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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

June 2013 RE Report

Mohud is having a PDX on July 12th at LimeRock Park. This is the same weekend as the Club race. Time will be split between the Club Racing qualifying sessions and the different PDX groups. Keep a look out on <http://www.motorsportreg.com> to register or for more info, contact DJ McArdle at d510@nycap.rr.com .

Mohawk-Hudson Region had a display at the Saratoga Automobile Museum's Spring Invitational and Auto Show, Saturday May 18th. We asked for some cars to put in front of the SAM and we were given what we asked for. The midget and dirt cars that normally show had another commitment and we were asked to fill the whole lot. Thanks to all that gave up a beautiful Saturday and brought their cars, we did fill it up. It was a good mix of Solo, PDX, Road Rally, and Club Racers. We use this opportunity to do some outreach to the public and answer questions about the SCCA, Mohud, and how to participate in our activities. The SAM gave us free tickets to visit the Auto Show portion and the museum.

Mike Roselli is a student from SUNY Albany. For the last couple of months, he has attended a few of our events. These included a couple of membership meetings, a tech party, and an autocross. With video cameras in hand, he took many hours of footage from these events. He also interviewed some of our members to get an idea of the different areas of the club. When he was all done getting footage, he moved on to edit the massive amount of footage. When he was done, he had this http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G6RHo_UfmA . I would encourage everyone to watch this and share it with your family and friends. Mike did a great job and I am proud to have been a part of it. If you have any comments for Mike, please let me know and I will pass them on to him.

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SOLO REPORT

Russ Burckhard

June 2013 Solo Report

What a long month with no events. I had so much fun at the last event that it seems that it is taking so much longer for the next event. On the bright side of the time off, we were able to get a new laptop. Eric brought it to the car show at the museum to try out and we found that the usb to serial cable did not have a driver in the Windows 7 software. Eric Smith took it home to resolve it and with any luck we will not be inputting times by hand for the next event. He was able to get the Axware software to work, so that is a step in the right direction.

Upcoming events:

- 6/2 – Event 2 Fortitech
- 6/15 – TRSS at SPAC
- 6/23 – Event 3 McCarty Ave
- 7/27 – Solo School Fortitech
- 7/28 – Event 4 Fortitech
- 8/17 – TRSS Fortitech
- 8/18 – Event 5 Fortitech
- 9/7 – Adirondack Corvette Club event at Prospect Mountain.
- 9/22 – Event 6 Fortitech
- 10/13 – Event 7 McCarty Ave

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

June 2013 Competition Report

New Track at Pocono-Northern New Jersey Region held the Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund Freedom Races were held at Pocono Raceway May 11, 12, 2013. The results are not online yet, but the entries were down around 80 cars. Pete Smith, Demetrius Mossaidis and I were the only MoHud drivers I saw there. Pete and I found a nice paddock spot near the Grid and next to Smarty and his Hoosier truck.

The new Track is great; it is the same configuration that we ran about 10 years ago. Clockwise you pass Start/Finish and turn right into the infield, sweeping right hander, hard left turn, right hander, left hander and a right at Devils Elbow on to the NASCAR Oval, tunnel turn and straight to where the chicane used to be, then a right turn into the infield trough some esses and over a blind hill, hard left turn and then a right onto NASCAR straight back to Start/Finish. The big change is that all the infield turns have FIA curbing and plenty of runoff. The format was two sanction numbers and 3 Races, Pete and I were 2 thirds of the F Production field, the other F Prod car was Bob Spreen in his Spridget. Qualifying was in the rain I got the F prod pole but Pete only did two laps. The Saturday race was in the rain and Pete flew by me on the start I managed to keep up with him in the rain and we lapped Bob who was spitting and skipping as we passed him. After the race we discovered he only had 20 % compression in number 4 cylinder. Pete had the fastest lap and since it was a new track he set the F Production Lap Record. Sunday's races were in the dry, Pete won again and set another lap record, I finished 2nd out of two. When we tried to leave impound, Pete's car would not start, we could hear the starter but that was all. Investigation revealed that his ring gear had separated from the fly wheel. Since I was the last man standing, I breezed to victory in the 2nd Sunday race. I do not know how Demetrius finished but I know he qualified well.

