

The Mo-Hud

Knockoff



NEWSLETTER OF THE MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA (MoHud)

September 2017

The Report

As I sit and write this on an early August afternoon I can't believe my thoughts have already turned to the "end of the season". By the time you read this there will only be 2 races left on our NYSRRC and NEDRRC schedules. I'm really hoping to be able to DRIVE the car on to the trailer at the conclusion of The Fun One at WGI this year!

Within the next couple of weeks Mohud drivers, along with competitors from across the country, will be competing in the national Runoffs at Indianapolis and the Solo championships in Lincoln, NE. Best of luck to all. Remember to document all your racing adventures in words and pictures. Our newsletter editor is always looking for material.

Looking ahead to October, we have a Tire Rack Street Survival teen driving event scheduled for Sunday, October 22 at The Saratoga Automobile Museum. Consider this my first plea for help at the event.

A reminder that the general membership meeting is Wednesday, September 6 at The Orchard Tavern. The meeting starts precisely at 7:30PM. Hope to see you there.

For the good of the sport...



-Jim Bucci-
Regional Executive

Coming Events: September and...

- **September 5 - 8:** Tuesday thru Friday. SCCA National Solo Championship Runoffs, Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, Nebraska.
We can expect Jim Garry and friends to uphold MoHud honor among the 1,300+ expected entrants.
- **September 6:** Wednesday, 7:30pm. MoHud Membership Meeting. Orchard Tavern, 68 North Manning Boulevard, Albany.
While the formal meeting starts at 7:30pm, we start gathering around 6pm to share time with our fellow members.
Contact: Jim Bucci hdjimbu@gmail.com
- **September 16:** Saturday, 9:00am until? 10th Annual Keene Hill Climb Reunion, Keene; open to pre-1967 cars. Assembles at Marcy Field on Rt 73 midway between Keene and Keene Valley. Runs up Hurricane Road from downtown Keene. Stop at the Noonmark in Keene Valley for breakfast and enjoy the rest of the day within the Blue Line.
Contact: Michael Hartson < hartson@kvvi.net >
- **September 16 - 17:** Saturday thru Sunday. Finger Lakes and Central New York Regional races at Watkins Glen.
Contact: Locally, Jim Bucci or Jack Hanifan. More at < <http://www.flr-scca.com/club-racing> >
- **September 22 - 23:** Friday and Saturday. Saratoga Automobile Museum Auto auction at SPAC. Volunteer opportunities from the 19th through the 26th. See the details, and a sign-up sheet, attached to this issue of the KO.
Contact: Holly Hulfish < holly@saratogaautomuseum.org >
- **September 25 - October 1:** Monday thru Sunday. SCCA National Competition Runoffs, Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
You can support our racers by going along as crew, or following them in real time through the SCCA website.
- **October 1:** Sunday, 8:00 - 5:00. MoHud Solo Points Event #7).
OGS McCarty lot, Thruway exit 23
Contact: Russ Burckhard russtduck@gmail.com
- **October 22:** Sunday, 8:00 - 5:00. Tire Rack Street Survival for teens at Saratoga Automobile Museum/SPAC. In-car coaches and course workers needed; a really great way to coach teens as they learn how to handle their cars in emergencies.
Contact: Jim Buuci, or Kevin Belden at < kgbelden@gmail.com >
- **December 2:** Saturday, 5:00 - until. MoHud Annual Awards Banquet. German-American Club, Albany.

Reminders:

*Check your latest issue of SCCA's SPORTSCAR for more listings of national series such as Track Night in America.
And check < <https://www.motorsportreg.com> > for listings of just about every motorsports event put on by anybody.*

MoHud Annual August Go-kart Outing

August 2nd, Funplex in East Greenbush

Smiling faces, family fun, in-depth discussions.....and pizza! That describes our August go-kart outing. Thank you to Dick Stewart for making all the arrangements, Jack Hanifan and Pete Smith for getting the pizza, and the editor and staff of The Knockoff for supplying the door prizes.

- Jim and Trish Bucci

Smiling Faces



Family Fun



In-depth Discussion



SCCA National Championship Runoffs... The Olympics for Club Road Racers

Club racing is *amateur* in the sense that drivers are competing for trophies, not purses filled with big bucks. The yearly "Runoffs" are designed to crown national champions in each of the 28 club racing classes, from almost-stock Touring, to open-wheel Formula cars and fire-breathing Sports Racers.

