

The Mo-Hud

Knockoff



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

March 2020

The REport

What can we say about Jack Hanifan that hasn't been said a hundred times before? I'm sure we all have our own fond memories and funny stories about him. I'd like to share some of the tributes and comments that have been posted to the MoHud Facebook page:

-He was a friend and mentor. I always enjoyed seeing him at the track.

-Jack. You made my life a lot more enjoyable and fun!

-Jack was my instructor at Pocono for my second school back in 1991. Pushing 30 years later he always had a good word and I always looked forward to seeing him at the track.

-Our SCCA family mourns the loss of Jack-such an integral part of our racing programs and a great friend to so many.

-RIP to a dear friend and MoHud cornerstone of history. Jack provided some of the best times and stories that will go on forever in our hearts. He helped me early on stay out of trouble with chief stewards. Many races, events, meals, trips to the hospital, you name it, did it all and will never forget this wonderful guy!

-Jack was always a friend on and off the track. He was part of our family and he will be sorely missed

-We went to driver's school together at Nelson Ledges, and spent many fun years racing! After that, many years at NEDiv minicons and round tables. Racing NYSRRC series. The Glen and Nelson. Later even at Pocono and NJMP. He will be missed by all...

For the good of the sport

- Jim Bucci

Regional Executive

Note: The March general membership meeting, Wednesday, March 4, will be at our usual spot, The Gateway Diner, 899 Central Ave, Albany. The start time, as always, is 7:30PM.

Coming Events: March and...

- **March 4:** Wednesday. 7:30pm. MoHud membership meeting at the Gateway Diner, 899 Central Avenue, Albany. Meet the new MoHud Rallymaster.
- **March 29:** Sunday. 10:00am – 2:00pm. Ross Bentley's Speed Secrets Seminar at Saratoga Automobile Museum.
< <http://www.saratogaautomuseum.org> > for details.
- **APRIL 1:** Wednesday. 7:30pm. MoHud membership meeting at the Gateway Diner, 899 Central Avenue, Albany.
- **APRIL 5:** Sunday. MoHud Rally. See below.
- **APRIL 23:** Thursday. 3:00pm to dusk. Track Night in America at Thompson. First of a number in our area for 2020.
See < <https://www.tracknightinamerica.com> > for more information.
- **APRIL 26:** Sunday. 8:00am to 5:00pm. Tire Rack Street Survival at Saratoga Auto Museum. Sign up as instructor, or register a teen at < <https://www.motorsportreg.com> > Search for "Street Survival" to find the registration page.
- **May 6:** Wednesday. 6:30pm. MoHud membership meeting at 1945 Speed & Custom, 631 River Street, Troy. Pizza, wings and potables will be provided. Attendees are asked to not drool on the cars.

Rally Time...



YOU MAY DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

KEN RELATION (518) 339-2558
MOHUD REGION ROAD RALLY CHAIRPERSON

A rectangular card with a black border and a dashed yellow line inside. It contains rally information. At the top right is the SCCA logo. A compass rose is on the right side. The text is as follows:

WHAT:
HOW'D WE GET HERE RALLY?

WHEN:
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020
12:30 - 1:00 REGISTRATION
1:05 - 1:25 DRIVER & NAVIGATOR MEETING
1:30 FIRST CAR OFF
4:30 DINNER SOCIAL AND BENCH RACING

WHERE:
CRESCENT PARK
1 TERMINAL ROAD
HALFMOON, NY 12065

WHO:
ALL WELCOME

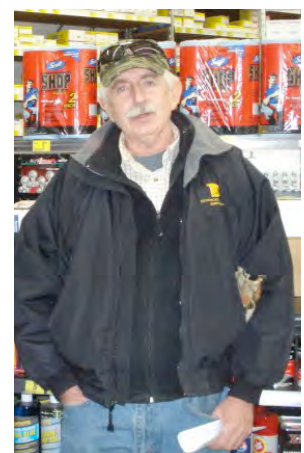
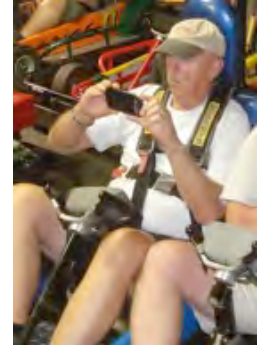
HOW MUCH:
\$20/TEAM ENTRY FEE
*AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN VEHICLE MUST BE A
SCCA MEMBER. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIPS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$20.

