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A Note from the Assistant RE

Save the date!



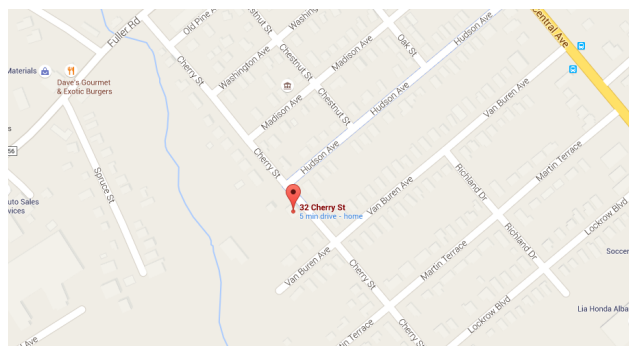
The **2015 Annual Awards Banquet and Meeting** will take place Saturday, December 5th, at a **new location**:

German American Club of Albany
32 Cherry Street
Albany

This is near the intersection of Fuller Rd and Central Ave (see map link at right).

We'll be having a buffet dinner with some great German specialties. Based on the experiences of your humble Assistant RE and some other MoHud members who happen to have attended the Patroon BMW club holiday party at this location, the food is very good! Beer and wine are available on a cash basis at the bar. Tickets prices are not set yet but plan on around \$25/person.

Look for more details and registration instructions in November's KO or coming soon on the MoHud website and Facebook page.



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Regional Executive

September RE Report

Russ Burkhard

August 10th was the third car show at Guptill's. The attendance was even better this time. The weather was great. Steve Spinicchia brought his Honda Civic to display. We will be back at Guptill's on September 14th. Stop by and say hi. This show lifts the requirement to be 25 years or older and is open to all cars.

Reminder, the monthly meeting are held at the Orchard Tavern in Albany. They are on the first Wednesday of the month and start at 7:30 PM. Come join us.

MoHud SCCA and Patroon BMWCCA announce this year's Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) event will be held Saturday, October 10, 2015, at the Saratoga Auto Museum. For more details, please see our webpage: <http://www.mohud-scca.org/street-survival/>

We will be holding the Mini-Con on 11/13 - 11/15 at the Saratoga Holiday Inn. Rates are \$129/night. We will need help to put on this event. If interested, please contact Jack Hanifan, Pete Smith, or myself.

We signed up with <http://www.sccaregiongear.com/> to get our logo on their site. You can order shirts with our logo direct from them.

The end of the year is coming up and if you want to get more involved with the clubs inner workings, Officer Elections will be held for the December meeting. Let me or another Board Member know if you are interested.

"Meetings are held monthly at the Orchard Tavern in Albany on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Come join us."
(Russ Burkhard)



September Member Meeting Minutes

Ron Bass

▶ Call to order - 7:40 pm.

Secretary - There was no meeting in August, so no minutes were published.

Membership - The Region has 5 new members. There are 423 total members to date.

Treasurer - Previous three month's income and expenses summarized.

Knock Off - Lisa indicated that she would like to turn over her position as editor of the Knock Off. A Solo member has indicated an interest in taking over the function [of Knock Off Overlord]: Timothy Frink. Lisa will be working with Timothy on the transition.

Solo - Since the last meeting there were two Solo events. The July 12th race had 47 entries. The August 2nd race had 58 entries. The next event is scheduled for September 13th.

Tire Rack Street Survival - Scheduled for October 10. Student registration is open. Instructor registration is not yet open. Volunteers are welcome. The venue will be at the Saratoga Auto Museum. Also need to get the word out to potential students. Flyers are available - contact Tricia

Bucci to get a copy of the flyer.

Rally - Scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. This will be a GTA, Game Tour Adventure. Additional information/details will be in the upcoming Knock Off.

PDX/Time Trial - Was held at Thompson Speedway July 11th. There were 15 paid entries. The event went smoothly. A lot of positive feedback was received from the participants.

Activities - Golf outing at Burden Lake Country Club had 15 golfers. Go Kart outing in August was well attended.

Competition - Jack Hanifan provided a summary of recent MoHud Club Race finishes, including the recent Majors at LRP where Jeanette Udway finished 2nd and Charlie Campbell won in their respective races. Oct 9/10 - John Stimm Memorial Race will be at Thompson.

Old Business -

By Laws - Jim indicated no additional work has been done on the By Laws since the last meeting. The last car show will be at Guptills on Sept 14th. Focus will be TRSS and the upcoming John Stimm Memo-

rial Club Race. Traffic was light at the previous car show, though Russ did hand out some entry cards for a free solo event.

