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Golf Outing in August brought out a few members & their friends! Looks like event was enjoyed.





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## REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT Russ Burckhard

## September 2013 RE Report

Well the summer is just about over and the kids are going back to school. Guptill's still has one more car show left, the Solo program has 2 more points' events left and will be helping out the Adirondack Corvette Club with their charity event on September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Rally program has a tsd, Bridges of Washington County, that will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Mini-Con will be in Pittsburgh on November 8-10, and Mohud's annual awards banquet will be on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Also keep a look out for a winter karting series. With the new Fastrax kart track in Albany and Checkers Out in Johnstown, we should have a real good time.

The Street Survival was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> and as usual the students had a great time learning how to control their vehicles in different situations than what they were used to. We had about 20 students and enough instructors to each have their own student. We were lacking in volunteers to help work the course. Our plan is to do another 2 of these events next year in association with Patroon BMW Club and possibly helping out with a third event with the Porsche Club. These events are very rewarding to all of those that help out and I would encourage everyone to try to make it to at least one of next year's events.

The August meeting was held at the Fun Plex in East Greenbush. There were many battles held on the track and some good bench racing held in the parking lot over a slice of pizza. It is always a lot of fun when we attend these events and I am already looking forward to next August.

Just a reminder; we will be back on our regular schedule for our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month.

## SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard September/October 2013

## September

I must start this month's report with an apology. I forgot to include Jim Garry as co-course designer for the Match Tour with Bert Huiest.

At the end of July we held a Solo school and our 4<sup>th</sup> point's event at Fortitech. The school saw a fresh group of novices and some veterans that all had one on one instruction that helped them learn how to better drive the course. Times dropped throughout the day as the students applied their new found knowledge to the course. Some of the students came back the next day and showed the just over 50 other competitors what they had learned. Although there were improved drivers, no one could come close to the time that Austin Bruce set in his 04 Birel R32 Kart. His time set FTD by over a second over Eric Smiths EVO. I had the honor of the fastest Pax. The day started off wet and then dried out followed by another brief shower. We all had 7 runs and about half of them for each group were on dry pavement giving everyone a chance to drive on both wet and dry pavement.

August had us back to Fortitech for a Street Survival and our 5<sup>th</sup> point's event of the season. Almost 70 entrants came out to a beautiful day in which we all had 7 runs. The Karts proved to be the vehicle to beat as Jeff Grossbard set the FTD in his Kart. Will Schambach was second fastest in Chip VanSlykes Formula Ford followed by Chip and then Andy Furlong as the fastest fendered car. I once again set the fastest pax.

## Upcoming events; 9/7 – Adirondack Corvette Club event at Prospect Mountain. 9/22 - Event 6 Fortitech 10/13 – Event 7 McCarty Ave

## October

Two events remain in this year's season and it is now crunch time for the championships. I will give you a run down on how things are going. We drop the worst 1 finish of the season (please note that this is unofficial and based on the results that are posted on the Mohud website)

**Stock** - I am in first place with 5 first place finishes and will pretty much lock up the Stock Championship with 1 more start. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> have been battling hard all season and it will not be decided until the last event. Tracey Burckhard currently has a one point lead over Phil Reddington. Phil has outscored her in 3 of the 5 events, but the 5 bonus points she received for going to the Match Tour put her ahead and may be the difference at the end of the season. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place is another close battle. Kevin Gebert is holding a 2 point lead over Aashish Vemulapalli. Both missed the first event so this battle will be decided on the track. Kevin has outscored Aashish in 3 out of the 4 events that they have run, but all of those events they have finished only 1 position apart making this a great one to watch.

**Street Prepared** – The top six are still in contention. Lyndon Peck has the lead and is looking pretty good to take the Championship. He has 2 wins and 3 second place finishes this year.

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Bruce Kosakoski is 14 points back in second. He has 2 wins, a second, a fourth, and a fifth. He needs to win the next 2 to take the title or depending on the finishes of Lyndon he may win if he finishes a few positions ahead. Currently in third place 35 points back is Bill Bennett. Bill has 1 win, 2 thirds, a fifth, and a seventh. If he wins the next 2, he would also need help from Lyndon and Bruce to be able to take the title. Greg Cuda, Tom Moeller, and Steve Jones round out the current top 6. All mathematically are still in it, but their chances do not look real good.

**Prepared-Modified** – This one has been locked up. Andy Furlong with 3 wins and 2 seconds has a big lead over second place Arne Beebe. Arne missed 2 events this year knocking him out of contention.

