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# REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

## June 2013 RE Report

Registration is filling up for the PDX on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Lime Rock Park. This is the same weekend as the Club race and registration is open for that as well. Go to <http://www.motorsportreg.com> to register for either event.

Mohawk-Hudson Region had a display set up at the [Guptill's car show](#) in Latham. We will be at these events throughout the summer on the second Monday of the month. The first one was delayed a week due to rain and the rain came back during setup for the rain date, but quickly cleared up and blue skies rolled in for the rest of the event. Despite a small showing, (my estimate is less than half the normal size) we did get a few people interested in the club. Having a Solo event the following weekend helped because they do not have to wait long to see one of the things that we do. We had quite a bit of support from the membership as we had a good amount to staff the booth and a few others that just stopped to say hello. If you are in the area on July 8<sup>th</sup>, please stop by and say hello.

Just a reminder. We will not be having the July or the August membership meeting at the [Orchard Tavern](#) this year. The fourth of July will prevent the July meeting and the August meeting will be held at the [Fun Plex](#). Keep a look out for more information on the annual golf outing at the [Burden Lake Country club](#).

## SOLO REPORT

Russ Burckhard

### July 2013 Solo Report

This month's report has a lot more to report than last month, thankfully. Because Tracey and I were having withdrawal due to not having any events in May. We decided that a trip to a big site was in order. This trip served multiple purposes. It allowed us one night without kids (still missed them though). It gave Tracey a chance to see what a big course was like because we are thinking of going to Devens for the Match Tour in July. It gave us a chance to compete in the new car again. And it gave me a chance to see how another region's event was held. So we went down to the NNJ Regions regional event at the Meadowlands on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Prior to going down, I talked to NNJ's Solo Chair, Perry Aidelbaum, and asked him if we could use their event as a training session for Tracey with either myself or someone from NNJ region as an instructor. He was more than accommodating and let me know who to talk to when we got down there as he would not be there due to a recent surgery (hope you are feeling better Perry). We

were delighted to see that we would not be the only MoHuder's down there. Jim Garry and Will Schambach were signed up in the Cheetah.

It is weird going to another region's event for me. I am so used to having so much to do that I felt like I was slacking by only having to work a corner station for 1 heat. By luck of the draw, I was sent to station #1. If you happen to look at the total # of cones hit, I would say that 95% were hit where I was working. I guess all of that running makes up for not shagging cones for the last bunch of years. I am just happy that the heat that I worked had the least amount of competitors.

There were 138 competitors there that day. With the size of the lot, it did not seem like there that many. After we changed the tires and got the car ready, we went to go register. Registration had a good size line so we decided to take a course walk. The course was well designed and had a good mix of elements. It was set up so that there were different lines that could be taken and that it was up to the competitors to decide what the best way to get through it was. When we got back to registration, the line was not much better. Fortunately there were 2 lines. One was for preregistered and the other was for walk-ins. Because we had signed up on Motorsportsreg, we were able to go to the fast moving line. Another benefit of preregistration was that you get your work assignment and run/work assignment all at the same time so you could plan your day.

I went back to get the car so I could bring it to tech and Tracey went for another course walk. Tech was very fast and I was able to catch up to Tracey on her walk. We walked a couple of more times and had a good idea of what we needed to do. We were off for the first heat so we walked around the perimeter of the course to see how others were driving compared to what we were planning on doing. We knew that Jim and Will were working and eventually found where they were. Will was at the start and Jim was doing waivers by the finish.

Now up until this point I never mentioned the weather. It started off a little chilly and eventually warmed up. It was partially cloudy so that helped to keep us warm until the temps rose. There was some wind all day. When we pulled in earlier, I noticed that a bunch of the portable toilets were knocked over. I figured that they had a storm earlier and because it was a holiday weekend they would set them up the following week. We were joking with Jim Garry that one of the toilets would blow through the finish line and mess up someone's run. Probably 10 minutes later one of the port-a-johns took off across the lot heading for the finish. The timing lights were safe from the toilet because they were also sailing across the lot. The event officials quickly fixed the lights and secured the toilet and the event was back under way. Watch the video here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbhLQnhVwtM&feature=youtube>

As the heat was winding down we had found the other car that was in our class. We went over and started up a conversation with the owner of the car. We found out that he was the Treasurer for the NNJ Region, Jason Evangelista. He was sharing his car with his brother Oliver. Jason told me he likes to keep up on other regions and reads our Knock Off as well as other regions newsletters (Hi Jason). We had a lot of good conversation throughout the day and I look forward to catching up to him again

sometime, possibly as soon as our upcoming race at Lime Rock.

