August 2023 Issue



THE REPORT

In All Things, Balance

Over the course of my time with Mohud, it's been my pleasure to serve the region and its members. Be it taking on the Solo Timing & Scoring duties for our autocross program, to helping with the MoHud website, and finally becoming a member of the leadership team, first as Assistant RE, and then as Regional Executive, I've done my best to contribute to the club These days, I find myself being pulled in other directions by the needs of my family. I've been proud of wearing so many hats at once for this region, but it gives me very little bandwidth to handle any challenges that pop up.

With that in mind, it's time for me to step back and take off some of the hats I've been wearing for the club. I've discussed this with some of the key players in the administration of the region, and so I'll announce this is my last year of leading MoHud as I will not be running for Region Executive once my current term is up in December 2023. It's my hope that others will step up and take the reins. Back when Jim Bucci was RE, he always expressed a desire for new blood to come up through the ranks and make their mark by leading the club. It's my hope that as I decide to step aside at the end of this year, that's exactly what will happen. I know we have some very talented and capable members who can accomplish this, and thus I'll be dedicated to helping them do just that.

We're midway through the MoHud autocross season, and I'm a bit puzzled why our events aren't drawing as much as they have in the past. We're averaging about 20 less entrants per event to date. The courses

have been great, and while I had to miss the first event, the second event reminded me of what a guilty pleasure these Solo events can be. Weather, or at least weather forecasts, may be partly to blame for keeping folks away, but hopefully that improves. Event 3 and 4 are a few short weeks away on August 13th and 27th. My family duties will have me missing the last event of our short season, so please come out and help those who are running the events to ensure our events are successful.

Our next membership meeting will be another outing to Guptill's Ice Cream on Rt 9 in Cohoes: August 2nd, from 6:30p to whenever - put it on your schedule There's not much meeting, just chatting and eating ice cream. Bring a folding chair and come hang out with us at the back of the parking lot! As long as the weather cooperates, these are a fun way to spend a summer evening.

We'll be back to formal membership meetings starting in September. We're booked for the September, October, and November meetings at the Metro 7 Diner, just up the road from the Keeler dealerships. I'll miss the September meeting while I'm attending to family matters, but should be back from the Runoffs for the October meeting. We hope you'll come and participate in the administration of the club.

Thanks,

Eric "EJ" Smith Mohawk-Hudson Region, SCCA - Regional Exec, Solo T&S Chief, Webmaster

SPECIAL EVENT!

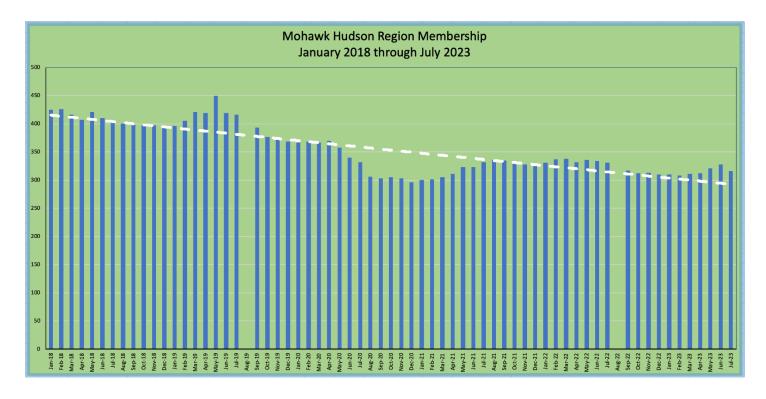
SUNDAY August 20 1-4 p.m. -- Guided tour of Campbell Racing (500 Grand Avenue, Saratoga). Tom will take us through the development and preparation on the cars that will be going to the SCCA RunOffs. There will be some snacks too. RSVP to MoHud.RE@gmail.com



TREASURER REPORT - PAUL MALECKI

- Balance in the Citizen's Bank account as of 5 July 2023 is \$27,192.70.
- Income for June'23 included \$1,830 TRSS grant, \$800 SCCA membership rebate.
- Bills/grants/ splits for April 23rd TRSS have been paid.
- June Citizen's Bank Statement has been reconciled, as usual.
- There have been no changes in our Bitcoin or NFTS holdings.