**Street** – Only one driver has made it to all of the events in this class this year. Ian Wallace has a 6 point lead on Eric Smith. Eric has a win in each of his 4 starts and if he runs the next 2 events he should be a shoe in for the title. Unfortunately Phil Shoemaker was involved in a motorcycle accident over the summer causing him to not be able to drive in the last event. Hopefully he will not miss the next one and will still be able to battle Ian for second place (hope you are feeling better Phil).

**Kart** – As of now, Johnathon Burckhard is the only one with the required 3 events in and is in first place. Due to engine failure, he missed the last event and possibly the next one as we are waiting to get the engine repaired.

**Novice** – Only 1 driver has hit all of the events in this class giving him the early lead. Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos is leading with Steven Spinicchia who has missed 2 events, but with 2 more good finishes he could take the top spot.

**Tire** – 4 drivers have made all of the events, 7 have made 4 events and 1 has made 3 events. Scot Carpenter has the early lead with William Dergosits trailing him by 19 points. Miguel Teixeira is in third 13 back from William. Carmine Russo is just a point back from Miguel despite missing 1 event. With 2 strong finishes, Carmine could find himself in the lead. John Rogers sits in 5<sup>th</sup>. Russ Gorman, Eric Vardin, Nelson Guay, Moises Samaniego, and Dan Whaley round out the top 10.

## COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

## 2013 September/October Competition Report

**Our Race**- The financial numbers on our race are almost complete and they are not good. It was simply a result of too high an overhead and not enough entries. It was disappointing that many of our own drivers did not participate. I cannot see us putting on a race next year, the numbers simply do not add up.

**First Win**- Congratulations to **Tyler Reynolds**, he had his first win at NER's Cheap Date at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Tyler also had a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish.

**New Lap Record**- **Rob Reed** set a new Lap Record for Spec Racer Ford on the Long Course at Watkins Glen International Raceway. Rob also has the Lap Record on the Short Course.

**The Streak is over- TJ Hanifan** was leading the SSM contingent at WGI when he was taken out by an out of control SM car. TJ had a DNF. He had previously not lost a race since 2010, he had a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish on Sunday.

**When you Spin, both feet in.**- This is repeated over and over at Driver's School but too many drivers fail to do it, resulting in too many race cars being damaged. At WGI, the SM driver mentioned above, the SM driver in question went off course and came onto the track and spun. When he spun he did not put both feet in and rolled across the track, TJ clipped him but the SM driver continued to roll right in front of BK who T-boned him. This took BK out of the race. If the driver had the brakes on, none of the three cars would have been damaged. BK and friends repaired his car and he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on Sunday.

**NEW FEATURE**- I intend to lead a discussion on a different track at each monthly meeting. I would like to get input from anyone on the various tracks we race on. The October meeting will focus on Watkins Glen. I am looking for information on routes to get there, places along the way, places to stay, restaurants, driving the track, pets etc. anything you think might be useful to someone going there. If you cannot make the meeting, please e-mail me your suggestions. I will compile the information and it will be published in the next Knock-Off.

**Thompson**- It appears Thompson Speedway will be on the schedule for 2014, NER plans on an event July 12,13, 2014. If you are too young to remember Thompson International Speedway, it is located in Thompson Ct which is in the Northeast Corner of Ct., just off of I 395. The track is 140 miles from Albany, Interstate all the way. The road course will be 1.7miles long and resemble the last version we raced. MoHud held a Driver's School at Thompson in the 1970's, a new driver named PL Newman used a borrowed Lotus and received his license. The track also has a Golf Course. Visit **Thompsonspeedway.com** for more information.

Late news from the Runoffs- First day qualifying Charlie Campbell is 4<sup>th</sup> in FP.

## 7 Board Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

Discussion of 2013 Mo Hud race finances – Todd provided a breakdown of race income and expenses for the 2013 John Stim Memorial Race and PDX. Due to low participation, the race lost approximately \$18,000. Discussion points included:

 Race schedule - annual race schedule is too full at this point – too many races for competitors to choose from.

 Lime Rock Park rental fees are very expensive – are alternative less expensive tracks available.

 Procedures for deciding whether or not to run an event and the role of the Executive Board in the decision making process.

 "Restricted regional" - if we run a restricted regional, will this give us an opportunity to open up the event to other race groups, e.g., BMW club racing, limiting the Region's fiscal exposure.

