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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT Russ Burckhard

August 2014 RE Report

We had our second Guptill's car show. This time we seemed to have a bit more interest, probably because Eric Smith brought his Mitsubishi Evo to our spot. The show normally only allows vehicles that were made in 1989 or older, so Eric's car was about the only "Tuner" car in attendance. It stuck out like a sore thumb in the sea of older Detroit iron. Because it is so different, it attracted many people, both young and old. Once they showed up to look, we were able to find out their interests and explain our programs to them. We also did a promotion which gives some first time autocrosser's a free entry. I can't wait to see if this strategy works at the next event. There are still a couple of shows left. They are on the second Monday of the month so if you don't have anything going on, please stop by and say hello.

NER held a Club race at Thompson Speedway on July 11-13. It was Mohud's 1st time back in many years. Eleanor Morris was the Event Chair and was helped by a number of MoHud folks. Jack Hanifan, Pete Smith, Jim and Trish Bucci, Eric Smith, Karl Danneil, Nancy and Todd Boice, and Rich Welty helped out with the event (I apologize if I missed anyone). I hear we had 4 MoHud competitors there as well.

October 3-5 we will be back at Thompson for the John Stim Memorial Race.

Upcoming events:

Go-Kart night is Wednesday, August 6th at the Fun-Plex.

Golf Outing is planned for Thursday, August 14th with a tee time of 2pm.

Guptills Car Show is Monday, August 11th.

SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard

August 2014 Solo Report

The Mohud Solo School was held on June 28th and we had a great turn out. Will Schambach passed on a wealth of knowledge to the students with the help of many volunteer instructors. The students ranged from first timers to some that have a couple of years under their belts to Eleanor Morris, who had not competed in many years. I believe everyone was happy with what they had learned and we received a lot of positive feedback. There were also a few comments that will help out the program for next year.

We had our fourth event of the season the following day. Bright sunshine and hot for the second day in a row makes for a long weekend. But when you are out having fun competing with all of your friends and fellow competitors, you hardly notice until you are home tending to your sunburn. 67 drivers showed up to compete. Eric Smith had both the fastest Pax time and the fastest raw time in his Evo. Jeff Grossbard was second on the Pax list in Phil Reddington's S2000 followed by Bruce Kosakoski in his BMW.

Top in each of the categories are; Jeff Grossbard in Street, Bruce Kosakoski in Street Prepared, Andy Furlong in Prepared, Chris Gifford in Touring, Eric Smith in Street Modified, Johnathon Burckhard in Junior Kart, Andrew Gebert in Novice, and Dave Trifaro in the Street Tire Class.

The Street Survival event is fast approaching and we are in need of instructors. There is an online test that is required to be eligible to instruct. If you have instructed before, this could take as little as 15 minutes. For first timers it could take about an hour as there is a lot of information to view. I would recommend that you take your time while doing this as the students would benefit from this the most.

Upcoming events

July 27	Points event 4 Fortitech
Aug 24	Points event 5 McCarty Ave
Sept 6	Adirondack Corvette Club Charity event at Prospect Mtn. Not a mohud event.
Sept 20	TRSS Street Survival See <u>www.Streetsurvival.org</u> for more info and registration
Sept 21 Oct 12	Points event 6 Fortitech Points event 7 McCarty Ave

Flashback from Greg Rickes...

With the Thompson road course back in operation, and MoHud having a role to play (a number of members have already worked and raced there) here are some photos from the last time the region formally visited there. This was the June 1972 regional race. By now there's barely a handful of us who can remember back that far :-/

There was one well-know personality at hand that weekend, his first ever SCCA race.







COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

MoHud Race with NER

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park – July 11,12,13

2014 - Our first race with NER was a good event. The Back to the Future race had about 200 cars entered, Friday was a test day and there was racing on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Workers - John Sheridan, Dave Panas and I were the operating stewards for all three days. We managed to keep the event on schedule despite a Porsche Bar B Que at station 11b. Eleanor Morris and Karl Danneil were our Race Chairmen and they were great distributing water, T-shirts and presenting trophies. They were among several SCCA members who had raced at Thompson in the seventies. Eric Smith and Rich Alexander worked F & C on Saturday and Sunday. Todd and Nancy Boice were there for both race days, working Tech and Registration respectively. Rich Welty could also be found in Tech. Al Macauley was in the pits both days and was joined by Dave Hathaway and Clark Nicholls on Sunday. Jim and Trish Bucci worked Sound Control on Saturday. A pretty good turnout but it would be nice to see more for the John Stim Memorial on October 4th. Remember this race scores double points in the MoHud Championship.

Drivers - Greg Goss had a 3rd in his ITE Honda 2000, Chip Van Slyke had a good 4th place in his FF. Jon Vandercar was there with his FV for the test day. Justin Noble was 7th and Chris Zarzycki had a 9th in a 17 car FV field. I hope we have more cars for our October 4th John Stim Memorial.

July Sprints WGI - I don't have the complete results but MoHud was well represented. George Kline won overall in his EP Caterham, Pete Smith and Dave Dartt won in FP and GTL. Greg Pecora had a strong finish in SM. In FV Jon Van der Car won and Tyler Reynolds was 5th. In SM2 Jared Lendrum was 2nd followed by Greg Pecora in 8th and Walt Ryan in 11th. William Dergosits won T4. In SRF Jeff Lehner was 1st followed by Doug Garrison in 3rd. Greg Goss won ITE.





NER & Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA present

the 26th Annual John Stim Memorial Race

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park Thompson, Ct.

October 4 & 5, 2014

Registration should be up on Motorsportsreg.com soon

MoHud workers and driver's needed!

Remember...
Double MoHud Points for Drivers

Don't Min Out!

GO KART NIGHT

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014
Fun Plex

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

and

Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014

Same plans as last year!

Call Pete @ 518-339-5744 with questions.

Thanks!
Pete Smith, *MoHud Activities Director*

Membership Report As of 7/18/14

Submitted by Will Schambach

Member Name	City	State	Join date
Reyaad Waxali	Schenectady	NY	7/18/2014
Aaron Bailey*	Voorheesville	NY	7/15/2014
Thomas Daley*	East Greenbush	NY	7/15/2014
Barry Fisher*	Saratoga Springs	NY	7/15/2014
Isaac Fisher*	Saratoga Springs	NY	7/15/2014
Ann Marie Gray*	Schenectady	NY	7/15/2014
Emily Gray*	Schenectady	NY	7/15/2014
Lauren LeGere*	Ballston Lake	NY	7/15/2014
Pamela LeGere*	Ballston Lake	NY	7/15/2014
Emily Lehner*	Johnstown	NY	7/15/2014
Jeffrey Lehner*	Johnstown	NY	7/15/2014
Kristen Lehner*	Johnstown	NY	7/15/2014
Elyse Manosh*	Ballston Spa	NY	7/15/2014
Linda Manosh*	Ballston Spa	NY	7/15/2014
Melissa Mendoza*	Ballston Spa	NY	7/15/2014
Sofia Mendoza*	Ballston Spa	NY	7/15/2014
Michael Moreland*	Latham	NY	7/15/2014
Tricia Moreland*	Latham	NY	7/15/2014
Liana Pangburn*	Cohoes	NY	7/15/2014
Paul Pangburn*	Cohoes	NY	7/15/2014
Sandra Pangburn*	Cohoes	NY	7/15/2014
Eric Paperman*	Schenectady	NY	7/15/2014
Roland Paperman*	Schenectady	NY	7/15/2014
Dylan Sheely*	Alplaus	NY	7/15/2014
Jeff Sheely*	Alplaus	NY	7/15/2014
Kim Sheely*	Alplaus	NY	7/15/2014
Tucker Sheely*	Alplaus	NY	7/15/2014
David Sutter*	Broadalbin	NY	7/15/2014
Douglas Sutter*	Broadalbin	NY	7/15/2014
Drew Welcome*	Ballston Spa	NY	7/15/2014
Mark Welcome*	Ballston Spa	NY	7/15/2014
Michael Wolfe*	Clifton Park	NY	7/15/2014
Zachary Wolfe*	Clifton Park	NY	7/15/2014
Devin Wright*	Clarksville	NY	7/15/2014
Meghanne Wright*	Clarksville	NY	7/15/2014
Tamra Wright*	Clarksville	NY	7/15/2014
David Marchetti	Burnt Hills	NY	7/10/2014
John Ogle	Pittsfield	MA	7/8/2014
Brett Mortensen	Scotia	NY	6/27/2014
Robert Vermilyea	Sheffield	MA	6/17/2014
Clifton Cearley	Ballston Spa	NY	6/11/2014
Andrea Eriksen	Northville	NY	6/4/2014
Eric Eriksen	Northville	NY	6/4/2014
Yvonne Eriksen	Northville	NY	6/4/2014

