart of Chicago in rush hour traffic!!! We were stuck in the biggest parking lot I have ever seen labeled a highway. Hours later, after we literally fought our way through traffic north, we managed to get onto a toll road, I-88. This is a very interesting, super fast toll road, where you pay \$6.00 about every 50 miles, (I wish I had gotten an easy pass before the trip) never see a trooper, and go really fast from Chicago to Iowa. I'm running at 75 mph and getting passed by everyone else like I'm standing still! We pulled into the Davenport, Iowa Residence Inn just before the sun had truly set and got a fantastic dinner just up the road at the Thunder Bay Grille, where you can park a truck and trailer with ease. We found this place last year, as Diane keeps good notes.

Saturday morning, we're up at O dark thirty again, (gas is cheap here!) and head west on I-80. After another of Diane's great picnic lunches at a rest area with nice trees, picnic tables, and a great view of many giant windmills, we hit the Lincoln, NE exit 409 just before 3:00pm. An hour later, after having crossed the city from North to South and back several times, we realized that our old GPS would not accept the address for the fairly new Lincoln Residence Inn. We finally check in at about 4:00pm and head back north to the Lincoln airport to get our rental car. From the airport, we can see the edge of the Solo universe across the ocean of cement. We headed over to the site, and that's when the real fun began!

To be continued next month....

An appreciation: Donna Deans Fisher 1943 – 2011



From the late 1960s through the mid 1970s Donna Deans Fisher was one of Mohawk-Hudson Region's most enthusiastic autocross competitors.

She arrived in the sport in a rather unusual way. There were a fair number of women who participated in local events (rallyes and gymkhanas – what we now call autocross or solo) but they were usually spouses or the occasional girlfriend. Reflecting the new spirit of liberated women, Donna showed up all on her own with her family's Mercury Cougar, a

bright smile reflecting her sunny disposition. With agility and balance honed from downhill skiing she adapted readily to the cadence of accelerating, braking and turning through the sea of brightly-colored cones. It wasn't long before the Cougar was replaced by a Porsche 914, and her brother John was enticed to join the fun.

Donna energized the social side of the sport too, orchestrating fondue and Mateus dinner parties into not-to-be-missed occasions. Along the way she captured the heart of another MoHud stalwart, Lloyd "Sandy" Fisher. Together they became a dynamic duo.

At that time there were autocross events nearly every weekend from March through November. Whether it was a Mohawk-Hudson or Empire Motor Sports Club event in Albany, BMSC (Berkshire Motor Sports Club) around Pittsfield, or AMEC's high-speed run at Albany-Saratoga Speedway you could usually count on the three Camaros, Sandy, Donna, and Donna's brother John, rumbling onto the scene. At the peak of her involvement you'd often find Donna forsaking the women's category to compete on an even basis with the men; it wasn't uncommon for the V8 "pony car" class to have upwards of a dozen entries, and more often than not Donna would end her day carrying a trophy home.

Her dedication went beyond the exhilaration of being behind the wheel. In a quiet and efficient way Donna pitched in behind the scenes. In those long-ago days before computers you'd often find her hand-tabulating results and inscribing times on long pieces of poster board. She regularly took her turn as event chairman as well as a term as the region's secretary.

As life moved on Donna's adventurous spirit turned to travel, exploring locales as far flung as Costa Rica and Kenya. Even as her autocrossing days grew distant she always spoke fondly of them, holding cherished memories of the camaraderie as well as the competition.

In those Age of Aquarius days Donna also filled the role of unofficial "den mother" over a motley collection of automotive treasures, and the equally motley collection of personalities trying to keep them mobile. Her humanity and generosity of spirit went a long way towards smoothing over a lot of rough edges, in ways that extended far beyond the realm of roaring engines and spinning tires. That may have been her greatest triumph of all. Godspeed, dear friend.

(written by greg rickes)



Board Meeting – October 3, 2011

Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm.

Awards Banquet – Banquet will be held December 3, 2011 at the Troy Elks Club. Menu needs to be finalized. Cocktails will be at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:30 pm.

Mini Con – registration will be done by email instead of using MotosportReg.com. We have received donations for both the NJ and Finger Lakes Regions to help offset event costs. Approximately 36 drivers will be given awards at the Mini Con. Jack will provide a list of drivers to Jim, who will extend invitations.