- Race Committee to help with the decision making process, including budgeting.

 Opportunities for partnering with other Regions or other race organizations when putting on a race.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

## Mo Hud Membership Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2013

Call to order – 7:40 pm

**SECRETARY** – Minutes accepted unanimously from previous meeting (published in Knock Off).

**MEMBERSHIP** – No report (Russ was not able to download the most recent data).

**KNOCK OFF** – deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for article submission. Last month's Knock Off was not published because no articles were submitted.

**TREASURER** – the Mo Hud race last approximately \$19,000 primarily due to low participation. Todd has prepared a breakdown of race income and expenses. The Region still remains fiscally solvent – in the black. It will be very difficult for the Region to put on a race in the foreseeable future due to lack of financial resources. General discussion about the reason for lack of participation in racing activities (economy, less interest in the younger generation) ensued, and ways to increase interest and participation in racing and Region activities. It was noted that SCCA is not the only organization seeing lower interest - circle track racing also appears to be down in numbers. It was also pointed out that this needs to be addressed at a regional level, not at a national level.

**STREET SURVIVAL** – 19 students attended the August 16<sup>th</sup> school. The event was well received by the participants. Channel 13 did a story on the event. An Adult Car Control Clinic will be held on September 21. Jim Bucci is coordinating the event. It is being run with Patroon BMW Chapter.

**SOLO** – three events have been held since the last membership meeting. All were well attended. Upcoming events – weekend of 9/7, the Region will be assisting the Corvette Club with their solo event on Prospect Mountain; September 21, Parents Street Survival, and September 22, Solo – both at Fortitech; last event of the year is October 15 at the OGS lot.

**RALLY** – scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. Time/start is still pending. Mini Performance Group would like to participate – they have requested information.

**PDX** – DJ indicated that we need more Mo Hud membership volunteer help if we are going to put on additional PDXs next year.

**ACTIVITIES** – golf outing was held recently. 12 members participated. Go Kart night also had a good turn out – 20 to 25 participants. The Region will look into running a Kart event during the winter at the Fast Track on Washington Ave extension. Guptills Car Meet – Monday, September 9 is the last event for the season.

**COMPETITION** – Jack provided a summary of recent race results – for both the Mo Hud race and the August NHIS race. Upcoming races include the NHIS Cheap Date (September 7), the Glen Fun One (September 16), and the NARRC Run Offs (September 21).

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Nov 8<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> – Mini Con will be in Pittsburgh.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

# Bridges of Washington County GTA Rally



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

## Saturday, October 19, 2013

Departure from: Latham Farms – Sam's Club Parking Lot

Registration & Safety Inspection: 1:00pm-1:45pm

Participant's Meeting: 1:45pm

First car off: 2:00pm

## Entry Fee: \$15/car

The Bridges of Washington County Rally is a straight-forward rally (no traps or tricks) using an instruction format. There will be an observation component to this rally. The route spends some time on unpaved roads, but none that are "car-breakers". The rally should take less than 3 hours to complete. It will run in any weather. This rally is intended to be for entertainment only – bring the kids along to share in the fun. There will be an awards ceremony immediately following the rally, which will end at a restaurant; we hope you all stay for a bite to eat and some socializing.

If you have any questions, contact Trish Bucci, Rallymaster, at trimar71@gmail.com or 728-8943

## 10 Monthly Membership Report 09/16/2013-Will Schambach

## New member report 09/16/13 from 07/18/13 to 09/16/13.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Flease welcome these			
Name	Joined	City	State
Jeffrey Tyburski	9/11/13	Schenectady	NY
Angelo Calbone	9/10/13	Saratoga Springs	NY
Sarah Pluta	9/10/13	Scotia	NY
Kerry O'Rourke	9/9/13	Latham	NY
Barney Galinsky	8/30/13	Malta	NY
Adam Van Zandt	8/27/13	Scotia	NY
Matthew Alarcon	8/20/13	Lake Katrine	NY
Beverly Relyea	8/18/13	Wilton	NY
Adam Amond	7/30/13	Schenectady	NY
Denis Campbell	7/18/13	Albany	NY
***The following are	new members	from the Street Surviva	l program
Adam Bailey	8/26/13	Voorheesville	NY
Cassie Blazejeski	8/26/13	Ballston Spa	NY
Isabella Crowley	8/26/13	Scarsdale	NY
Henry Deaton	8/26/13	Schenectady	NY
Thomas Favata	8/26/13	Schenectady	NY
Alberto Fedeli	8/26/13	Scarsdale	NY
Olivia Golden	8/26/13	Schenectady	NY
Adam Groesbeck	8/26/13	Clarksville	NY
Olivia Hess	8/26/13	Schenectady	NY
Brintnal Hodson	8/26/13	Latham	NY
Casey Jones	8/26/13	Ghent	NY
Julia King	8/26/13	Lenox	MA
Christopher Lemelin	8/26/13	Schenectady	NY
Eric Mihaly	8/26/13	Schenectady	NY
Jillian Nystedt	8/26/13	Wayland	MA
Andrew Palmateer	8/26/13	Schenectady	NY
Brittany Provencher	8/26/13	Troy	NY
Johanna Ramm	8/26/13	Hastings on Hudson	NY
Ian Ridgeway	8/26/13	New Milford	СТ
Gus Schwenk	8/26/13	Albany	NY