Membership Report - Jim Garry



On July 21, 2023 Mohawk Hudson Region membership stood at 316, down 11 from early June.

New members since June:

Jeremy Corriveau, Waterford Jamie Sheppard, Charlton David Walker, Troy Nicolas Jawrower, Poughquag James Cutler, Hudson Falls Timothy Fox, Delmar Erik Straub, Latham Alex Gleasman, Walworth

Welcome to all of our new members and we look forward to meeting you at an event or meeting soon.

Significant Anniversaries in August

Craig Reid - 5 Years

Craig lives in Ontario and has interests in Club and Pro Racing.

Jim Bishop - 45 Years

Jim was one of MoHud's leaders for decades. He was a wonderful road rally master, creating some wonderful journeys through the upstate NY area. He enjoyed autocrossing several cars including a Formula Vee and also did some ice racing. He also served for many years as both Treasurer and Membership Chairperson. Jim now lives in Texas.

Skip Barber - 65 Years

Three-time SCCA National Champion, Formula One driver, founder of the widely-known racing school (which even had a recurring product placement on the TV blockbuster *Seinfeld*) long-time leadership role at Lime Rock Park, Skip's association with MoHud dates back to the mid 1970s when he was starting a racing series for the school and sought out expertise in event management and organization, which MoHud provided in both staffing and SCCA sanction. Skip is also the recipient of the inaugural MoHud Lifetime Achievement Award.

What's Happening

July 28/30 – autocross SCCA National Tour, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus NY July 28/30 - New England Road Racing Championship, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Concord NH July 30 – autocross, New England Region SCCA, Devens Airfield, Ayer MA August 2 - Mohawk-Hudson Membership Meeting, Guptil's Ice Cream, Latham social 6 p.m., meeting at 7 August 10 – SCCA TrackNight in America, Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, Thompson CT August 13 – autocross, Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA, Tech City, Kingston NY August 13 – autocross, Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus NY August 17 – SCCA TrackNight in America, Lime Rock Park CT August 18-20 – Grid Life Circuit Legends, Lime Rock Park CT August 18/19 – SCCA Majors race, Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, Thompson CT August 20 – autocross, New England Region SCCA, Devens Airfield, Ayer MA August 20 - MoHud Tour of Campbell Racing, Saratoga NY. See this month's REPort for details August 26- Mohawk-Hudson Region Time Trial Championship, Palmer Motorsports Park, Palmer MA August 27 - autocross, Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA, Tech City, Kingston NY August 27 – autocross, Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus NY August 29 – SCCA TrackNight in America, Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, Thompson CT Sept 1 – 4 - Lime Rock Historics (including Sunday in the Park & Concours) Lime Rock Park CT Sept 5 – 8 – autocross SCCA Tire Rack Solo Nationals, Lincoln Nebraska Sept 6 - Mohawk-Hudson Membership Meeting, Metro 7 Diner, Latham social 6 p.m., meeting at 7 Sept 7 – SCCA TrackNight in America, Palmer Motorsports Park, Palmer MA Sept 8-10 - New England Road Racing Championship, Palmer Motorsports Park, Palmer MA Sept 10 – autocross, Poughkeepsie SCC/New York Region SCCA, Tech City Kingston NY Sept 17 - autocross, New England Region SCCA, Devens Airfield, Ayer MA

Sept 21 - SCCA TrackNight in America, Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, Thompson CT

Sept 24 - autocross, Poughkeepsie SCC/New York Region SCCA, Tech City Kingston NY

Carz & Coffee (ice cream) — we'll be back at Guptil's on August 2, join the fun!









