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### And Now we pass the podium to...



#### Greg Rickes!

To my friends and colleagues in Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA.

As the promise of 2016 unfolds before us I'd like to make note of its historic significance for MoHud. 2016 will mark the region's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

As the primary chronicler of the region's history for its first fifty years I hope someone amongst you

with a closer involvement in recent years will continue this important tradition by providing The Knock-Off with a summary of the significant events of the last ten years.

I look forward to the next chapters with great interest.

Best regards,  
Greg Rickes

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# Regional Executive

## February RE Report

*Jim Bucci*



I made sure to write this RE report before the next Powerball drawing. I wouldn't want to leave our Knockoff editor hanging while Trish and I jet off to the Caribbean courtesy of our lottery winnings.

I think we're off to a good start in 2016 (even if we didn't win the Powerball jackpot). Our region's solo events

board is discussing the upcoming autocross season, the club racing calendars are coming together, and we've begun planning for rallies and two Street Survival events.

I would like to once again thank Greg Rickes for speaking at the January general membership meeting. If you weren't there, you missed an excellent presentation of sports car racing on the streets of Alexandria Bay in the 1930s. As I mentioned at the January meeting, one of

my goals as Regional Executive is to get a better turn-out and more interest in our monthly general membership meeting. Greg's presentation was a great start. If you have an idea for a presentation or a guest speaker for a monthly meeting, please let me know. My contact information is in the masthead on the front of this newsletter.

For the good of the sport,

-Jim Bucci-

## January Member Meeting Minutes

*Ron Bass*

▶ Meeting called to order - 7:30 pm.

Meeting minutes approved as published in the December Knockoff with one correction - "John Stim" name was misspelled in the minutes.

**Membership** - The Region now has 390 members, down 34 members from the previous month. Jim Garry will investigate the reason for the membership drop. New members attending the meeting were introduced. Significant member anniversaries were also reported by Jim.

**Treasurer** - Previous month's expenses and income summarized. We will be voting on the budget next month. Todd will present to the membership.

**Rally** - Saturday night winter rally may be in

the works. Trish will provide more info at the next meeting.

**Activities** - We are planning a go kart event at K1 Speed, Washington Ave Extension, Albany for Saturday, Jan 9th, 1:00 pm. Start time - 12:30 pm.

**Competition** - 2005 helmets have been extended for one more year. Jack summarized the accomplishments of a number of Mo-Hud members. Jack is working on revising the Awards/Points for the Mo-Hud driver championship.

**Old Business** - By laws - we need another member to assist Eric and Russ Gorman in reviewing and updating the bylaws. Last time they were updated was in the mid 1980's. Conceptual approval of suggested revisions will

be presented to the membership prior to beginning developing the new proposed language. Per the current bylaws, two thirds of the voting membership must approve proposed revisions. Tom Campbell advised that the Saratoga Museum was very appreciative of the \$1000 MoHud donation for their support of the NEDIV as well as TRSS.

**New Business** - None.

**Greg Rickes** - Did a presentation on the road races in Alexandria Bay village streets run by the Automobile Racing Club of America in the early 1930's. This was the pre cursor to SCCA. First race was in 1936.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm. ◀





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## Board Member Meeting Minutes

*Ron Bass*

► Call to order - 7:00 pm.

**Budget** – 2016 proposed budget will be submitted and presented for review and discussion at the next membership meeting. Upcoming expenses discussed, including:

- Autocross - need for new helmets - ten will be needed for the upcoming year;
- T-shirts need to be ordered for the 2015 Club Racers.

**Thompson Track Night** - Club

Trial/PDX - should Mo-Hud have another event in 2016? Will be brought up for discussion at the next general meeting. Tire Rack Street Survival - potentially two schools will be scheduled for 2016.

**By Laws** - Need to solicit help from the membership for reviewing the current by laws to bring them up to date. A request for a volunteer will be solicited at the next general membership meeting.

**Worker Recognition awards/points** - Need to consider resurrecting the points system to

recognize volunteers who have donated time/effort in Region activities. We have not done this in a couple of years and need to resurrect the process.

**Succession planning** - Eric proposed that each current Chief prepare a "process document" that would assist a new member who takes over the position when the position is vacated by the incumbent.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm. ◀

## Notes from the Assistant RE

*Eric Smith*

I have two items I'd like to make our MoHud membership aware of...

**Kart Outings** - MoHud has recently hosted a kart outing at K1 Speed, located at Crossgates Commons in Albany. We had around 25 enthusiastic participants, both MoHud members and friends of members, and a lot of fun was had by all. It was such a success that we plan on having several more outings there. K1 Speed has said they love our group because we're well behaved and understand racing etiquette - imagine that! K1 Speed has offered our group special pricing, but it requires us to give them a head count a week prior to the

event. We're planning on having our next outing on **Saturday, February 6th, at K1 Speed's 10am opening time.** Some of us will likely meet at the Panera next door for some breakfast prior to the event. If you are interested in attending, please visit the MoHud Facebook group page and register for the event by the morning of January 30th. Questions? Contact me via my info on the [MoHud website's Directory page](#). Events are posted to our [Facebook page](#).