Now it was our turn to drive. I drove first in order to give Tracey an idea on how the course should feel. Tracey took her first run and clipped a cone in the popular station 1 area. My second run set the pattern for the rest of the five runs that we were allotted. I would take a little time off each run until I whittled my time down to a 61.953. This was a little over a second improvement compared to my first run. Tracey's second run was a little slower, but was clean. She had figured a few things out and ran about a second and a half faster on her third run. Her fourth run would have been her best if not for her hitting another cone. Her final run was a touch slower than her previous run, but it was clean making it her fastest for the day with a 65.648. This made her improvement for the day about one and a quarter seconds.

Next out were Jim and Will in the Cheetah. Will was the first out and ran a clean run. Jim ran next but was almost a second slower than Will's time. Will's second run showed an improvement of about a second and a half over his first run. Jim's second run was not a good one, he had trouble finding the right gear at the beginning and at some point during the run wound up off course. Will continued to drop time and set his best raw time of the day on his third run. Unfortunately he had clipped a cone so it was not an improvement. Jim sorted out his shifting issues and put together a good run. It had put him ahead of Will. Will's fourth run was a touch slower than the previous run, but it was clean and a little better than Jim's, putting him back in the lead. Jim answered back with a run that was about a tenth quicker putting him back in the lead. If I remember correctly, Will spun on his last run keeping him behind Jim and Jim's final run was a tenth slower than his previous run. This left Jim with a 54.509 and Will with a 54.619. These times were the first and second fastest time of the day. Good job guys.

The pax results are where you see how you stack up against the competition on a more equal playing field. While you always want to be #1, there are a lot of talented drivers at the bigger events. I wound up finishing with a respectable 17th, 2.381 seconds back on the list. Jim was next in 51st 4.265 seconds back, Will followed in 56th 4.366 seconds back and Tracey finished the MoHud crew in 67th place only 5.396 from first.

It was a great way to spend the day before Memorial Day especially with Freedom Tower in the background as a great reminder to give thanks to all of the veterans out there that made it possible for us to have our freedom. We talked to some old friends and met some new ones. Tracey was able to get some experience on a big course and had a respectable finish. I was able to observe how another region does it and can make changes to our program to make it better.

June 2nd we had our second event of the season at Fortitech where 69 people participated and had 6 runs a piece. The threat of rain did not seem to keep many away. We had a good day and we were able to get three quarters of the event in before the rain hit. When it did start, it did it with a vengeance. Thunder, lightning, wind, and heavy rain caused about an hour delay. The final heat had to run on a wet

course and just when it was starting to get a dry line, it poured again. It was raining so hard that it caused the timer to have false starts. This made for another short delay and it totally soaked the course again. Once this passed, the rain was pretty much done for the rest of the event.

This event saw something new and a blast from the past. Karl Danneil, who last ran a "Gymkhana" in the 70's, ran in his Pontiac Fiero and set his fastest time on the wet course as he relearned how to run an autocross course. He seemed to have a lot of fun and we hope to see him and Eleanor at future events. As usual we had some first timers. This time we had a different type of first timer. My son Johnathon ran his first event in his go-kart. He worked his times down in the first heat by dropping 3 seconds on his second run and another one and a quarter seconds on his third run. The rain in the second heat prevented him from getting any faster, but he did manage to get within a quarter second in wet conditions. I had mixed feelings as I watched him go around the course. Scared that he would get hurt yet proud he was doing so well. After seeing him go in the rain, it gave me some confidence that he has some of my talent and was able to drive the kart with slicks on a very wet course and have control of it. Hopefully I won't be as worried next event when he does it again.

There were many battles at the event. The tire class had the closest margin. Carmine Russo won the battle by .01 over Scott Carpenter. Jeff Kanetzky was not far behind in third in a car borrowed from fourth place finisher Nelson Guay. Eric Vardin and William Dergosits all finished within a second of Carmine.

EP also had a close battle. Car owner Andy Furlong squeaked out a win over co-driver David Cowie by just .16. CSP was close with Greg Cuda ahead of Tom Moeller in CSP by only .29. CS was the other close finish with Kevin Gebert a slim .17 ahead of Jeff Tyberski.

