

Knockoff



Newsletter of the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club of America

September 2018

The REport

Location, Location, Location

After much searching and many great suggestions (thank you all), we have a new spot for our monthly membership meetings as well as our BOD meetings. Drum roll please...

Maggie's Café and Sports Grill
1186 Western Avenue
Albany (opposite the main entrance of SUNY Albany)

Monthly general membership meetings will continue to be the first Wednesday of the month and will start promptly at 7:30PM. Please join us for dinner (on your own) and bench racing about 6:30PM. Hope to see you all there for the September meeting on Wednesday, Sept 5.

Just to clarify

The decision to cancel the August go-cart outing at the Funplex in East Greenbush was not a MoHud decision.

The Funplex contacted us early afternoon and said they were closing for the day due to the impending weather.

*For the good of the sport,
Jim Bucci
Regional Executive*

Coming Events: September and...

- **September 3-7**: Monday-Friday. SCCA Solo Nationals, Lincoln Nebraska. A few MoHuders (Jim Garry for sure) will be going.
- **September 5**: Wednesday, 7:30pm. MoHud Membership Meeting. Maggies Cafe and Sports Bar, Western Avenue, Albany, across from SUNY Albany main entrance. We start gathering around 6pm to share time with our fellow members.
Contact: Jim Bucci hdjimbu@gmail.com
- **September 6**: Thursday, 5:00pm. Sweeping Party at Empire Aerosciences Museum solo autocross site. Help clear those pesky little stones from the course. See Miguel Teixeira's posts on the MoHud Facebook pages.
- **September 16**: Sunday, 8am-5pm. Solo Event 5. MoHud Solo at Empire State Aerosciences Museum, adjacent to the Schenectady County Airport, Route 50, Glenville.
- **September 30**: Sunday, 8am-5pm. Solo Event 6. Final 2018 MoHud Solo; Empire State Aerosciences Museum, adjacent to the Schenectady County Airport, Route 50, Glenville.
- **October 3**: Wednesday, 7:30pm. MoHud Membership Meeting. Maggies Cafe and Sports Bar, Western Avenue, Albany, across from SUNY Albany main entrance. We start gathering around 6pm to share time with our fellow members.
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- **October 21**: Sunday, 8am-5pm. Tire Rack Street Survival at SAM. Sign on as an instructor: <msreg.com/TRSSInstructorRegOct21>
- **November 3**: Saturday, late afternoon. MoHud Fall Back Time Speed Distance Rally. Another fun one from Trish Bucci. Stay tuned here and on the MoHud Facebook pages for details as they are announced.



**11TH ANNUAL
KEENE MOUNTAIN HILL CLIMB REUNION**

*If you build it, they will come
in remembrance of the Keene Hill Climbs of 1950-1956*

Keene, New York
September 15th, 2018

Open to pre-1967 cars starting at 9am on Marcy Field
No Entry Fee, but preregistration is requested. Exhibition runs
will be limited to the first 25 cars registered. Admission for
participants and spectators is free.

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SOLO Report – September

The second test and tune was held on July 14th at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum. It was a hot day and we had about a dozen runs. Attendance was more in line with what we normally have at a test and tune.

The next day we had 68 entrants. I would like to say things went smooth, but we had a rather large hiccup. For the first time that I can remember at Mohud in a real long time, we had a course issue that resulted in us having to restart the event. A patch failed opening up a hole that could not be avoided on the course. Fortunately we were early in the event just finishing the first run in the first heat. Due to this and having to redesign that part of the course, we only were able to have 5 runs.

Miguel Teixeira set the fastest time of the day in his shifter kart, Aaron Wright was the fastest Junior Kart, Chris Keenan had the best time in Street, Joe Cassidy had the best Street Prepared time, Nick Austin had the top spot in the Touring/Modified class, Bill Hudson was the best in CAM, Jon Staude led the Pro drivers, Brian Borie was the fastest Novice, and Dave Burnham had the fastest Modified/ Prepared. Nick Austin topped the Pax list followed by Chris Keenan, Adam Wright, Brian Borie, and Denver Tucker.