### **Interests Report:**

#### Club Racing

Club Racing Jeffrey Tyburski Angelo Calbone Sarah Pluta Barney Galinsky Matthew Alarcon Adam Amond Rally	<i>Solo</i> Jeffrey Tyburski Angelo Calbone Adam Van Zandt Matthew Alarcon Beverly Relyea Adam Amond Denis Campbell
Matthew Alarcon	Denis Campbell

## Anniversary Report as of 09/16/13

Name	Joined in August	Years
Skip Barber	8/1/58	55
Jim Bishop	8/1/78	35
Patrick Prendergast	8/20/98	15
Dawn Ryan	8/1/08	5

## There are 372 members in the region, +23 from last report.



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For Immediate Release

## Wednesday Qualifying Complete From 50th SCCA Runoffs At Road America

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (September 18, 2013) – Rainfall kept any SafeRacer provisional pole positions from changing hands on Wednesday at the 50th SCCA<sup>®</sup> National Championship Runoffs<sup>®</sup> at Road America, though the sun shone through by the completion of the second day of qualifying.

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Early morning rains inundated the 14-turn, four-mile race track, and only 13 of the 58 E Production and GT-Lite moved onto the track. All morning long, each time the track began to dry, another shower soaked the asphalt. After a picture perfect qualifying day on Monday, none of the 14 classes on track before lunch saw significant traffic.

By the early afternoon, the sun had poked through the clouds and the track started to dry. Rick Harris, of Longmont, Colo., was the first to make a major gain in his F Production No. 8 Jesse Prather Motorsports/Hoosier Mazda Miata. Harris, after rear suspension issues on Monday, turned a lap of 2:36.161 to move from 27th to seventh on the grid.

Jeff Loughead, of Darien, Ill., moved from 14th to the second row of the grid in Formula Vee, knocking three seconds off of his Monday time in the No. 8 Hoosier Tire/L.L. Loughead, DDS Vortech CR04/Volkswagen. Loughead's time of 2:42.071 moves him to third on the grid with one more day of qualifying remaining.

Formula Atlantic, the final group of the day, saw the top of its time charts rearranged. Sedat Yelkin, of Canfield, Ohio, improved his provisional SafeRacer pole time to a 2:01.836 (118. 192 mph) in the No. 75 Everclear Swift 014a/Toyota. Keith Grant, of Germantown, Tenn., and Michael Mallinen, of Liberty Lake, Wash., moved from 16th and 18th place to second and third, respectively during the session. Grant's No. 40 Polestar/Hoosier Swift 014a/Toyota turned a lap of 2:02.672, while Mallinen's No. 71 Swan Racing/MAZDASPEED Motorsports Swift 016a/Mazda posted a 2:02.977 on his final lap of the session.

All 28 classes will get one more 30-minute qualifying session on Thursday for the final chances at a SafeRacer Pole Award and to set the grids for National Championship races on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Follow all the live timing and scoring at www.scca.com/runoffs. Live Twitter stream is available @SCCALive. Follow this week's activities on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SCCAOfficial.

The 50th SCCA National Championship Runoffs<sup>®</sup>, The Pinnacle of American Motorsports, will crown Sports Car Club of America's Club Racing National Champions at Road America, Friday, September 20 through Sunday, September 22.

Each race will be broadcast live on www.speedcastTV.com.

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. – Provisional polesitters following Wednesday's qualifying sessions for this week's 50th SCCA National Championship Runoffs at Road America, with class: provisional pole sitter, hometown, car, fastest time (speed); second place driver, hometown, car, fastest time (speed). \* - Denotes better than existing track record.