Greg VanDeCarr set the fastest raw time of the day in his B Mod 1969 Winkleman, Eric Smith and his SM EVO was the fastest car with fenders and I set the fastest Pax time in the GS Focus.

### **Upcoming events;**

**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.**

**9/21 - ???**

**9/22 - Event 6 Fortitech**

**10/13 – Event 7 McCarty Ave**

# COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

## July 2013 Competition Report

**May Madness at the Glen-** MoHud was well represented in the closed wheel races at Watkins Glen, Memorial Day weekend. The Glen Region used the Long Course on Saturday and the Short Course on Sunday.

**Saturday-** Jared Lendrum was first in T4 in his new BRZ and set a lap record. BK Karl was 9<sup>th</sup> in SM and his son Nick was 11<sup>th</sup>. In Race 3, Charlie Campbell and George Kline were 1<sup>st</sup> in FP and EP respectively. Pete Smith was 2<sup>nd</sup> in FP and Jack Hanifan was 3<sup>rd</sup>. In Race 4 Doug Kelley was 2<sup>nd</sup> in his T1 Corvette. In Race 6 it was the **Karl Trifecta** with Bob Jr., BK, and Nick finishing 1-2-3 to fill the SM2 podium.

**Sunday-**Jared Lendrum was first again with another Lap Record. Bob Karl Jr. was 6<sup>th</sup> in SM. In Race 3 Charlie Campbell and George Kline were 1<sup>st</sup> again but this time they both set Lap Records in FP and EP respectively. Pete Smith and Jack Hanifan were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in FP. In Race 4, Doug Kelley was 2<sup>nd</sup> in T1. In Race 6, Bob Jr. and BK were 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. ( Nick was a DNS) and Jim Bucci made his first Podium finish with a 3<sup>rd</sup> in ITA.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual John Stim Memorial Race-**Registration for the race is now available on Motorsportsreg.com. Qualifying is on Friday and there will be two races on Saturday, each race counts for points in both NARRC and NYSRRC.

**Free Track Time-** There is a PDX scheduled for Friday, if you would like to instruct you get free track time with the instructor group. If you are interested contact DJ McArdle.

**Street Survival-** A hearty thanks to the Club Racers who volunteered for the Street Survival at the Saratoga Auto Museum. We had at least 7 club racers instructing, if you have never volunteered for Street Survival, consider volunteering for the next event, you will love it.

*For all our Rally Fans...*

# **Save the date!**

**Saturday, October 19, 2013**

## **Bridges of Washington County GTA Rally**



**A family-friendly, fun road rally  
presented by MoHud SCCA**

For more information, please email MoHud  
Rally Chair, Trish Bucci @ [trimar71@gmail.com](mailto:trimar71@gmail.com)



# Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

## June 5, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

Last month's membership meeting minutes were approved as printed in the KO

MEMBERSHIP: Will reported 3 new members and several anniversaries

TREASURER'S REPORT: Todd provided a report of income and expenses

WEBSITE: Eric Smith reported that the website has been updated with the correct information

SOLO: Russ reported on the 2nd event of the season, held June 2nd and Fortitech; 69 entries

TRSS: there will be a MoHud sanctioned event held on Saturday, August 17; as in the past we will be working in conjunction with Patroon BMW club to put on this event. Registration is not yet open but will be soon. We need instructors. We need other volunteers for the day of the event. Contact Jim or Trish Bucci if you can help out

RALLY: Trish is planning a GTA road rally on Saturday, October 19; watch the KO and the website for more details

PDX: there will be an event on July 12 at Lime Rock Park, the cost is \$299; this will be held in conjunction with the MoHud race

ACTIVITIES: Go Kart outing on August 7th at Funplex; golf is scheduled for August 15th at 2pm at Burden Lake; Dutch Apple dinner cruise on Tuesday, September 10th – we need 35 participants by the end of June, sign up with Pete Smith

COMPETITION: Jack reported on races at Pocono, Watkins Glen and New Hampshire

OLD BUSINESS:

- Guptill's – we are going to have a vendor space at the four Guptill's car shows this season; the shows are the second Monday of each month from 4-8pm. Volunteers are needed to staff our booth, contact Jack Hanifan if you can help.