Election of Officers for 2012 – a nominating committee will need to be convened.

Street Survival – Will has agreed to be the point person for next year's Street Survival.

Rally – a Rally Chairperson needs to be appointed to take the place of Jim Bishop. Dick Stewart agreed to solicit Mo Hud members (and other Region's members) who may be interested in taking over this position.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Membership Meeting Minutes – October 5th, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

Secretary – minutes from previous month's meeting accepted.

Web – Eric reported that new web site is still being worked on.

Membership – Will gave a summary of new members and their general interests.

Knock Off – email addresses for members are being confirmed.

Treasurer – Chip reported on last month's expenditures and revenues.

Solo – there were 53 entries for the Fortitech Solo event in September. The day before the Solo event, the Region conducted a Street Survival for new drivers. There were 22 students and approximately 24 Instructors. There was a lot of volunteer help from both MoHud as well as BMW CCA Patroon Chapter as well as Auto Solutions who donated the use of a tractor trailer for the school. Bill Wade, the Street Survival national director, attended and did the classroom instruction. He indicated that the Mo Hud school was one of the best first time schools he has ever attended (of over 80 he's attended). The local Glenville paper did cover the event. BMW CCA provided the food (lunch) for the event. The National Guard provided a pumper and staff to keep the skidpad surface wet. The Region received two emails from parents after the school, saying the skills their children had learned helped them avoid accidents in the week following the school.

A motion was made to split half the profits from the Street Survival with BMW CCA and half of the MoHud profits be donated to the SCCA Street Survival Foundation (which provides support to SCCA regions putting on a Street Survival school).

Motion was tabled for further discussion by the Board, who will report back next month with a recommendation. A lot of the parents attending the event with their children expressed an interest in being able to attend a similar type of school for themselves. This will be considered when next year's Solo program is scheduled.

Rally – no report.

PDX – event is scheduled for October 22. Additional Instructors are needed.

Activities – Winter Go Kart event – the Region will explore putting on a “race” series for the upcoming winter season.

Competition – Jack Hanifan provided a summary of MoHud finishes in recent national races as well as the recent Watkins Glen “Fun One”.

Old Business – Mini Con will be Nov 4 – 6th. Jack Hanifan asked if members would remain after the general membership meeting to discuss volunteer needs for the event. Holiday banquet will be Saturday, December 3rd, at the Troy Elks. More info will be posted in the next KO and posted on the website.

New Business – officer slate for next year needs to be finalized. Dick agreed to help with the nominating committee. Chip stated that he will not be running for Treasurer next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



PDX event at Lime Rock in Paddock

PDX Event at Lime Rock Park





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Saratoga Springs, NY Last weekend's weather was less than perfect but it did not inhibit the opening of the Saratoga Automobile Museum's highly anticipated "Porsche: 60 Years of Speed and Style in North America" exhibit, with the museum's largest opening night crowd ever turning out.

Saturday's Adirondack Tour also attracted a record crowd, with that evening's Drive for Excellence a superb event, as always. Rain slowed the start of Sunday's Oktoberfest Lawn Show but by early afternoon it cleared and both exhibitors and visitors declared the day a success.

Hemmings editor Jim Donnelly had great things to say about the exhibit opening, with his comments available online at:
<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2011/10/04/porsche-drivers-on-hand-for-saratoga-auto-museums-new-exhibit/?refer=news>

And while the attention grabbing 918RSR has moved on to the Rennsport Reunion IV in Laguna Seca, SAM thanks PCNA and everyone who made its brief but much appreciated appearance possible. Taking its place in the exhibit is the 918 Spider's predecessor, a beautiful 2005 Carrera GT (Type 980), which can be researched at the following link:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porsche_Carrera_GT

More cars will be added in the future, so don't miss any part of the Porsche exhibit at SAM. Multiple visits are definitely in order. For more information on the exhibit please call us at (518)-587-1935 or visit us online at www.saratogaautomuseum.org



HALLOWEEN CAR SHOW | OCTOBER 29 - 10-2

Halloween Party and Car Show Saratoga Automobile Museum

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