ADDITIONAL INFO:
TEAMS WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:
CAMERA WITH DIGITAL DISPLAY
INTERNET ACCESS
GPS UNIT
OR A SMART PHONE / TABLET WITH THESE
CAPABILITIES

Road Racing Report- March

- Jim Bucci

Fond memories of Jack Hanifan



Membership Report- February 2020

-*Jim Garry* Mohud Membership Chairman

< mhr.membership@gmail.com >

Mohawk Hudson Region membership stands at 366 as of February 25th. This has been holding steady since last Fall. Our new members since then, about ten, have matched the members who have opted not to renew their SCCA membership. As Spring approaches, many new members will come aboard. The key to growth is not only with those new folks but with ensuring that our club offers something that all current members wish to continue being a part of.

New members in February including their chosen areas of interest, if offered:

Nicholas Carl, Greenville, NY

Drew Cullen, Newcomb, NY Club Racing, Rally, Solo

James Chin, Sharon, CT Club Racing, Pro Racing, Rally,

Carter Prue, Hudson, NY

Significant Anniversaries:

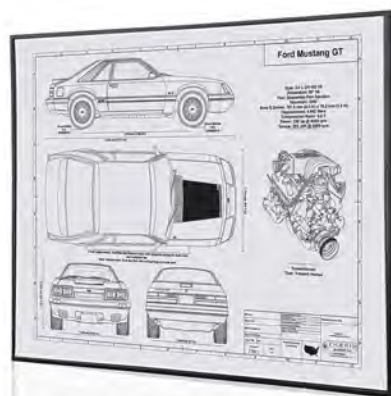
Lisa Hanifan 35 years

Dennis Curley 40 years

Tom Campbell 45 Years

Thanks for your love of SCCA!

PS: Last month we noted that **Diane Gurdak** was a 20-year MoHud member. Reality is, she's a young 25-year member known to keep fast company... -ed.



Board Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2020

Gateway Diner, Albany Call to order - 7:30 pm.

Membership – members discussed ways to increase membership. One proposal - provide year end Solo trophies to members only. Non-members would not be eligible to receive a trophy. Concern was raised that if we pursue this proposal we may lose Solo attendance over time which may jeopardize the ability of the region to schedule events. After further discussion it was decided that we would canvass individuals to determine why they have chosen not to join SCCA.

Grant funding - SCCA is again offering regions grant money to help support regions financially. Ideas/proposals should be submitted to Jim.

Mini Con - will be on February 14/15 in Scranton, PA. Registration information is available on the NEDIV website (and Motorsportreg.com). \$1000 (maximum) will be budgeted for members that would like to attend (\$200/attendee). Announcement will be made at the February monthly meeting as well as a notice on Facebook.

Budget - last year's budget as well as proposed budget discussed. Also discussed - income and expenses related to the Solo Program and TRSS. Proposed budget will be discussed at the February general membership meeting.

Future Meetings - April General Membership meeting may be scheduled at 1945 Speed & Custom (Troy). HVCC Auto Tech has also offered to host the Region for a future meeting (perhaps May).

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

- Ron Bass

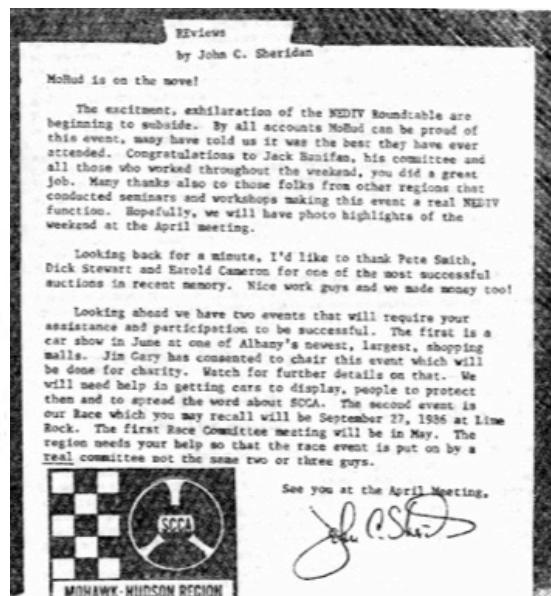
Wandering Through the KO Archives...



Evan Karl fixing his grandfather's new Spec Miata Motor

MoHud's Newest Wrench!

We will all be waiting to see how much better the Karl machinery will work this year under the careful scrutiny of the youngest Karl family member to become involved in mechanics. If Grandpa Bob has any real luck this coming race season, his successes will have to be shared with his grandson, who looks like he may have the magic touch.



