

The Mo-Hud

Knockoff



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

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The REport

What a busy off season it's been! Your region leadership has been working on several efforts:

Solo site acquisition: We're pleased to announce we've teamed up with NYS Office of General Services to run a series right *on* the Empire State Plaza! Tire Rack has offered their services to assist our members selecting tires that are best suited for marble courses, as opposed to the normal asphalt/concrete norms. Should be exciting! Please note that anyone making an off into any of the reflecting pools will get a 10 second penalty. We've also partnered with the Albany County Airport, who has agreed to let us run anytime planes are not actively using the runway between landings and take-offs. Still working on how best to coordinate with the tower, but we know paddock will be at Gate C4, and entrants will need to go through the TSA Security checkpoint for each run...

On the racing scene, we're ready to debut Formula 20v. This is a series where Formula Vee cars have been converted to run on power-tool rechargeable batteries. Performance balancing tests are still being run, but Makita, Ryobi, Dewalt, and EGo batteries are valid for the series. More info coming...

~ EJ Smith Regional Executive

Calendar: *Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote*

The droghte of March hath perced to the roote...

- **April 1:** Friday. "Count" Eliot Zborowski died this day in 1903 when his Mercedes crashed at the La Turbie hill climb above present day Monaco (whose rock-face two MoHuders climbed on their 1999 honeymoon). His son Louis was later known for his home-built Chitty-Bang-Bangs powered by WWI aero engines.
- **April 1:** Friday. Hugh Troy Day in Ithaca, New York. Near the spot where Cam Argetsinger drove an MG for the first time, old-timers will gather to celebrate Hugh Troy's exploits, such as the-day-Hugh-used-an-elephant-foot-wastebasket-to-make footprints-on-snow-covered-Beebe-Lake-and-most-residents-stopped-drinking-Ithaca's-Beebe-Lake-water-until-the-word-got-out-as-to-who-was-behind-the-caper.
- **April 1:** Friday. 7:30pm. MoHud special monthly membership meeting at Empire State Plaza, South-end top level amid the climbing blocks. Bring your own B(read) and B(ooze). Attendees can walk the proposed autocross course. Wading in the Alexander Calder sculpture pond, weather permitting.

The First 20v Unveiled



Master modeler Peter Kroth, coming off his assembly of a Lego F1 McLaren in world-record time, built what may very well be the very first 20v in the country last weekend. Using leftover Legos from the McLaren project, and parts made on a 3-D printing machine at Michael's Art Supply, he has assembled a car that is dimensionally correct but much lighter than a standard Formula V chassis. "Took the offsets right from Ron Bass' car, so it's got to be within the rules," he noted.

There is a certain irony in that he sanded down the rough edges of the Legos with a Dewalt DCF880H drill/sander powered by the very same 20v MAX battery that will power the car during it's shakedown on April 18th at Lime Rock.

Cooking With Cars

Following the success of the *Miata Cake Challenge* (KnockOff, April 1, 2018, p.7), SCCA National has announced a *Cooking with Cars* program in cooperation with the James Beard Foundation.

The purpose of the program is to promote energy efficiency while assuring members and their families of good eating on the road. Key ingredient (!) of the SCCA/Beard initiative is to bring back the almost-lost-art of cooking good eats using heat given off by internal combustion engines.

“Manifold Destiny” is what it was called in the old days; the ability to cook a pot roast with potatoes and carrots on your car’s exhaust manifold, in the time it took to go from Albany to a Cape Cod destination on a Friday afternoon. You probably remember something vaguely familiar about *Manifold Destiny* from your high school history classes.



The *Cooking with Cars* program will feature a series of demonstration runs run in connection with the SCCA 2022 Road Rally series, starting with the April 2nd New England Region Cape Cod Courageous OTR GTA Road Rally based in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Rallyists will cook stews (Novice), roasts (Intermediate), or soufflés (Pro) for extra points.

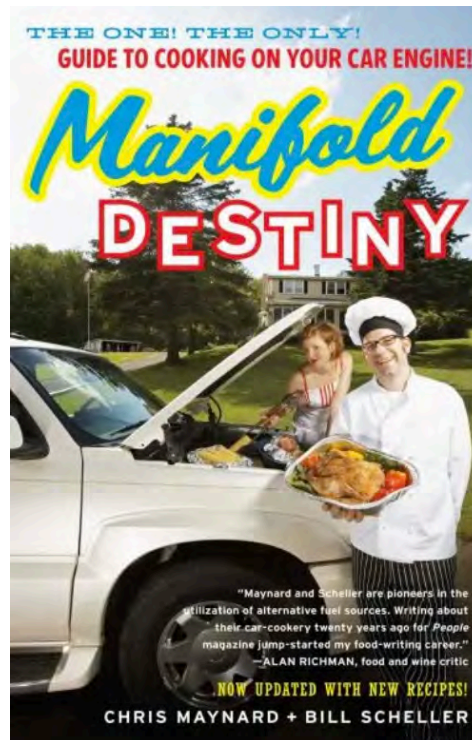
MoHud member Caleb Pocock has been spotted practicing his soufflé technique in preparation for the event.



Cooking With Cars- Local Events

In order to encourage family participation in *Cooking with Cars*, National has brokered a deal with Maynard and Scheller, authors of the bible of manifold cooking, *Manifold Destiny*, for a special discount through the SCCA Member Benefits portal.

Order yours today!



For MoHud members interested in a local *Cooking with Cars* series, a workshop will be held at the same time as the April 23rd Tech Party at Bob Karl's Sales and Service in Troy.

Door prize will be a Muff Pot kit, the basic cooking utensil used by most manifold-cooking beginners.

Bon appetit!



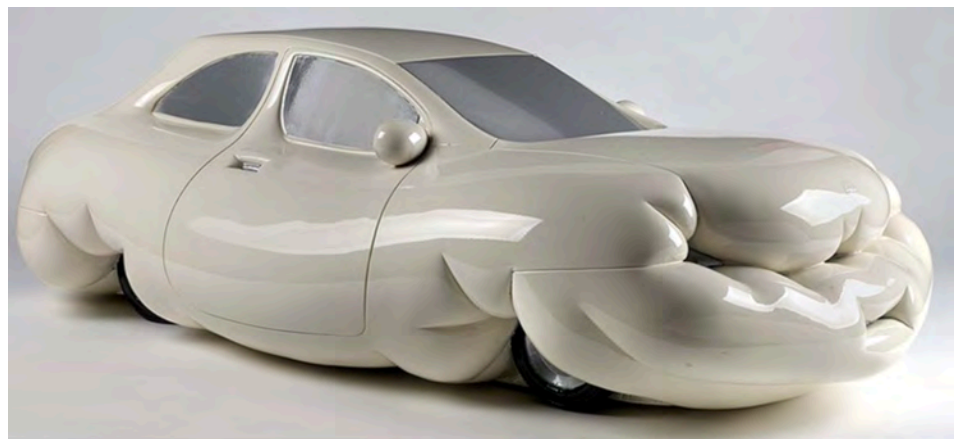
Icing on the Cake

Jeremy Baye, in keeping with the retro theme of his 1945 shop, recently hosted an "Ace of Cakes" party for those who are fond of Fondant. Among the MoHud invitees were several family teams you'll recognize as people who are always posting photos on Facebook of what they made for dinner. DeJan, Malecki, Corey, Bucci, you know who we're talking about.

Several of the MoHud entries made the top-five in online voting, but none won the big prize -- the cake that was featured at the Jeremy/Mara nuptials a few days ago. Hope they have their cake and get to eat it as well...



Devils Food Porsche
Team 1



White Cake BMW
Team 2