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Solo Report ---- Russell Burckhard

MoHud Autocross Championship, event #1, July 7 2023 Tech City, Kingston NY

PAX summary for event #1

Pax Pos. Pos. Class		#	Driver	Car Model	Total	Factor	Pax Time Diff.	ļ	From 1st
1	1 XSTH 0	12	Boyce, Nigel	17 Honda Civic Si	34.617	*0.812	28.109	0	
2	1 DS	54	Lagdao, Joseph	23 Toyota GR86	34.818	*0.808	28.132	0.023	0.023
3	2 XGS	81	Burckhard, Russell	19 VW GTI	36.13	*0.794	28.687	0.555	0.578
4	1 GS	8	Burckhard, Tracey	19 VW GTI	36.585	*0.794	29.048	0.361	0.939
5	2 DS	6	Wallace, lan	17 Honda Civic Type R	35.955	*0.808	29.051	0.003	0.942
6	3 XDS	59	Monti, Scott	22 Toyota GR86	36.074	*0.808	29.147	0.096	1.038
7	1 CAMT	17	Beechner, Paul	99 Ford Mustang Cobra	35.947	*0.816	29.332	0.185	1.223
8	4 XCS	2000	Redington, Phillip	00 Honda S2000	36.442	*0.811	29.554	0.222	1.445
9	1 STS	3	LuxRamos, Max	95 Mazda Miata	36.481	*0.814	29.695	0.141	1.586
10	5 XEP	17	Furlong, Andy	84 VW Rabbit	34.831	*0.856	29.815	0.12	1.706
11	1 HS	22	Russo, Carmine	00 Honda Civic Si	38.198	*0.786	30.023	0.208	1.914
12	2 GS	78	Fish, William	17 VW GTI	38.11	*0.794	30.259	0.236	2.15
13	1 NFS	11	Corriveau, Jeremy	23 Chevy Camaro	37.338	*0.813	30.355	0.096	2.246
14	1 ES	35	Scaptura, Michael	96 Mazda Miata	38.376	*0.792	30.393	0.038	2.284
15	1 STR	19	Cowie, David	06 Mazda Miata	36.584	*0.831	30.401	0.008	2.292
16	3 DS	68	DeJan, Phil	19 BMW 430xi Coupe	37.777	*0.808	30.523	0.122	2.414
17	2 ES	75	Scaptura, Andrew	01 Madza Miata	38.632	*0.792	30.596	0.073	2.487
18	6 XSM	106	Peck, Lyndon	97 BMW 332ti	35.323	*0.868	30.66	0.064	2.551
19	7 XDS	23	Kosakoski, Bruce	99 BMW 328is	38.117	*0.808	30.798	0.138	2.689
20	2 NGS	11	Lourie, Jordan	19 VW GTI	38.881	*0.794	30.871	0.073	2.762
21	3 ES	71	Aanensen, Travis	99 Mazda Miata	38.991	*0.792	30.88	0.009	2.771
22	4 DS	168	DeJan, Sheri	19 BMW 430xi Coupe	38.645	*0.808	31.225	0.345	3.116
23	1 SMF	395	Conforti, AJ	90 Honda Civic	36.874	*0.847	31.232	0.007	3.123
24	3 GS	18	Burckhard, Gregory	19 VW GTI	39.868	*0.794	31.655	0.423	3.546
25	1 STX	4	Eamer-Dulin, Ryan	11 BMW 128i	38.863	*0.817	31.751	0.096	3.642
26	1 AS	62	Cassidy, Joseph	12 Chevy Corvette	39.179	*0.823	32.244	0.493	4.135
27	1 CS	21	Kirschman, Jon	97 Porsche Boxster	40.889	*0.811	33.161	0.917	5.052
28	3 NDS	26	Orabona, Michael	22 Subaru WRX	41.981	*0.808	33.92	0.759	5.811
29	4 NDS	56	Walker, David	14 Subaru BRZ	43.626	*0.808	35.249	1.329	7.14
30	5 NHS	90	Casseus, Rashan	23 Honda Civic EX	47.442	*0.786	37.289	2.04	9.18
31	6 NSS	796	Burstein, Jeffrey	21 Porsche 911 Carrera 4	44.986	*0.832	37.428	0.139	9.319
32	5 DS	24	Scaringe, Thomas	23 Hyundai Elantra N	49.821	*0.808	40.255	2.827	12.146
33	1 XP	38	1 McArdle, DJ	91 BMW 318	DNF		*0.884		