Membership Meeting Minutes...

February 5, 2020; Gateway Diner, Albany. Call to order - 7:30 pm

Treasurer - previous month's income and expenses reported. Complete budget report will be provided at the next monthly meeting.

Membership - we now have 363 members with three new members in 2020. Jim Garry also provided a summary of recent member anniversaries.

Solo - we are working with the Poughkeepsie Region on use of their solo venue. More info to follow.

Knock Off - hard deadline for March article submission is March 17.

TRSS - there will be two schools in 2020, April 26 and October 18. Student registration is now open. Instructor registration is also open. Please contact Kevin Belden for information. Jim Garry and John Kirschman will be taking over as Chairs for the event in 2020. It was noted that Mo Hud was acknowledged as TRSS Region of the Year in 2017.

Club Racing - NEDIV race schedule has been published. The 2020 schedule includes a night race at Thompson. Tom Campbell has been appointed to the National Court of Appeals.

Old Business - none.

New Business - the 2020 Mini Con will be on February 15 in Scranton PA. The Board has approved up to \$200/person for any member that wants to participate (capped at \$1,000 total).

There will be no board meeting next month.

March and/or April meeting may be at the HVCC Auto Tech or 1945 Speed & Custom. Announcement will be in the next KnockOff.

The 2019 Louis/ McClumpa Award was given to Peter Kroth.

The Mohawk/Hudson Region Membership of Excellence Award was given to Richard Alexander.

Saratoga Museum - Tom Campbell provided info about the current museum exhibit and upcoming exhibits which include "Helmet Art" - members should contact Tom if they have any helmets that they may want to exhibit. Also scheduled is a seminar by Ross Bentley on March 29 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. He will be speaking on High Performance Driver Education. Rich Alexander and Tom will be working on repairing the FV presently on display at the museum.

Rally - Mo Hud will have a rally on Sunday April 5. Registration will be at 12:30 pm and drivers meeting at 1:00 pm. Additional info will be published in the KnockOff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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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. See the "Coming Events" page of the KnockOff, or MoHud's Facebook page for meeting place and time.



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The KnockOff Journal



This Month...

- Greg Rickes Visits the Newly Opened Brumos Collection

The Brumos Collection

Brumos may not be well-recognized by today's enthusiasts, but the recent opening of the car collection bearing its name in Jacksonville Florida opens a new chapter in its automotive legacy.

Founded as one of the country's first Porsche dealerships in the 1950s BRUndage MOtorS was an avenue that gave Herbert Brundage access to the racing sports cars he so dearly loved. Brundage was an avid SCCA racer, as well as an innovator. In fact he helped to pioneer one of the SCCA's long-term racing success stories, Formula Vee.

BRUMOS prominence peaked in the 1970s and '80s when it was the standard bearer for Porsche's racing efforts in the IMSA Camel GT and SCCA TransAm series with championship-winning drivers Peter Gregg and Hurley Haywood. Following Gregg's death BRUMOS retreated for a time, re-emerging in the 1990s contesting championships with production-based Porsches, and in the 2000s was an early adopter for the GrandAm Daytona Prototypes. An ownership change after Bob Snodgrass passed away retired the brand name, until now.

The Brumos Collection museum in Jacksonville portrays automotive history far beyond the role of Porsche. Housed in a brand new building the pays homage to the Ford plant that once stood in Jacksonville from the first impression there is understated elegance. The green lawn and water feature that greet you on arrival contrast with the one of the bright orange Union 76 ball towers that once stood at Daytona International Speedway.

The entry gallery features several examples of automotive excellence from the 1920s and '30s, then moves into American racing of that era with several examples of the oval-track Millers which were the class of the field at the Indianapolis 500.



Brumos, II

The collection then moves through the decades of American racing culminating in the era of the 1960s Indy Roadsters.

As expected the accompanying Porsche gallery contains an example of virtually every successful Porsche racer, from the early 550 to current GTLM cars, along with several significant Porsche street cars.

The entire presentation is breathtaking. Each car on display has a high-tech kiosk that traces the cars design history and specifications, significant achievements and personal recollections. The oversized graphics add to the sense of occasion.

If you're anywhere near Jacksonville it's definitely worth a visit.



Here's a link to my photo gallery...

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3005000326191321&id=10000441496886

And the Brumos website...

<https://thebrumoscollection.com/>

- Greg