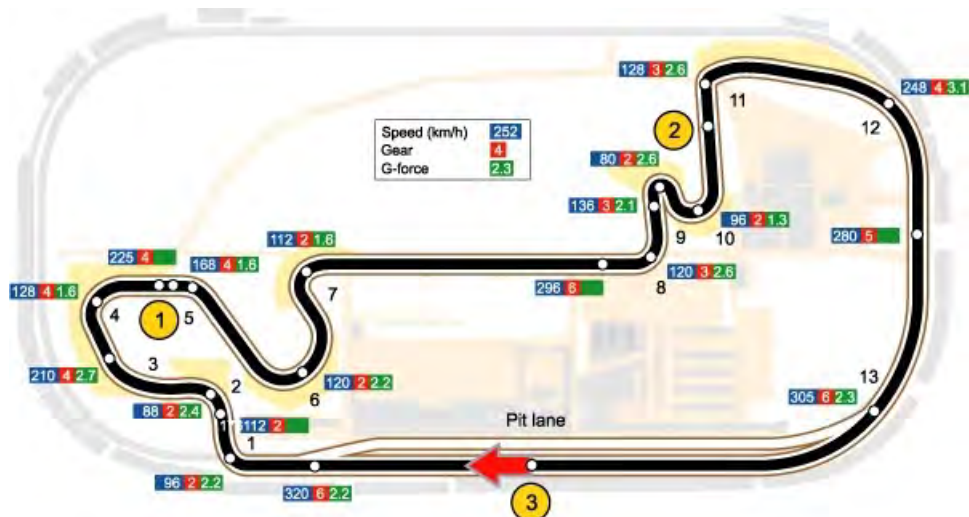
Starting with a series called The American Road of Champions in 1964, the Runoffs evolved into an elimination process where the best drivers in their class from SCCA's 115 Regions compete against each other at the end of the racing season.

This year, the Mohawk-Hudson Region will be represented by 8 drivers and course marshalls at a road course to be created on the grounds of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a road course that will include Turn 1 of Indy 500 fame (but clockwise).

In addition to the MoHud 8, a number of members will go along as pit crew, chefs, and cheerleaders.

You can keep track of the Runoffs via web streaming, videos and even an app for smartphones. Go to the SCCA website for full and latest details.

Rich Alexander		Corner Marshal
Charlie Campbell	Miata	F Production
Charlie Campbell	Miata	Spec Miata
Bill Degosits	Mazda 2	B Spec
Gregg Goss	Honda S2000	Super Touring Under [3.2 liters]
Peter Kroth		Corner Marshal
Jared Lendrum	Subaru BRZ	Touring 4
E.J. Smith		Corner Marshal
Yuven Sundaramoorthy	Mygale	Formula F



Tire Rack SCCA Solo Nationals The Olympics for Autocrossers

A modest gathering of about 1,300 drivers will competing for the honor of being a 2017 national champion in one or more of 77 Solo (autocross) classes. This extravaganza is again scheduled to be held at Lincoln Air Park in Lincoln, Nebraska, a former Air Force base made redundant in the late 1960s by changing missions and weapons technology.

Styling itself as "Cone Wars," the competition takes place on two separate courses, with best time of three runs on each course added together. These courses are a lot longer and faster than our own McCarty Lot courses. Class winners get a spiffy jacket and must buy a round at the bar for everyone present at their next Regional meeting.

This year at least 7 drivers from MoHud are heading out to Lincoln. And at least two, Olga Bogdanova and Alex Shchipkov, are aiming for the ProSolo event a few days before the main festivities.

Arn Beebe	Fox-body Mustang	C Prepared
Olga Bogdanova	BMW 518IT.io	D Street Prepared Ladies
Andy Furlong	VW "Atomic" Rabbit	E Prepared
Jim Gary	Cheetah	B Modified
Mike McMullen	Cheetah	B Modified
Jeff Seeger (NER)	Fox-body Mustang	C Prepared
Alex Shchipkov	BMW 518IT.io	D Street Prepared



Course Map (!)

While ghost trails from previous Solo competitions can be seen from above, the site is a blank canvas to competitors, with the exception of paddock and grid areas for the East and West courses, diagrammed on the SCCA website.

Similar to most solo events, you learn how the course(s) will be laid out when you get there.

SOLO Report – September

- Russ Burckhard

We are 2 races from the end of the season in this unofficial recap and the points battles are starting to shape up. Nothing has been decided yet, but the number of people eligible to become champions are dwindling. There are many scenarios that can change who winds up on top. If someone misses the next two events, they will plummet down the standings. After all, life happens. Family, work, a new car, modifications to the car, and so on. All of these and more can change who is on the top of the standings. With that in mind, I will try to let you know who is still in the running.