Mini Con - Jim Garry is putting together a Solo presentation for the conference. Roger Johnson, course designer, will be attending. Jim is also reaching out to a number of well known drivers/competitors who will present at the convention. Jim will get the word out to the Solo community via email, telephone, and Facebook and extend invitations.

Radios - Batteries had to be replaced in eight radios.

Van - Russ has found a potential new vehicle - a 2006 used small school bus.

New Business - Jim Garry suggested that we consider hiring an outside source to help acquire a Solo site. This individual would contact potential site owners and work with them to assess availability. Jim/Tricia suggested exploring our relationship with Formula SAE (RPI) to make contacts on behalf of the Region for site acquisition. It was agreed that further discussion/consideration is warranted.

Meeting adjourned - 8:50 pm ◀

Road Rally Announcement*Trish Bucci*

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 24, 2015



Explore rural Rensselaer County as you follow rally route instructions and make observations to answer rally questions in the next MoHud **GTA** (Game, Tour, Adventure) Rally.

This will be a fun road rally suitable for all so bring the whole family along to help navigate and answer questions. It should take about 2 hours to complete the route and it will end at a local restaurant where we can order dinner, socialize, and present prizes.

Check www.mohud-scca.org for details as they become available. Any questions can be directed to Trish Bucci at trimar71@gmail.com.

September SOLO Report

Russ Burkhard

We will be having the final event of the season on September 13th. It is the 6th event of the season. Some of the championship positions can change so if you are in the hunt, make sure to be at the McCarty Ave OGS lot to try and improve your position.

The last event was on August 2nd and it was a typical August day. Sunny and hot with the temperatures just missing the 90° mark. 58 participants came out to run a course designed by Jeff Grossbard. The fastest time went to a familiar name. Ian Morse piloted his kart to that spot and held the 3rd spot on the Pax list. The top spot on the Pax went to the course designer, Jeff Grossbard in his ES Toyota MR2. For you conspiracy theorists, the course he planned to

use when he showed up had to be scrapped due to the pavement condition in some areas. That required a different course to be made on the fly. The 2nd place in pax went to Jon Staude, 4th went to NER regular Barb Seeger in her Focus ST and I rounded out the top 5 in my ST.

Jeff led the Street group followed by Ian Wallace, Joe Lagdao, Tracey Burckhard, and Brent Howard. Street Prepared had Dave Peters at the top followed by Dan Whaley, Dave Trffaro, and Joe Cassidy. Prepared - Modified had Jeff Seeger in the top spot followed by Joe Rapp-Dimopoulos. Street Touring had Tim Frink at the top followed by Scot Carpenter, Aashish Vemulapalli, Paul Bishop, and Andrzej Laczek.

Novice had Saul Morse at the top followed by Adam Wright, Steven Anthony, Kevin Boreen, and Nicholas Grasso. Ian Morse had the top Kart spot followed by Johnathon Burckhard. Pro had Jon Staude at the top followed by Barb Seeger, myself, Eric Smith, and Andy Furlong.

As far as Season Points are concerned, Ian Wallace, Joe Lagdao, Miguel Teixeira, Clifton Cearley, Andrew Bernstien, and Tracey Burckhard are your top 5 in Street. Anything can happen in this class depending on who finishes where at the next event. David Peters, Dan Whaley, Dave Trifaro, Joe Cassidy, and Jeremy Haas are your top 5 in Street Prepared. If Dan takes the win, by virtue of bonus points he should take

the championship as well. Stephan Zavos, Timothy Fink, Scot Carpenter, Aashish Vemulapalli, and Vince DePaul are your top 5 in Street Touring. If Stephan shows up, he will take the championship. If not, a bunch of other possibilities exist. Jon Staude, myself, Carmine Russo, Eric Smith, and Andy Furlong are the top 5 in Pro. Jon has this locked up. The rest will be decided at the finale. Adam Wright, Saul Morse, Jose Martinez, Aaron Bailey, and Zack Taylor are the top 5 in Novice. This is another one that can change depending on finishes. Johnathon Burckhard holds the top spot in Kart. Joe Rapp-Dimopolous can take Prepared-Modified by competing in the season finale.



Membership Report

Jim Garry

426

As of Sept 3rd (latest data available from National office) we have **426** members, up two from last month.