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<u>Name</u>	City	State	Join date	
Timothy Frink	Nassau	NY	6/4/2014	
Nicholas Cattell	Schenectady	NY	5/28/2014	
Sean Rogers	Albany	NY	5/28/2014	
Mark Stewart	Waterford	NY	5/28/2014	
Joseph Cassidy	Cohoes	NY	5/20/2014	
Dudley Dorr	East Nassau	NY	5/16/2014	
Robert Noble	Ballston Lake	NY	5/15/2014	
David Trifaro	Watervliet	NY	5/3/2014	

^{*-}Street Survival members

MoHud Anniversaries

5 years Robert Graves Olga Bogdanova Miguel Teixeira William Schambach Jennifer Sell	Schenectady Clifton Park Schenectady Clifton Park Delanson	NY NY NY NY	7/7/2009 6/30/2009 5/30/2009 5/28/2009 5/28/2009
10 years Scott Butler Shaina Bass Eileen Pikul-Bass	Poughkeepsie Schenectady Schenectady	NY NY NY	6/16/2004 5/21/2004 5/21/2004
<u>15 years</u> Susan Ruggeri	New Boston	NH	5/13/1999
20 years Jason Smith	Troy	NY	5/12/1994
25 years Philip Pizzoferrato Greg Rickes	Broad Brook Latham	CT NY	6/21/1989 5/16/1989
35 years Thomas O'Connor	Voorheesville	NY	7/1/1979

There are 406 members, +36 from last report

2014 NeDIV Schedule

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		JRB/NJMP-T + Pro IT+- Test 15 (Nj, Na)
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		JRB/TSMP-Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park-Pro IT-DBL
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	FLR/Glen - D (Ny)	
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For Immediate Release

Contingency Programs Set for 2014 SCCA National Championship Runoffs

TOPEKA, Kan. (July 23, 2014) – Each driver at the 2014 SCCA National Championship Runoffs at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, set for Oct. 6-12, will have one goal in mind – winning a National Championship. However, 46 companies have sweetened the pot by committing to provide contingency prizes in support of the event.

Mazda North American Operations, the Official Car of SCCA, will award Mazda drivers \$5,000 for a win in an eligible class, with payouts of \$3,000 and \$1,500 for second- and third-place finishes, respectively. Additionally, Mazda drivers from each Majors Conference who finished in the top three in season-long points can pull from an additional tow fund. If a Mazda driver can complete the prestigious Super Sweep, a \$3,000 prize is available.

In 2014, Chevrolet will support B-Spec, where a Championship will yield \$750. The remaining podium spots will garner \$500 and \$250 awards, in that order. Ford Racing will be in the mix, too. A win in an eligible vehicle is worth \$2,500, with second place earning \$1,000 and third, \$750.



Todd Lamb navigates Turn 14 at Road America during the 2013 Runoffs. **Credit:** Mark Weber

Honda Performance Development (HPD) will give out \$2,500 to any Honda/Acura driver who takes home a Runoffs gold medal in an eligible class, \$1,500 for second, and \$1,000 for third. In addition, HPD pays a start bonus and a prize for winning a Conference or Divisional point championship. MINI USA has a \$2,500 prize for a National Championship, with a runner-up finish earning \$1,500 and \$1,000 for third. MINI will also give \$1,250 for an eligible Super Sweep.