Street had 6 drivers that have made the first 3 events but that number has dropped to 3 (see, life happened). Ian Wallace has a 3 point lead over Scott Monti. Tim Frink sits in third just 18 points out of first. Chris Keenan and Sean Thompson are only separated by 6 points in the fourth and fifth places. Dave Cowie, John Rogers, Matt Wilson, and Ben Moeller are mathematically still in it, but that is probably not going to happen.

Street Prepared had only had 5 participant's two events ago but are now up to 8. None of them have made every event and only 5 have at least 2 events. One of those (Dan Whaley) has put his 2012 EVO up for sale (see the Mohud Facebook page for more info) so I don't see him as a threat without a car. This leaves us with a 3 way battle. Adam Wright has a comfortable lead with a win in all of his 4 attempts. Joe Cassidy is in second with Diane Malecki holding the third spot.

Prepared/Modified has the father/son battle going. Ian hasn't let his dad beat him yet this year. Saul had a shot this last event when the car failed after Ian's first run. Fortunately for Ian, his one run was fast enough to beat all 4 of Saul's runs. Life might get in the way of this battle as Ian is preparing to go away to college.

Street Touring/Modified has a lot of competition. We are up to 20 drivers that have scored points and only 1 has all of the events. Tom Taft has climbed to the top of the standings due to 4 straight wins. Tracey is holding tough in second place, Aaron Bailey sits third and Aashish Vemulapalli is in fourth. Salvatore Baisley is still mathematically alive in 5th.

CAM picked up another competitor, but Charles Dickenson has this one locked up. 4 wins have sealed the deal on this championship.

Pro has had 12 participants this year. We are down to only three that have made all of the events. Jon Staude has made his way back to the top. 4 straight wins after missing the first event has made him hard to beat. Andy Furlong is in second, Phil Reddington is in third, Carmine Russo is in fourth, and Bruce Kosakoski and I are tied for 5th. Course designer, Jon Kirschman, and Eric Smith are still in it mathematically.

Kart has added a 5th driver who is currently in 5th place. Johnathon Burckhard currently has the top spot. Moises Samaniego is in second just 14 points behind. Josh Smith sits third, but has won all three of his attempts. Lou Pirro is in fourth with Salvatore Baisley trying to catch him.

Novice. 33 different drivers have ran an event. 3 of those have made every event. Andrew Decker has replaced Ed Molocznik as the current leader by just 10 points. Ken Relation is just 4 points behind Ed in third. Dave Disanto, Blair Davis, and Mike Saptura are only separated by 4 points, but they are 35 points out of the lead. Erik Austin, Andrzej Laczek, and Mark Mroz still have a mathematic chance.

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SOLO Report – cont'd

August 13th: The 5th event of the season was probably the best day of the year. The weather was nice all day. Scattered clouds and warm was what we were blessed with. The sun was out the majority of the day helping to maintain that late summer tan. 52 participants came out to run. Jon made use of just about all off the pavement. This event had something for everyone. Speed, tight corners, and a fast slalom. An S-turn before the start led to a 180° left. A right bend into an offset (to the fast way) slalom ended with a 90° right. This was a very fast part of the course. Fear was the key word for this portion. Those who were not scared, were able to go through with little or no braking before the hard right. I, unfortunately, was not one of the fearless ones. I hit the brakes every time and quickly regretted it because I scrubbed off too much speed. A fast slalom led into the slowest part of the course. An optional direction around a pin cone was at the end of the slalom. Going in to the pin on the right meant slow in, fast out and about a 270° left turn. Entering on the left gave you straight braking and slightly over a 90° right to a left dog leg to another 90° right. This right was harder with the left pin entry. A 180° left sent you into a straight before a final left and the finish boxes.

We all had 8 runs to try to get the most out of our cars. The times ranged from a 29.4 in a go kart, 29.8 in a Modified to a high 40 second runs from first timers. Most of the faster street cars started in the low to mid 30 second range. The fastest raw time went to Josh Smith and the fastest Pax time went to Jon Staude. Rounding out the top 5 in Pax were Scott Monti from HS, Ian Wallace from HS, Ray Nelson from HS, and Tom Taft STX. Top class winners were Scott Monti from Street, Tom Taft from Touring, Adam Wright from Street Prepared, Michael Budai from Street Mod, Ian Morse from Modified, Charles Dickenson from CAM, Josh Smith from Kart, Andrew Decker from Novice, and Jon Staude from Pro.

August 7th: The 6th event was another great day. After a cool start, the sun warmed the day up nicely to about 80°. 63 participants came out including a bunch of first timers. The promotion from the Guptil's car show has been paying off. We had quite a few entrants use their free entry at this event and a few more made their way back to run again after being previously recruited. 15 entries were listed as novices this event. Jon Kirschman did a great job again with the course. A 90° left led to the start. A tight 3 cone slalom ended with a tight hard right. A dog leg to the right ended with an almost 180° sweeping right, A short straight set you up for a 180°+ decreasing radius left. Another straight with a dog leg right brought you to the final two sweeping lefts to the finish. Just about all of the pavement was used, but it was still a fast course.