- Last year's worker awards – Jack is waiting for people to reply with sizes

NEW BUSINESS:

- NYS Safety Track is open now

- Patroon BMW club is going to Calabogie July 19-21 for a High Performance Driving Experience and a club race, cost is \$550; contact DJ with any questions

Next Board meeting is June 24 at 7:30pm at The Orchard

There will be NO July meeting, next meeting will be the Go Kart outing on August 7th; the next membership meeting at The Orchard will be September 4

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**GO KART NIGHT**

**Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2012**

**Fun Plex, same time**

*each ticket will cost \$3;*

**AND for \$20 an individual will have access  
to all rides for the entire evening.**

Call Pete Smith on his cell phone 518-339-5744 for questions.

**Another August Event:**

**The Annual  
GOLF GAME**

**Thursday, Aug. 15, 2012**

*Same routine as last year!*

**Call Pete @ 518-339-5744 with questions.**

Thanks!

Pete Smith, *Activities Director*

# 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 tomatoes

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!*

**FYI This event  
may be canceled due  
to a lack of interest!!**

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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# Monthly Membership Report 6/18/2013 *Will Schambach*

New member report 06/18/13 from 04/17/13 to 06/18/13.

*Please welcome these new members to the region.*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Joined</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos	6/17/13	Burnt Hills	NY
Timothy Cole	6/16/13	Cohoes	NY
David Bliss	6/14/13	Cambridge	NY
Marisol Van Slyke (family)	6/10/13	Schenectady	NY
Oscar Van Slyke (family)	6/10/13	Schenectady	NY
Steven Spinicchia	6/7/13	Altamont	NY
Don Sevits	6/6/13	Saratoga Springs	NY
Christen Mayer	5/30/13	Albany	NY
Austin Bruce	5/13/13	Niskayuna	NY
Jonathan Eriksen	5/10/13	Northville	NY
Garrett McEwen	4/28/13	Queensbury	NY
Roger Collen	4/22/13	Albany	NY
Everett Mayhew	4/22/13	Nassau	NY
Matthew Haltermann	4/19/13	Hartford	NY

## **Interests Report**

### Club Racing

Steven Spinicchia

Austin Bruce

Jonathan Eriksen

Roger Collen

Pro Racing

Jonathan Eriksen

### Solo

Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos

David Bliss

Christen Mayer

Garrett McEwen

Everett Mayhew

### Rally

David Bliss

Steven Spinicchia

Jonathan Eriksen

Timothy Cole

Steven Spinicchia

Austin Bruce

Roger Collen

Matthew Haltermann

See Anniversary Report on following page

**Monthly Membership Report** *continued***Anniversary Report as of 06/18/13**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Joined on</b>	<b>Years</b>
	<b>May</b>	
Connie McIntyre	5/1/73	40
David Cobb	5/1/73	40
Ray Tetrault	5/7/08	5
Jon Staude	5/30/08	5
Susan Campbell	5/30/08	5
	<b>June</b>	
Jon Van de Car	6/1/73	40
Maggie Guerrieri	6/29/88	25
Dave Guerrieri	6/29/88	25
Judy Sheridan	6/7/93	20
James Sheridan	6/7/93	20
Adam Figarsky	6/11/03	10
John Kuitwaard	6/19/03	10
Christopher Campbell	6/23/03	10
	<b>July</b>	
Frederick Fox	7/14/93	20
Richard Grabski	7/22/08	5
Lauren Grabski	7/22/08	5
Cynthia Grabski	7/22/08	5
Steve Grabski	7/22/08	5
Susan Cuda	7/30/08	5
Greg Cuda	7/30/08	5
Thomas Johnson	7/31/08	5

**There are 350 members in the region, +6 from last report.**

# Tire Rack Street Survival

at Saratoga Auto Museum on June 15, 2013

*Photos by Trish Bucci*



Bruce Kosakowski directing traffic at the start of the course



TRSS Event Co-Chair, Jim Bucci



The tractor trailer demonstration



Everyone's favorite, the skid pad



The volunteers from Milton FD keeping the skid pad wet for us



Successfully navigating the skid pad





Eric Smith taking a well-deserved break from directing traffic



A successful stop in the lane change exercise



Hmm, how many cones did we take with us?



The end of the event, outside the Saratoga Auto Museum

# May Madness at WGI

*Photos by Trish Bucci*



Jim Bucci puts on his driving shoes while Thom O'Connor checks things under the hood



Thom O'Connor, Jim Bucci, Jack Hanifan, Earl Hurlbut, Pete Smith



Pete Smith, Charlie Campbell, Jack Hanifan, Jared Lendrum, Jim Bucci



A midday strategy session with chocolate chip cookies

Jim, Thom, Pete and John Walsh



Jim in impound after his 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish



Jim and Trish