Saratoga Auto Museum Car Show- Thanks to the driver's who brought their race cars to the car show at SAM, I know it can be difficult during the season to bring a car to the show, so special thanks to Anthony Kalkandis-ITE Porsche 944 , Doug Kelley T1 Corvette, Jared Lendrum T4 BRZ and the Hanifan Motorsports Miata. Pete Smith and Ron Bass were also there but their cars were being put back together. The Solo guys brought several cars including Eric Smiths car, Bruce's BMW, the RPI Formula SAE car and Russ's Fiesta. Eleanor Morris brought her Fiero and Jess Lendrum brought her WRX. The MoHud van was also there. Karl Daniel had his Jaguar on the lawn and Glenda & Gene Tricozzi's immaculate TR3 was in the Invitational section near the reflecting pool. Brian Hannaburg and George Kline drove a Bristol AC and another car that escapes my memory down from the Turner collection. I hope I did not miss anybody.

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Mo-Hud Membership Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

SECRETARY – minutes were not published in last month's Knock Off (Trish had sent them in but they were misplaced and did not make it into the KO).

MEMBERSHIP – Will provided an update of member anniversaries. There are presently 344 members – a loss of 14 members from the previous month (mostly Tire Rack Street Survival memberships).

KNOCK OFF – last month's edition has been published and is on the MoHud website.

TREASURER – Todd provided a summary of last month's expenses and income.

SOLO - Test and Tune recently was held Saturday April 20 at the McCarty lot. Over 30 individuals attended, including about a dozen brand new attendees. Sunday's April 21 autocross was well attended with 42 entries. Upcoming Solo events include: June 2nd Fortitech, June 23 McCarty, Solo School on July 27th at Fortitech, August 17th Street Survival at Fortitech, and a tentatively scheduled adult Street Survival for September 21 with a Solo event on September 22, both at Fortitech. Tricia and Jim will be event chairs for the August Street Survival.

RALLY – Tricia is planning on scheduling a fall Rally.

PDX – will be scheduled on the Friday of the Mo Hud Regional Race.

ACTIVITIES – golf and go-kart scheduled for August. Pete will see if there's in interest in scheduling a Hudson River cruise/dinner for later this year.

COMPETITION – Tech Party was very successful. The Double Regional at New Hampshire was poorly attended – weather (cold, windy), and the recent events at the Boston Marathon may have been a factor. The race had only 66 entries. The new Pocono road course on the infield looks to be very good. Memorial Day – Regional races are on the calendar for both New Hampshire and Watkins Glen.

OLD BUSINESS – Jack Hanifan has contacted Guptills to see if there's a possibility of Mo Hud purchasing a booth at their car club events/shows – the Capital District Cruisers. The price is very reasonable - \$30 for one date, or \$100 for the season. Events are held the second Monday of each month starting in June. We will need volunteers to staff the booths. Motion made and accepted to purchase a booth for the season. Saturday, May 18th, Mo Hud will be participating in a car show at the Saratoga Auto Museum. Eric requested members contact him if they want to bring their car up to the event. Todd Boice is the Race Chairman for the Mo Hud Regional.

NEW BUSINESS – June 15 – BMW CCA Patroon Chapter is working with the Saratoga Museum to hold a Street Survival. An event chair is needed for this event. Interested parties should contact Kevin Belden. Bob Karl asked if the Club would be interested in sponsoring a race class in the Adirondack Go Kart Association for the upcoming season. Cost to the region is \$450. Decision was pended for a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

DUTCH APPLE DINNER CRUISE



Tuesday, September 10th

Arrival 5:30 PM Departs at 6 PM

**Minimum of 35 people
MUST be signed up by JUNE 30th**

Cost: \$42 per person

(same as last year)

Includes:

Dinner Buffet #1 *minimum of 35 people

Caesar Salad

Chicken Cacciatore with mushrooms, pepper and onions

Sliced Pork Loin with a wild mushroom and sundried tomato cream sauce

Penne with tomato sauce

Sautéed Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Desserts and Coffee Station

*A note from Pete Smith:
As most of you know, our Dinner Cruise was cancelled last year due to severe storm warnings, so we're going to try again. We need a minimum of 35 people for the cruise and I'll need your commitments by June 30th at the latest. So, please call me or email asap if you are planning on going. Bring your friends, your family, or even people you don't like very much!*

We have the date reserved but the Dutch Apple needs to know how many of us there will be. After they get our number of people, they will open it up to others.

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Please join us at one of the many events taking place Memorial Day Weekend as we honor those who gave their all in service to our country. (Did you know that Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day?)