American Sedan: Tom Sloe, Newbury, Ohio, Ford Mustang, 2:26.570 (98.247); Andy McDermid, Howell, Mich., Ford Mustang, 2:27.632 (97.540).

\*B-Spec: Joel Weinberger, Hinsdale, III., MAZDA2, 2:54.936 (82.316); Shawn Young, Bensenville, III., MAZDA2, 2:55.153 (82.214).

\*C Sports Racing: Lee Alexander, Las Vegas, Nev., Stohr WF1/Suzuki, 1:59.638 (120.363); Jason Miller, Sheboygan Falls, Wis., WynnFurst/Kohler, 2:01.815 (118.212).

D Sports Racing: Chris Farrell, Salt Lake City, Utah, Stohr WF1/Suzuki, 2:01.662 (118.361); Tom Bootz, Evansville, Ind., Stohr WF1/Suzuki, 2:04.205 (115.937).

E Production: Aaron Downey, Rossmoor, Calif., Mazda RX-3, 2:29.795 (96.131); Jim Daniels, Germantown, Tenn., Mazda

Miata, 2:29.995 (96.003).

F Production: Mark Carpenter, Charlotte, N.C., Acura Integra, 2:33.193 (93.999); Kevin Ruck, Delaware, Ohio, Acura Integra, 2:33.304 (93.931).

H Production: Lawrence Loshak, Grafton, Wis., Honda CRX, 2:41.750 (89.026); Jay Griffin, Titusville, Fla., Honda CRX, 2:43.003 (88.342).

\*Formula 500: James Weida, West Lafayette, Ind., Scorpion S1/Rotax, 2:21.517 (101.755); Michael Mueller, Plymouth, Wis., Red Devil/Rotax, 2:21.715 (101.612).

\*Formula 1000: Lawrence Loshak, Grafton, Wis., JDR F1000/Suzuki, 2:04.786 (115.398); Jeremy Hill, Toronto, Ont., Photon VD07/Suzuki, 2:05.587 (114.662).

Formula Atlantic: Sedat Yelkin, Canfield, Ohio, Swift 014a/Toyota, 2:03.089 (116.989); Jason Byers, Livonia, Mich., Swift 014a/Toyota, 2:03.633 (116.473).

Formula Continental: Peter Portante, Plainville, Conn., Van Diemen RF01/Ford, 2:11.394 (109.594); Christopher Miller, Edina, Minn., Van Diemen/Ford, 2:11.721 (109.322).

Formula Enterprises: Scott Rettich, Camden, Ohio, Formula Enterprises/Mazda, 2:13.403 (107.944); Denny Marklein, Dodgeville, Wis., Formula Enterprises/Mazda, 2:16.425 (105.942).

Formula F: Tim Kautz, Geneva, Ill., Piper DF3D/Honda, 2:21.221 (101.968); Reid Hazelton, Burlington, Wis., Van Diemen RF92/Ford, 2:21.375 (101.857).

Formula Mazda: Doug Peterson, Bonita Springs, Fla., Star Formula Mazda, 2:16.042 (105.850); Alan McCallum, Houston, Texas, Star Formula Mazda, 2:16.424 (105.553).

Formula Vee: Michael Varacins, Burlington, Wis., Speedsport AM-5/Volkswagen, 2:41.293 (89.279); Brad Stout, Webster Groves, Mo., Vortech/Volkswagen, 2:41.782 (89.007).

GT-1: Cliff Ebben, Appleton, Wis., Ford Mustang, 2:03.917 (116.207); Michael Lewis, Poway, Calif., Jaguar XKR, 2:03.943 (116.182).

\*GT-2: Andrew Aquilante, Chester Springs, Pa., Chevrolet Corvette, 2:14.320 (107.207); Trent Hindman, Ocean, N.J., Porsche GT3 Cup, 2:14.460 (107.095).

GT-3: Mike Henderson, Alpine, Calif., Mazda RX-7, 2:23.405 (100.415); Joe Kristensen, London, Ont., Acura RSX, 2:23.907 (100.065).

GT-Lite: Robert Lentz, Chantilly, Va., Nissan Sentra SER, 2:33.281 (93.945); Bob Clark, Glendale, Wis., Honda CRX, 2:35.389 (92.671).

\*Spec Miata: Jim Drago, Memphis, Tenn., Mazda Miata, 2:41.862 (88.965); Craig Berry, Tyler, Texas, Mazda Miata, 2:42.250 (88.752).