Nissan Motorsports also offers cash payouts to its racers. A win is worth \$2,500 in a current model, with \$1,500 and \$1,000 rounding out the podium and a \$1,000 reward for completing the Super Sweep. Scion Racing will award

eligible drivers for wins and runner-up finishes with \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively. A pole or Super Sweep is worth \$1.000.

Drivers in Fiat 500s, Fiat 500 Abarths or Dodge/SRT Vipers will be eligible for prizes provided by SRT Motorsports. A podium finish in an eligible class will earn \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$750, respectively.

Toyota/TRD is offering up to \$5,000 for a win and \$3,000 for a runner up finish, as well as \$1,000 for a top qualifier or Super Sweep.

Tire manufacturers are also part of the contingency equation for the Runoffs. They are led by BFGoodrich Tires, the Official Street Tire of SCCA, who will provide 12 complimentary tires to a National Champion in an eligible class. The company will award tires down to fourth, with each driver getting six, four and two tires, in that order for the final three spots.

Goodyear Tire will also put cash up for grabs in select classes. The winner will receive \$500, with the final podium spots getting \$300 and \$100 payouts, respectively. Hankook Tire will offer cash rewards to eligible racers finishing in the top five, with payouts for a podium (\$4,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000) and fourth and fifth getting \$500 each.

Hoosier Racing Tire will be giving out four free tires, as well as a set for each entered 2015 U.S. Majors Tour event, for race winners in every class. Spec Miata gets a bump, with payouts through 10th place, including 16 tires for the Spec Miata National Champion. The first 50 Spec Miata entrants at the event will receive a set of tires from Hoosier. Michelin will be awarding an eligible GT-2 winner with four new tires.

Pirelli will award podium finishers in GT-1, GT-2 and Prototype 1, on tires purchased from JX2, with JX2 gift certificates worth \$500, \$300 and \$100, respectively. Eligible class winners running Yokohama Tires purchased from Trackside Performance will receive two free front and two rear tires. Second place will get two front tires, while third and fourth will each get one front tire.

A number of parts manufacturers and service providers are running programs. Hawk Performance, the Official Brake Products of SCCA, will offer five free axle sets of brakes to eligible winners. Two free axle sets will be available for each of the remaining two podium positions. Fourth- through 10th-place finishers will also get product certificates ranging in value from \$125, down to \$50.

Carbotech Performance Brakes will offer a 2015 product sponsorship package to all eligible National Champions, which includes six axle sets of brakes. The manufacturer will also provide product certificates to finishers two through 10, with values ranging from \$300 to \$50.

Eibach has also pledged their support of the event, offering two free springs to winners and secondplace drivers in eligible classes. Drivers claiming the final step of the podium will be eligible to get one free spring.

Electromotive will offer a \$500 certificate to National Champions. A \$200 certificate is up for grabs to second place, with third getting a \$100 certificate. Hyperco will offer two free Hypercoils certificates to first- and second-place finishers in eligible classes. The third-place driver will get one free Hypercoil certificate.

Pagid RS drivers fulfilling the requirements and winning will get a full set of brake pads. Second place will get one axle worth of pads. Penske Racing Shocks is offering eligible class winners a \$500 product certificate, which decreases by \$100 for each position through fifth. If eligible, the sixth-place driver will get a \$50 certificate.

SPA Technique will be offering \$100 product certificates to all winners enrolled in the program, plus \$50 certificates to all eligible fourth-place drivers. National Champions enrolled in the contingency program for Taylor Race Engineering will be able to get their hands on a \$250 product certificate.

For all eligible classes, Tilton Engineering is offering a \$175 product certificate to the National Champion. A \$100 certificate is available for the third-place finisher, and a \$50 certificate is available for the fifth-place driver. Wilwood Disk Brakes will offer a \$125 certificate to winning drivers enrolled in the program, while second- and third-place finishers will get \$75 and \$50 certificates, respectively.

Several other organizations have shown their support for the event. GoPro, the Official Camera of SCCA, will provide one GoPro HERO3+ Black Edition Camera to the driver who wins the GoPro Hero Moment of the race. SCCA staff will select the winner of this award.