Event 4 on August 12th threatened to rain, but that never happened. The sun even made an appearance. 62 participants came out and were treated to the first counter-clockwise event at the Museum. It was a nice course that had a bunch of compliments. The best times ran from the mid 20's in the karts and high 20's in cars.

Josh Smith set the Fastest Time of the Day in his shifter kart. The best Pax went to Scott Monti from H Street. Nick Austin led touring in his S2000 and had the fastest time in a car. Dave Cowie led Street Prepared, Michael Park led Street R, Bill Hudson had the fastest CAM entry, Vince DePaul led Street Modified, Dave Burnham led Modified, Aaron Wright had the fastest Jr Kart, Brian Borie was the fastest Novice, and Andy Furlong was the best of the Pro's.

With two events left, the points races are starting to get sorted out. Scott Monti is leading Street. He is undefeated in his three attempts. Chris Keenan is in second with the only other win in street. Ian Wallace, Denver Tucker, and Ken Relation round out the top five.

Dave Cowie has three wins and a second in Street Prepared. Joe Cassidy has one win and two seconds in second place. Diane Malecki, Mike Nethaway, and Nick Jones round out the top five.

Dave Burnham has two wins in Prepared/Modified and only needs one more event to lock up the under subscribed championship.

Street touring has Nick Austin with a commanding lead. He has gone four for four in the win category. Adam Wright is in second with Tracey Burckhard, Russ Gorman, and Kyle Pangburn rounding out the top five.

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September Solo, cont'd

CAM has Bill Hudson at the top with three wins. Chuck Dickinson is in second with Chris Banares and Joe Brewster round out the top four.

Pro has Jon Staude on top. I am in second with Andy Furlong, Eric Smith, and Phil Reddington rounding out the top five.

Novice has Brian Borie on the top of the list. Steve Pallesche is in second with Kathy Hogan, Sheri Dejan, and Jonathon Scavone rounding out the top five.

Kart has Miguel Teixeira on top with Aaron Wright in second and Lou Pirro, Salvatore Baisley, and Isaiah Kalbfliesh rounding out the top five.

Upcoming dates

Sept 16	Empire State Aerosciences Museum	Event 5
Sept 30	Empire State Aerosciences Museum	Event 6

PSCC Events

Oct 21	Lake Taghkanic State Park
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-Russ



Clockwise from bottom:

- Ken Relation shows how to wrangle a pony
- Kart Alley buzzes
- Sam Abusen plays that new game:
"Beat the Herc"

Club Racing- September 2018

Jim Bucci/ Jack Hanifan

July Sprints Results

Congratulations to MoHud racers Patrick Stringer and Doug Garrison on their podium finishes at the July Sprints held at Watkins Glen. Both driving Spec Racer Fords, Patrick took the gold medal while Doug grabbed bronze.



No, that's not Doug's Spec Racer Ford, it's his dad with what appears to be a non-spec Ford racer.

Doug the senior started his racing career at age 18 when he was drafted at the last minute to drive somebody else's car at the Altamont Speedway.

He showed raw talent in that first ride, and as his skills grew, he got better and better rides. By the 1960s he was known as "Mr. Lebanon" for his mastery of that dirt oval.

If you search the Internet, you'll find a number of sites that celebrate his cars and his achievements.

And if you've been paying attention to the KnockOff, you'll recognize that this is another example of Altamont's role as an incubator of generation-to-generation involvement in motorsports. *-ed*

Club Racing Experience (CRE)

The Club Racing Experience is just what the name implies: an on-track experience that duplicates many of the features of Club Racing, but in a more limited and supervised manner. CRE is an SCCA program conducted in our area by the New England Region, designed for cars in the less powerful classes such as Spec Miata or Touring 3, with all the other Club Racing rules for driver safety and apparel applied, and classroom sessions included.