Complete results for event #1 & 2 can be found here

https://www.mohud-scca.org/Solo%20Results/2023/2023Season.htm

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MoHud Autocross Championship, event #2, July 16 2023 Tech City, Kingston NY

Pax Pos.	Po s.	Clas s	#	Driver	Car Model	Total	Fact or	Pax Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	1	XST H	12	Boyce, Nigel	17 Honda Civic Si	27.500 / 33.868		27.500	0.00	0.000
2	2	XGS	81	Burckhard, Russell	19 VW GTI	27.635 / <i>34.805</i>		27.635	0.13 5	0.135
3	3	XDS	59	Monti, Scott	22 Toyota GR86	27.684 / 34.263		27.684	0.04	0.184
4	1	DS	54	Lagdao, Joseph	23 Toyota GR86	28.447 / <i>35.207</i>		28.447	0.76	0.947
5	1	GS	8	Burckhard, Tracey	19 VW GTI	28.464 / <i>35.850</i>		28.464	0.01	0.964
6	2	DS	41	Isbester, Paul	22 Toyota GR86	28.524 / <i>35.302</i>		28.524	0.06	1.024
7	1	CAM T	17	Beechner, Paul	99 Ford Mustang Cobra	28.603 / 35.053		28.603	0.07	1.103
8	1	HS	22	Russo, Carmine	00 Honda Civic Si	28.689 / 36.501		28.689	0.08	1.189
9	2	GS	78	Fish, William	17 VW GTI	28.833 / 36.314		28.833	0.14	1.333
10	3	GS	18	Burckhard, Gregory	19 VW GTI	28.854 / 36.341		28.854	0.02	1.354
11	4	GS	28	Gorman, Russell	19 Honda Civic Si	29.050 / <i>36.587</i>		29.050	0.19	1.550
12	4	XCS		Redington, Phillip	00 Honda S2000	29.088 / <i>35.868</i>		29.088	0.03	1.588
13	1	STS	3	LuxRamos, Max	95 Mazda Miata	29.453 / 36.184		29.453	0.36	1.953
14	1	STX	626	Garvey, Matthew	09 Mazda RX-8	29.506 / 36.116		29.506	0.05	2.006
15	5	XSST	1	Smith, Eric	21 BMW M2 Comp	29.512 / <i>35.260</i>		29.512	0.00	2.012
16	1	ES	71	Aanensen, Travis	99 Mazda Miata	29.683 / <i>37.47</i> 9		29.683	0.17	2.183
17	6	XDS	23	Kosakoski, Bruce	99 BMW 328is	29.750 / <i>36.820</i>		29.750	0.06	2.250

