

The Mo-Hud

Knockoff



Newsletter of the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club of America **January 2021**

The REport

Lots happening to close out 2020...

I'm sure 2020 wasn't the year any of us expected: a worldwide pandemic, social unrest, and an interruption to our day-to-day lives. From a motorsports perspective, it meant a disruption to our competition seasons, a slow but welcome walk back to the track, and finally some normality with the introduction of our shortened road racing, time trial, and autocross seasons. Sadly, we lost some cherished SCCA folks in all of this, and I know some of you experienced personal losses of all types. With the new year, all eyes, and hopes, are now on 2021 to provide what we yearn for: a sense of normality, a renewed spirit, and a hope that better days are to come. Let's work together to make it so.

I'd like to extend my and the club's thanks to the following individuals who have stepped up to fill chairperson positions:

- Richard Welty and Paul Malecki, Road Racing Co-chairs
- Aashish Vemulapalli, Track Chair

MoHud Region's annual meeting and awards banquet will happen virtually this year on January 9th, beginning at 7pm. We hope to present the meeting and awards in a webinar format. You may have gotten an email with details on how to attend. If you don't receive information by Saturday, January 2nd, send me an email and I'll send them to you (EJEvo8@gmail.com). Please be aware we'll likely have a 100 attendee limit in place due to service costs, so only register if you earnestly plan on attending.

Speaking of gathering virtually, attending SCCA's annual convention will never be more affordable than this year - it's free! You'll have the honor of watching fellow MoHud member Tom Campbell getting inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame on the first day of the convention (January 23rd). Go to:

< <https://www.scca.com/articles/2014588-unconventional-scca-convention-registration-now-open> >

- For details and registration for the 2021 SCCA Virtual Convention.
- And to read more about Tom Campbell and his fellow inductees.

Gridding up for 2021,

- *EJ Smith* Acting Regional Executive

NOTICE:

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Annual Meeting

The 63rd Scheduled Annual Meeting of The Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club of America, will take place at 7:00pm, Saturday, January 9th, 2021, via Zoom Webinar on the internet.



Internet access is required for any member to participate. Notices have been e-mailed to all members that have provided an e-mail address to Acting Regional Executive EJ Smith <EJEvo8@gmail.com> If you've already responded to him, no need to do anything but wait for final instructions. Note that any conflicting requirements in NYS Law or the Region's Bylaws are suspended by exigencies of the COVID-19 epidemic.

The order of business as determined by New York Law, the Region's Bylaws, and tradition, will follow thusly:

- Report of the Acting Regional Executive
- Election of Officers. The official slate is:
 - Regional Executive ~ EJ Smith
 - Assistant Regional Executive ~ Salvatore Baisley
 - Secretary ~ Shelby Blanchette
 - Treasurer ~ Paul Malecki
 - Director ~ Bruce Kosakoski
 - Director ~ Chip VanSlyke
- Summary reports of the Treasurer and Membership Chairman as required by law
- Track Star Award ~ announced by Aashish Vemulapalli or...
- Road Racing Driver of the Year ~ announced by Richard Welty or...
- Solo Awards ~ announced by Russ Burkhard or...
- Region Member of Excellence Award - announced by Greg Rickes or...
- Other business as it arises.
- Close of the meeting ~ 8pm (estimated)

Prego!

We would like to express our gratitude for the gifts and the send-off we received as we exited New York last month. We appreciate the recognition of the time and energy we have given to MoHud over many years.

We intend to remain MoHud members and stay in tune to the club from our sunny new locale. And as Jim mentioned in his final REport, if you'd like to race or flag at one of our Florida tracks, we'd be happy to have you visit us.

Sincerely,
Jim & Trish Bucci

Coming Events: January and...

- **January 6:** Wednesday. No monthly membership meeting in January.
- **January 9:** Saturday. 7:00pm. MoHud Annual Meeting and awards presentation.
- **February 3:** Wednesday. 7:00pm. Monthly membership meeting via Zoom. EJ Smith will blast e-mail the membership with details.
- **And Beyond:** While national events are best reviewed via the SCCA website, Greg Rickes, with the help of Richard Welty, has been updating the NEDIV (Northeast Division) spreadsheet calendar with all manner of events of interest to MoHuders. Look to the MoHud Facebook pages for the latest version.

“How’d We Get Here?” Rally - Sunday, November 1st

Our new Rallymaster Ken Relation, with lots of assistance from partner Michelle, put on the first rally of his tenure, Sunday the 1st, drawing 11 cars filled with eager rally teams (excepting Salvatore Baisley running solo) starting at Terminal Road in Waterford. Having survived Halloween and the Daylight Savings Time traumas the day before, it was a motivated group that motored off at two minute intervals to find-and-selfie at spots along the Barge Canal/ Mohawk River that highlight the history of transportation along that corridor.

Winners were *Team Duckies and Bunnys*, known in everyday life as the Burckhard family, who scored high on the optional points – e.g. “Take a picture of a cow...”

Lots of anecdotes were shared at the finishing-line Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in Troy. Among other stories, it seems several competitors got the security detail at Stratton Air Base wondering why so many people were stopping to take selfies in front of the LC-130 “Hercules” on display at the Base entrance...

For this coming Spring, Ken has promised a more traditional time/speed/distance rally. See you at the start line!



The winning team, and Ken’s robot starter – who else but a DoT engineer would know it’s on a 2 minute cycle?

Membership Report- January 2021 -Jim Garry

Mohud Membership Chairman

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Our last membership report of 2020 was collected on December 23rd and showed a drop of 3 members from the November count to dip under 300 by one. As a national club we did remarkably well both in terms of members and finances. Locally we experienced a net loss of 70 members over the past 12 months. It coulda been worse.

Let's hope for an improved 2021.

Significant Anniversaries for January 2021

Ten years

Andrew Lauria

David, Becky, Tyler Reynolds

Dave, reporting for the family says: "David raced a G Production MGA for several years in the late 70's, 80's, and early 90's. Tyler started racing Go Karts at the age of 7 and graduated to Formula Vee in 2011 and is still competing today. Becky (mom), is the support person. She keeps the crew fed and organized at the track."

Steve Dweck & Family (...for Steve it's more like 13 yrs)

John Dunbrook

Fifty Years!

Marianne Krauss. Marianne is an active licensed Club Racing Registrar and Timing & Scoring ace.

Marianne recounts "I started in SCCA as a flagger then did mostly timing while still flagging occasionally. Worked as a registrar and T & S while also crewing for my husband. Have a divisional T & S license and regional registrar license.

Was Trophy Chair for NYR for many years. Also did registration and timing for Solo 2 events helped in setting up courses. Have participated in Rallies as a navigator, doing quite a few all night rallies.

I have worked every thing from Drivers Schools to F1, including Runoffs at Mid Ohio, Topeka and Road America.

The best part is having met so many people from all parts of the world. Also made many friends over the years."



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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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