Characterized as a stepping-stone from track days, CRE is suitable for the "occasional" racer, novices seeking a competition license, or those seeking the feel of Club Racing before committing themselves to a full program. A good explanation of the CRE program can be viewed at < <http://www.ner.org/club-racing-experience/> >.

The next CRE is at Palmer on September 8-9, and the final session for the year is at Thompson, October 5-6. Next month's KO will include a MoHuder's experience of the Experience at Palmer. *-ed*

Membership Report - September - Jim Garry

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Happy Summer everyone. As of August 22nd our membership total stands at an even 400. We seem to have stabilized around this number. Happily it is above our earlier lows in the upper 300s but still over a hundred below our high last year in the 500 range. And we're down 50 or so due to the weather that canceled our Teen Street Survival School last spring.

Please talk up your club to your friends. Send them to <https://www.scca.com/pages/join-scca>

We have 21 new members since June 1st :

(Designated Interest: CR = club racing, PR = pro racing, R = rally, S= solo)

Jason	Jendzezyk	S
Andrew	Servis	CR, PR, R, S
Brandon	Tunkel	S
Ahmad	Choudry	CR, R, S
Jonathan	Scavone	S
Curtis	Klope	R, S
Thomas	Gonzalez	CR, R, S
Katherine	Hogan	S
George	Knoll, Jr.	S
Thomas	Daley	CR, PR, R, S
Matthew	Huchro	CR, PR, R, S
Jerime	Riccardi	CR, PR, R, S
Stephen	Zavos	S
Sara	Lee	
Dominic	Lemire	
Riley	Smith	
Joseph	Starks	CR, PR, R, S
Susan	Boddie	CR, S
Christian	Dehnert	CR
Samantha	Dickinson	S
Isaiah	Kalbfliesh	PR, S

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Membership Report, cont'd...

Significant Anniversaries in July, August, and September

Five Years

Beverly Relyea

Angelo Calbone

Ten Years

Thomas Johnson

Twenty Years

Mack McCormack, Jr.

Twenty Five Years

Frederick Fox

Forty Years

James Bishop
(former MoHud membership chairman for many years)

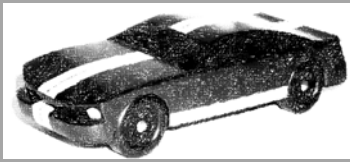


A challenge to MoHud members...

Pinewood Derby for Adults

(kids can come too)

Saturday, October 20th



**American Legion Hall
16 West Polar Drive, Delmar**

To benefit local Cub Pack 23 and Scout Troop 58

Two Classes:

Classic BSA Rules and

Open/ "Outlaw (must fit on the track)

Six runs Guaranteed

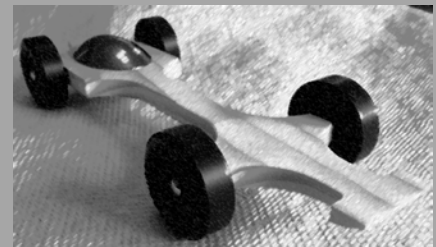
A \$25 per person entry fee gets you an official Pinewood Derby kit (but you can pre-build)

The doors open at noon for a car show

Organize a Pinewood team!

Sign your real car up for the show!

Contact Jim Garry at mhr.membership@gmail.com
for more information on the car show and team competition.



Hints: <https://www.pinewoodderby.org/rules> or www.pinewoodpro.com

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For more information about the Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA, and membership in the Sports Car Club of America, go to < <http://www.mohud-scca.org> >

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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The KnockOff Journal

This Month...

- A Photo Essay



What's on Your Plate?

A car worth owning is worth an appropriate license plate. We show here some excellent examples seen at Lime Rock during a recent BMW-Patrol driving school/ track day that saw quite a few MoHuders as instructors, students and vehicle-exercisers.

If you've been slack in this department, it's not too late to emphasize your pride and joy with a trip to < <https://dmv.ny.gov/order-personalized-plates> > and \$60 available on your credit card.