Mobil 1, the Official Oil of SCCA, will offer a \$500 cash bonus and custom Mobil 1 racing suit to all eligible National Champions. For second place, Mobil 1 will provide a \$400 product certificate and third will get a \$250 product certificate.

SafeRacer, the Official Safety Provider of SCCA, pays out a \$100 product certificate for a win, and a \$50 certificate for the first driver to miss the podium.

Sunoco, the Official Fuel of SCCA, will sponsor the Hard Charger Award, worth \$100. The cash award will go to the driver who advances the most positions during each race.

TireRack.com, the Official Tire Retailer of SCCA, will also provide contingency opportunities at the Runoffs. The company will offer a \$500 product certificate to the pole qualifiers in each class. Eligible fifth-place finishers in the race will also receive a \$50 certificate.

SCCA Enterprises will offer contingencies in support of the Spec Racer Ford and Formula Enterprises classes. The SRF National Champion will receive a 50-percent discount off the new GEN3 conversion kit. The final two places on the SRF podium will earn \$500 and \$250, respectively. In FE, the winner will earn \$500. Second will take home a \$350 bonus, and third will get \$200.

For a winning B-Spec driver, Pirelli World Challenge is offering a full season of entry fees for their Touring Car B class. Second place will get three complimentary entries, with third place getting a single entry.

AiM Sports is offering a Solo lap timer to registered winners in all classes. Alpinestars will also offer registered National Champions, in select classes, a \$250 product certificate.

CoolShirt Systems will offer a \$250 cash prize to the Hard Charger in each eligible class. In addition, all participants who register for the program will be eligible for a 15-percent discount on a new CoolShirt system.

Supporting the Spec Miata class, exclusively, is Driven Race Gear. The company will provide a steering wheel, Nomex shoes and Nomex gloves to an eligible winner. Second place will get a steering wheel, while third can claim a pair of Nomex gloves. The fourth place finisher has the opportunity to get a Driven gift certificate worth \$50, while fifth place will get a pair of Driven sunglasses.

Fuel additive maker EFS Combust will offer two bottles of their product to all race winners who purchase the product prior to the event. Drivers finishing second will earn one bottle of product. Holliday Canopies is giving all eligible drivers a custom road racing canopy certificate worth \$300. A current owner who wins a National Championship can take their prize in \$150 of cash.

Those looking to hone their Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca skills online may have turned to iRacing. com. The company will offer winners a two-year membership or 200 iRacing credits for existing members. Second- and third-place drivers will get a one-year membership, or 100 iRacing credits.

K1 RaceGear has thrown their hat into the ring by offering product certificates to drivers in all classes. Competitors who take home gold at the Runoffs will be able to get a \$50 certificate. The final podium position is also worth a \$50 certificate, and an eligible Hard Charger can take home a \$50 certificate.

Pegasus Auto Racing Supplies will continue to offer a contingency program. An eligible driver who wins the Super Sweep Award will get a \$250 gift certificate. Eligible finishers in fourth through sixth will get certificates starting at \$75 for fourth place. From there, the value will decrease by \$25.

Red Line Synthetic Oil will dole out a \$750 product certificate to eligible winners in each class. The remainder of eligible podium finishers will get \$400 and \$250 certificates, in that order. Race Technology USA will offer prizes to podium finishers in all classes. Registered winners will receive discounts on a new system or credit to upgrade an existing system.

Summit Racing Equipment will offer \$150 in certificates to all eligible National Champions. Second place will get a \$100 certificate, while places third through sixth can each claim a \$50 certificate. In addition, Summit will provide a \$50 Hard Luck certificate to the program eligible starter who completes the least number of laps in each class.

Drivers are responsible for closely monitoring the program requirements for eligibility, and must register for contingency programs prior to competing. Failure to meet any listed requirements will result in the forfeiture of awards. For more information on these contingency programs, and how to register, visit www.scca.com/runoffs.

More information on the Sports Car Club of America and the SCCA National Championship Runoffs is available at www.scca.com.





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