Spec Racer Ford: Brian Schofield, Lakeland, Fla., Spec Racer Ford, 2:37.974 (91.154); Mike Miserendino, Bakersfield, Calif., Spec Racer Ford, 2:38.041 (91.116).

Sports 2000: Mark Mercer, Aurora, Colo., Lola 90/91/Ford, 2:18.276 (104.140); Tony Sleath, Dearborn, Mich., Carbir CS2/ Ford, 2:16.426 (103.255).

\*Super Touring Lite: Rob Huffmaster, Clarkston, Mich., Mazda RX-8, 2:32.995 (94.121); Jim Drago, Memphis, Tenn., Mazda Miata, 2:33.996 (93.509).

Super Touring Under: Marc Hoover, Cameron Park, Calif., Mazda Miata, 2:24.693 (99.521); Elivan Goulart, Shelton, Conn., Lotus Exige, 2:26.644 (98.197).

\*Touring 1: Andrew Aquilante, Chester Springs, Pa., Chevrolet Corvette, 2:14.673 (106.926); David Pintaric, Canfield, Ohio, Dodge Viper ACR-X, 2:19.666 (103.103).

\* Touring 2: Kurt Rezzetano, Phoenixville, Pa., Ford Mustang GT, 2:24.619 (99.572); Andy Wolverton, Papillion, Neb., Chevrolet Corvette, 2:24.722 (99.501).

\*Touring 3: Chad Gilsinger, Marysville, Ohio, Acura TL, 2:31.631 (94.967); Chris Puskar, Charlotte, N.C., Honda S2000, 2:16.427 (94.143).

\*Touring 4: Michael Scornavacchi, Matthews, N.C., Ford Mustang, 2:40.493 (89.724); Greg Vandersluis, North Olmstead, Ohio, Ford Mustang, 2:16.428 (88.994).

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## "RE-MADE IN AMERICA" EXHIBIT TO BRING VARIETY OF VEHICLES TO THE SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

**Saratoga Springs, NY-**- After reviewing a large number of nominations from around the region, the Saratoga Automobile Museum has selected thirteen vehicles to be featured in the upcoming exhibit, "Re-Made in America" exhibit, which will grace the main Golub Gallery from November 22 through April 27 2014

"We had dozens of very interesting cars and trucks to consider and it broke our hearts to turn down those that did not make the final cut," offered exhibit curator Ron Hedger. "But we think we have 13 great illustrations of just what a dedicated enthusiast or fabrication shop can accomplish in the rebuilding process.

"The vehicles range from Marc Merkle's Nash Metropolitan that he rebuilt himself from a horribly rusted relic to the Chevrolet sedan Paul Hoffman cut in half and stretched into a limo to Jay Abend's custom hot rod constructed by the famed Boyd Coddington's shop in California. Each and every vehicle represents the confluence of vision, hard work and a love of automobiles."

## The vehicles to be featured in "Re-Made in America" and their owners are:

1929 Ford Sedan "Hot Rod" - Brian Ross, Ballston Spa, NY
1932 Ford Cabriolet "Hot Rod" - Jay Abend, Westborough, MA.
1934 Ford Pickup - Harry Holk, Clifton Park, NY
1950 Chevrolet 3100 Pickup with hillclimb motorcycle - Buddy Conley, Ruby, NY
1953 MG "Contemporary Special" - Bob Ensign, Latham, NY
1954 Maserati A6-GCS - Steve Schoenberg, Clifton Park, NY
1955 Chevrolet "Limousine" - Paul Hoffman, Latham, NY
1956 Ford Thunderbird - Albert and Gloria Ciejka, Saratoga Springs, NY
1957 Nash Metropolitan - Marc Merkle, Lake Luzerne, NY
1964 13-Window Deluxe VW Bus - Dan Lucarelli family, Slingerlands, NY
1966 Pontiac GTO "Custom" - Jennifer Murphy, West Nyack, NY
1972 BMW 2002 "Custom" - Roy Wicklund, Petersham, MA.
1992 Chevrolet S-10 "Low-Rider" Pickup - Jonathan and Olivia Hoffman, Saratoga Springs, NY

"The museum labels for "Re-Made in America" exhibit will be much more extensive than for a normal exhibit, as the story of how the vehicle was rebuilt is as important and interesting as the technical and historical information we usually relate," summed up Hedger. "Obviously, these vehicles can't talk, but if they could, each would have a great story to tell of how they came to be!"