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18	1	CAM S	70	Hayden, Tom	08 Dodge Viper	29.815 / <i>35.537</i>	29.815	0.06 5	2.315
19	1	SMF	395	Conforti, AJ	90 Honda Civic	30.085 / <i>35.520</i>	 30.085	0.27	2.585
20	3	DS	68	DeJan, Phil	19 BMW 430xi Coupe	30.264 / <i>37.456</i>	30.264	0.17 9	2.764
21	4	DS	168	DeJan, Sheri	19 BMW 430xi Coupe	30.525 / <i>37.779</i>	30.525	0.26	3.025
22	1	NFS	111	Corriveau, Jeremy	23 Chevy Camaro	30.650 / <i>37.700</i>	30.650	0.12 5	3.150
23	2	STS	52	Vogelsang, Garrick	91 Mazda Miata	30.669 / <i>37.678</i>	30.669	0.01	3.169
24	1	AS	62	Cassidy, Joseph	12 Chevy Corvette	30.849 / <i>37.484</i>	 30.849	0.18 0	3.349
25	1	CS	21	Kirschman, Jon	97 Porsche Boxster	30.877 / <i>38.073</i>	 30.877	0.02	3.377
26	2	STX	4	Eamer-Dulin, Ryan	11 BMW 128i	31.279 / <i>38.286</i>	 31.279	0.40	3.779
27	1	FSP	0	Trifaro, Dave	13 Mazda 2	32.051 / <i>38.70</i> 9	32.051	0.77	4.551
28	1	CAM C	280	Gentile, Vince	09 Ford Mustang GT	32.349 / <i>39.4</i> 99	32.349	0.29	4.849
29	2	NDS	56	Walker, David	14 Subaru BRZ	32.606 / 40.355	32.606	0.25 7	5.106
30	3	NDS	24	Scaringe, Thomas	23 Hyundai Elantra N	35.623 / 44.089	35.623	3.01	8.123



Looking for racing safety equipment for your track adventures? Former MoHud RE Gene Tricozzi is cleaning out his closet: size large racing suit, plus accessories (underwear, gloves, etc) \$250. GeneTricozzi@gmail.com, 5182296886



Tales From The Track



Missing from last month's gallery of MoHud racers at Lime Rock's June race was Formula Vee driver Chris Zarzycki. Chris had the unique opportunity of racing against his son Justin at LRP on Father's Day weekend. (Justin isn't a MoHud member, but should be (5) (Randy McKee photo)

George Kline and his Caterham capture the ambiance of July's Midnight Madness at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park.





MoHud corner marshals convene for the IMSA Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park --- Rich Alexander, Eric Smith, Peter Kroth & Sal Baisley



MoHud co-hosts round 2 of TT Championship

Thanks to CART, the MoHud Time Trials program is in its second full season. While the Time Trials National Tour events organized by the National Office are not making a stop in the Northeast this season, **CART and MoHud will be at Palmer on August 26th, and three weeks later at Thompson Speedway (9/16)**.

You can sign up for both events at a discounted price of \$650 using the CART Track-Pack registration option. Link here: https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/cart-time-trial-track-pack-2023-2-thompson-speedway-connecticut-autocross-271750

Alternatively, early bird pricing is in effect for both Palmer and Thompson events, and if you can only make one of them, you can sign up for the event at a cost of \$350 which also includes transponder rental. Links follow:

CART – MoHud Time Trial 2 at Palmer (8/26): https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/cart-time-trial-2-2023-palmer-motorsports-park-connecticut-autocross-rally-team-581774

CART Time Trial 3 at Thompson Speedway (9/16): https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/cart-time-trial-3-2023-thompson-speedway-connecticut-autocross-rally-team-280515

Time Trials classes broadly fit cars built to Solo classing or Club Racing specs so the car you dodge cones with or go racing with has a class in which it can play. What's more, CART has a proven way of helping novice and first-time drivers using instructors to help you get up to speed and set a fast lap.

Club Racers from the region will note the dates for these events. Both TT events offer an SCCA sanctioned event at which you could practice or test and tune your car ahead of the *Palmer Pig Roast on Sep 9th-10th or the October 13-14th Championship Weekend at Thompson*.

A typical CART event schedule includes **Three 20-minute practice sessions, One 20-minute Time Attack Session, and a 2-3 lap Time Trials**. These events typically wrap up by mid-afternoon which allows CART to provide **close to two hours of open lapping** until the end of the day. This is more track time than is packed into a two-day Time Trials National Tour event. Also expect **plenty of green-flag laps** as cars are gridded by time following the first practice session for each subsequent session. So, the chances of running into traffic or being impeded are minimal to none.