New Members

In August:

- Jonathan Baniak
Ballston Spa, NY
- Abigail Chunilal
Schenectady NY
- Matthew D Cushing
Greenwich NY
- Erick Mesick
Concord NH

As of September 3rd (latest date available as of this writing):

- Anthony Vaccaro
Plattsburgh, NY
- Joanne Vaccaro
- Kent Vaccarro
- Paige Vaccarro

Significant Anniversaries

Five Years

Douglas Kelley
Averill Park, NY

Ten Years

Leigh McBride
Craryville, NY

Fifteen Years

Benny and Lorraine Sangiorgi
Voorheesville, NY

October SOLO Report

Russ Burkhard

The last event was on September 13th and it turned out to be a great day. Mostly sunny and warm for most of the day. Clouds were around and it did sprinkle if you were standing in the right spot, but never enough to wet the surface. The threat of rain leading up to the event kept attendance down to 46 participants. Jeff Grossbard designed the course even though I was giving him a hard time during setup (I have trust issues). Once I left him alone, he did what needed to be done and we wound up with a good, challenging course that had something for everyone. The

fastest time went yet again to a familiar name. Ian Morse piloted his kart to that spot and he also took the top spot on the Pax list. The top spot for a car on the Pax went to Jeff Grossbard in his ES Toyota MR2. The 3rd place in Pax went to Andy Furlong, 4th went to Ian Wallace in his Civic SI and I rounded out the top 5 in my ST.

Jeff led the Street group followed by Ian Wallace, Joe Lagdao, Miguel Teixeira, and Tracey Burckhard. Street Prepared had Dan Whaley at the top followed by Dave Triffaro, Joe Cassidy & Paul Beechner.

Street Touring had Tim Frink at the top followed by Scot Carpenter, Stephen Zavos, Steven Spiniccia, and Aashish Vemulapalli.

Novice had Saul Morse at the top followed by Skyler Weisenburger, Jose Martinez, Aaron Bailey, and Dakota Morgan. Ian Morse had the top Kart spot followed by Johnathon Burckhard, and Moises Samaniego. Pro had Andy Furlong at the top followed by myself, Eric Smith, Carmine Russo, and Philip Redington.

I will go over the final points

order in an upcoming issue.

We will have a couple special guests for the upcoming Mini Con that will interest the Solo community. Roger Johnson will be here to put on a seminar on course design. Even if you have no desire to build a course, the knowledge that Roger has will be a benefit to anyone. If that wasn't enough, we will also have Mark Daddio speaking. These are two of the best and I for one cannot wait to hear what they have to say.



Mini-Con (from a Solo Perspective)

Jim Garry



SOLO SEMINARS

Come participate in a series of Solo seminars at the 2015 SCCA Northeast Division Mini-Convention, Saturday, November 14th at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Speakers include:

Roger Johnson, Course Design Guru. Roger is the most famous solo course designer in the world, literally. He has set up courses internationally as well as many National Championship, National Tour, and

Regional courses. Here's his famous course design manual: http://www.houscca.com/solo/courses/Course_Design_4-1-2.pdf. Roger is coming all the way from Texas to be with us. Let's give him a large and enthusiastic audience.

Brian Connors, SCCA Solo Events Board Chairman. Brian will discuss the Solo program, where it is and where it is going. Come with questions and Brian will answer them.

Raleigh and Velma Boreen, SCCA Region Development Managers. The Boreens will offer information about bringing out the best in our regional Solo programs.

Solo Competition Driving. Take in the wisdom of a solo zen master as he discusses the deeper part of driving fast on an autocross course. An Evolution Performance Driving School instructor will present this seminar.

Registration information will be available in the next issue of the Knock Off.

Tire Rack Street Survival

Jim Bucci

When:

Saturday, October 10, 2015

8:00am – 4:00pm

Where:

Saratoga Auto Museum
110 Avenue of the Pines
Saratoga, NY

Please share information about Tire Rack Street Survival with your family, friends and co-workers. We have flyers available to hand out, post on bulletin boards, or to send through email.

We need your help to make this a successful event

We need in-car coaches and volunteers to help on the course throughout the day.



Please consider spending a day helping to save teen lives.

Registration for students, in-car coaches and volunteers is open at www.motorsportreg.com

For more information, Jim Bucci: jjbucci@hotmail.com or Trish Bucci: trimar71@gmail.com

Miscellaneous Goo...

<http://www.mohud-scca.org/>

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Quote of the Month

(saw this on a car window)

"Prejudice is a great time-saver. It allows us to form opinions without taking the time to think."

- Just Cause