The Upcoming Events Calendar displays events within 500 miles (250 for Solo) of the zip code associated with your membership record. This issue includes events through June 12, 2013

Due to the large number of scheduled events across the country, it is possible that this email only contains a fraction of the events in your area in the upcoming weeks.

For a complete listing of SCCA events, please click here: www.scca.com/events or check your local Region's and Division's websites for more details.

Don't miss a single minute of the action!

Date Type Event Name or Location

5/25	CR	May Madness
5/25	S	Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Solo
5/26	S	Northern New Jersey Regional Solo
5/30	CR	Jersey Devil National-US Majors Showcase
5/31	CR	BFGoodrich Tires Mid-Ohio Super Tour/Double Majors
6/1	S	Northern New Jersey Regional Solo
6/1	S	Susquehanna Regional Solo
6/2	S	New England Regional Solo
6/8	CR	MARRS 5 & Carolina Cup Pro Series

Type: CR=Club Racing, S=Solo, RX=RallyCross, RR=Road Rally



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SCCA Majors Showing Significant Increases In Participation

TOPEKA, Kan. (May 16, 2013) – When Sports Car Club of America launched the U.S. Majors Tour last September, one of the primary goals was to cluster competition amongst the best racers in the SafeRacer National Series. Through the first eight Majors races of 2013, that target has been reached, with car counts up nearly 19 percent from 2012.

Comparing the 2013 Majors Tour races to the equivalent National Races a season ago, four of the early season races – Auto Club Speedway, Road Atlanta, VIRginia International Raceway, and Summit Point –individually increased more than 20 percent. The early May race at Summit Point led the way with an increase of 28.24 percent average attendance per day, well above the 18.96% jump across the board.



Those numbers ignore the March debut at Circuit of the Americas, which hosted a season-high 936 entries during both days of the doubleheader.

“This is a transition year for the U.S. Majors Tour and the entire Club Racing program, but we have been very pleased with the increased car counts thus far,” SCCA President & CEO Jeff Dahnert said. “All of the events thus far have seen an increase from 2012, with all but one increasing more than 16 percent.

“With any new program, there will be some trepidation, and we appreciate the trust instilled in us by our Regions and their partnership in these events. As we work through the remainder of this season and look to 2014, we are excited to focus on enhancing the experience for our participants and growing the Conference Championships to new levels.”

The data includes the opening eight events on the 19-event schedule. Each of the remaining events, with the exception of the WeatherTech June Sprints at Road America, are doubleheaders. The June Sprints offers a bonus race for half of the run groups on the weekend.

The U.S. Majors Tour is divided into four geographic conferences to give SCCA Club Racers a championship experience without cross-country travel. Each of the four Conferences – Eastern, Northern, Mid-States and Western – will crown a champion in all 28 Runoffs-eligible classes. The U.S. Majors Tour is the top level of SCCA's strong amateur racing program.

More information on the SCCA U.S. Majors Tour is available at www.sccamajors.com.

Founded in 1944, Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is a 45,000-member motorsports organization that incorporates all facets of autocross, rally and road racing at both club and professional levels. It annually sanctions over 2,000 events through its 115 regions and professional subsidiary. Landmark events and series for the Club include the SafeRacer SCCA National Racing Series, which includes the BFGoodrich Tires SCCA Super Tour and the U.S. Majors Tour; the Club Racing National Championship Runoffs® at Road America; and The Tire Rack® SCCA Solo National Championships and ProSolo Championship at Lincoln, Neb. For more information, please visit www.scca.com, like SCCA on Facebook at facebook.com/sccaofficial, or follow the club on Twitter @SCCAOfficial.

Image: Car counts are up across the board in the Majors Tour, and were exceptionally high at Circuit of the Americas.

Credit: Mark Weber

MoHud shows off beautifully at Saratoga Auto Show

All Photos Courtesy of Eric Smith



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/ejevo8/>

Pictured top right, Eric Smith's Mitsubishi Evo8, second row left to right: Anthony Kalkandis's Porsche 944, Arne Beebe's Ford Mustang; bottom left: Bruce Koskakoski's BMW 318is, and Migeul Texeira's BMW Z4 Coupe.



Pictured top left to right, Jared Lendrum's Subaru BRZ, Greg Pecora's Lotus Exige, Jack Hanifan's Mazda Miata, and at bottom is the MoHud display canopy and banners with Eleanor Morris in the foreground.