Your participation will allow us to build a strong Time Trials program here in the region, and will also lend to cross-pollination between disciplines as members from different programs come together. Should you have any questions about SCCA Time Trials or these events, please feel free to reach out to any of us at a membership meeting, or at the track, or email us.

Looking forward to seeing you at the track.

• Your Time Trials Committee

(Sal, DJ, Adam and Aashish)

A Page From The Past

From the December 1967 edition of The Knock-Off. MoHud's Bill Morris had an extraordinary insight into the future. If only he'd gone ahead and trademarked it.

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA - Knock-Off



(FORMULA ELECTRIC?)

by bill morris

The Baker Electric and the Stanley Steamer have become part of our folklore, and there will always be those who yearn for their return. Fantastic as these cars may have been in their day, by present standards they are as archaic as the horse and buggy. But the internal combustion engine has become known as The Great Polluter, and the search is on for alternatives. Since the boilers in steam vehicles must be still fired with fuel, they represent little, if any, reduction in pollution, and the horse has a habit of leaving its own brand of pollution behind in the street. The electric automobile does represent a real alternative for certain applications.

Several companies are currently developing electric cars and/or components. You may think that their appearance in active competition is a long way off, but actually the GM "Electrovair" has already been challenged to a drag race with the GE test vehicle "Delta". (GE officials still insist that the Delta vehicle is designed solely for testing electrical components and systems for cars and is not a production prototype. The statement that "GE does not plan to build and market electric cars" is true to the best of my knowledge. However, they would dearly like to sell motors, control systems, batteries, etc. to car manufacturers.) The challenge was turned down by GM in accord with its policy of NO RACING.

In terms of performance, the electric car is inferior to the petrol vehicle in every category except the POOP (Pounds of Objectional Products) Test. For example, a 2000 pound car with a 10 HP electric motor will be capable of traveling 30 miles at a steady 50 mph, 60 miles at 40 mph, or about 100 miles at 30 mph. But for city driving with 3 to 4 stops and starts per mile and a peak speed of 30 mph, the range is 40 to 50 miles or about 3 to 4 hours of driving The normal recharge time is about 8 hours but can be reduced to 2 or 3 hours under special conditions. figures will vary only slightly depending on who is designing the car; the main factor to be dealt with is the weight and performance of the batteries. In the Delta, the batteries account for more than 1/3 of the gross weight of the car. It can be concluded after exhaustive research that leadacid batteries are not the best power source for a car. Nickel-cadmium batteries are better, but more expensive and have a lower amp-hour capacity. If the engineering and safety problems can be solved, the sodium-sulfur battery looks very promising. The goal is to get the maximum possible watt-hours per pound of battery.

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Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA - Knock-Off

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The design philosophy is directed toward a city-family type of vehicle--driving back and forth to work, doing the shopping, taking the kids to school, etc. It would be rather unsuited for a cross-country trip or even a weekend vacation in the mountains--sort of like driving an old VW on only the reserve tank and refilling it with an eyedropper. So, it's not too practical at present, but improvement will be made, and as we all know, racing improves the breed.

Electric race cars are entirely speculation at this point, but therein lies the fun. The key to winning would be selection of batteries: the more power you can get from them, the faster you go, but the more they weigh, the slower you go. Colin Chapman's philosophy of having the ideal race car fall apart as it crosses the finish lineis modified slightly; it should cross the finish with run down batteries, otherwise it was carrying too much weight in batteries throughout the race. But the driver would also have to pace himself according to the discharge characteristics of the battery system. Lap speeds would be slower near the end of a race as the batteries begin to run down. Pit stops would probably not be used for recharging but rather removing the run down batteries and replacing them with ones fully charged. With suitable packaging a 500 pound battery system could be replaced in about the same time it takes to add 10 gallons of gas. Practice sessions would be used to check Battery discharge rates as well as to familiarize the driver with the course. F-E racing would have a major drawback however -- it doesn't make much noise.

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	Expenditures	181.61
	NEW BALANCE	\$2350.75
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