**Constitution and By-laws review** - with Jim Bucci's election to the position of MoHud Regional Executive, Jim has stepped down from the committee that has been

studying the refresh and update of MoHud's Constitution and by-laws. Bruce Kosakoski has volunteered to take Jim's place, joining me and Russ Gorman on the committee. We will be discussing items we identify as possibly needing updating, and will eventually bring forward our recommendations for an updated document. Look for more information in the KO and at some membership meetings as we move forward with this effort.

- EJ Smith, Assistant RE

## February SOLO Report

*Russ Burkard*



The Solo Advisory Committee met to plan the upcoming season. We are hoping to have another 6 points events this season pending approval from the site owner. We only have the one site at this time, but if anyone knows

of a place that we may be able to hold an event, please let me know. [russtduck@gmail.com](mailto:russtduck@gmail.com)

Congratulations once again to the 2015 Trophy Winners. I have the trophies for those that won. I also have some extra t-shirts for sale. Please let me know if you are interested.

Tentative schedule:

April 23	TRSS
May 14-15	Test and Tune/ School Event 1
June 25-26	Test and Tune/ School Event 2
July 24	Event 3
August 21	Event 4
September 25	Event 5

## New Opportunity for Formula F Racers

Greg Rickes

RCFFS stands for Right Coast Formula F Series, the new name for what has been known as DUFFUS since being initiated in 2013.

Right Coast is not meant to slight the Left Coast aka California etc in any way, simply to define where we are scheduling races.

RCFFS is an informal series of races for ALL FF and CF cars featuring as many stand alone as in only FF and CF races as possible to schedule.

RCFFS is NOT a points or purse paying series, but a format for safe and fun weekend race events featuring paddock camaraderie and good track time.

This lack of points gathering and score keeping certainly doesn't mean the races are any less hard

fought but it does negate the need to try to offer any real or perceived "level playing field."

Due to the emphasis on fun and not points we encourage any and all FF and CF cars and drivers to run on whatever tires each prefers, the only requirement being that CF cars must be on either hard compound slicks or treaded or shaved street radials.

The usual CF rule regarding at least one end of the car being outboard suspension is to be adhered to.

To reiterate, ALL FF and CF cars and drivers are invited to participate and both Ford Kent 1,600cc and Honda Fit 1,500cc motors restricted per current SCCA rules are allowed. Should someone choose to install a Honda motor in

their 1970 Titan Mk 6 and run the stickiest slicks available, have at it. Alternatively should someone want to install their home built Kent into a 2015 Mygale and shaved street radials, welcome aboard!

We are inclusive of any and all FF and CF cars on whatever tires the entrant prefers on the standard 5.5"X13" FF/CF rim.

For more information, and to get added to the RCFFS email list, contact Joe Marcinski at:

joemffracer@verizon.net

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## February Membership Report

Jim Garry

Mohawk Hudson Region's membership as of January 20<sup>th</sup> is 393, a net increase of 3 from last month.

### New Members

We have 6 new members.

1. *Darlene Greenhouse*, Lake George. Darlene listed Pro Racing as her primary interest.
2. *Mike Hill*, Halfmoon. Mike's primary interest is RallyCross but listed all the other activities of SCCA as an interest.
3. *Nicholas Hill*, Halfmoon. Nicholas listed RallyCross as his primary interest and also checked Road Rally.

4. *Nicholas Austin*, Liverpool. His interests are Club Racing, Pro Racing, Rally, and Solo.
5. *Diane Malecki*, Albany. Diane's primary interest is Solo.
6. *Mike McMullen*, Latham. Mike was an avid SCCA autocrosser in the 1990's and 2000's who co-drove with me in my Citation FF before leaving the Club for a spell. In 2016 he will once again be co-driving with me, this time in the Cheetah!

Welcome everyone!

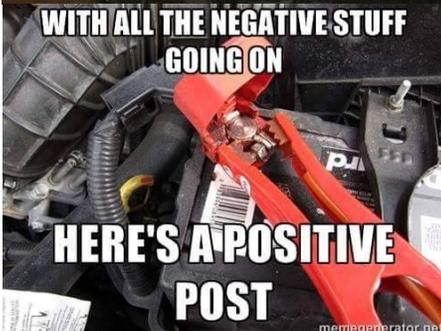
### Significant Anniversaries

#### **Five Years**

Aaron Dweck  
Laurie Dweck  
Emily Dweck  
Andrew Lauria  
Aaryn Reynolds  
Becky Reynolds  
David Reynolds  
Tyler Reynolds

Congratulations folks. May you enjoy many more years of SCCA fun!





**Miscellaneous Goo...**

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**  
*(from BrainyQuote.com)*

"February days are a marketing gimmick; love happens every day."

- Randeep Hooda