Fastest time of the day went to Josh Smith in his Maranello Go Kart with a 24.6. Saul Morse was close behind in his Raptor with a 24.9. Andy Furlong had the fastest car with a 26.0. From there the range went up to a 40.0 for a first timer. The event flowed nicely and everyone had 8 runs. The fastest Pax and Pro winner went to Jon Staude. Other class winners were Scott Monti in Street, Tom Taft in Street Touring, Saul Morse from Prepared/Modified, Josh Smith in Kart, Charles Dickenson in CAM, Adam Wright in Street Prepared, and Andrew Decker from Novice.

As a testament to the sportsmanship at the events, Tracey and I had car trouble leading up to the event and we were greeted with multiple offers to co-drive other cars. Thanks to Jon Kirschman for offering up the seat in his Porsche to me and to Tom Taft for doing the same for Tracey.

Eds Note :Newest Kart entrant, Angelina MacLeod, age 8, coached by Grandfather Lou Pirro, represents another generation entering competition. Welcome, Angelina!

SOLO Scene



Start'em Young!



Perhaps We Can Coax EJ
to do a "Ted Talk" at Next Meeting
on the Subject of New Mods to #10



Andy Servis Disrespected by an Enemy Worse than Cones



Vintage Racers



<< What with global warming and a
lackadaisical El Nino, asphalt may be the
new ice, as ice-racer Dave Burnham
demonstrates.

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Membership meetings of the Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, excepting July and August, 7:30pm, at the Orchard Tavern, 68 North Manning Boulevard, Albany.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SARATOGA AUTO AUCTION SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, 2017

The Saratoga Automobile Museum is hosting the first Saratoga Auto Auction on September 22nd and 23rd on the stage at SPAC.

Volunteer to be part of the essential organizing and development team for an exciting new annual event right here in Saratoga Springs. We will be auctioning off 200 cars over two days! Your knowledge, time and energy will make a difference in the success of the auction and its impact on the community. Meet new people, see old friends, experience all makes and models of automobiles... join the team!

Volunteer Opportunities

Tuesday, September 19th to Tuesday, September 26th:

Ushers
Photography
Security
Parking
On Site Bidder Registration
Customer Service
Consignment and Bidder Support
Finance Office
Vehicle Description Writing
Car Detailers

Mechanical Skills/Knowledge for the following positions:

Auction Car Check In
Staging of Cars
Drivers for the Auction
Auction Car Pushers

Break down of Auction

Schedule for September 19th to September 26th

Consigned Auction Cars Arrival & Set Up, Tuesday, September 19 th	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Consigned Auction Cars Arrival & Set Up, Wednesday, September 20 th	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Preview of Auction Cars, Thursday, September 21 st	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Preview of Auction Cars, Friday, September 22 nd	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Cocktail Party**, Friday, September 22 nd	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Auction, Friday, September 22 nd (60-75 cars)	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Auction, Saturday, September 23 rd (140-150 cars)	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Release of Cars & Break Down, Sunday, September 24 th and Monday, September 25 th	

Cocktail Party is open to Spectator Ticket Holders, Bidders, Consignors and guests

Please fill out the Auction Volunteer Application form, giving us a better understanding of your availability and interests for volunteering at the Saratoga Auto Auction.

Return the application to: Holly Hulfish, By email: holly@saratogaautomuseum.org

By mail: Saratoga Automobile Museum, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions at holly@saratogaautomuseum.org or (518) 587-1935 x 23.



Saratoga Auto Auction Volunteer Application

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please list any skills, interests, hobbies, previous experience and talents that would be useful to the auction:

Time of day available:	Daytime	Evening	Weekend of Event					
What days would you be available?	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	S	M

Please indicate activities you feel you would be interested in volunteering:

- Ushers Photography Security Team Detailers
- On Site Bidder Registration Customer Service/Consignment & Bidder Support
- Finance Office (Titles, Settlement) Vehicle Description Writing

Mechanical Skills/Knowledge necessary for the following positions:

- Car Check In Staging of Cars Auction Drivers Auction Car Pushers

Are you interested in being a Team Leader? Yes or No

Do you have any physical limitations that need special consideration (lifting, standing, physical activities):

Signature: _____ Date of Application: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Food and beverage provided for the Volunteers during the Auction on Friday and Saturday
 Please send application to: Holly Hulfish / Email: holly@saratogaautomuseum.org
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