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THE REPORT

Hello all,

I want to thank everyone in MoHud for the opportunity to be the Regional Executive of this wonderful club. I started with the SCCA and Mohud in 2016 when I was looking to do some performance driving with my WRX. I talked to a coworker about Autocrosses and he mentioned that there was a club that held events every month at the base of 787. I went in July and became hooked immediately, acquiring my SCCA membership the next day. For 4 years I competed in my WRX, then a pair of go karts, as well as my mustang and any vehicle that the owner was willing to codrive with me. The more events I attended the more familiar with the club I became, befriendng Tracy as she was heading the junior kart program. She invited me to my first meeting (about 10 minutes from my home) in 2019 which gave me more insight into the administration of the club that I hadn't thought of prior.

2020 was definitely an interesting year. Our chief of peer pressure Adam Wright got me out to the national time trial at Thompson. There were many attempts to get me to take my car out and compete, but for this event I chose to just help out on the grid. This was my first time at a

circuit track and again I was addicted. Later that year I did make it on track at a non-SCCA event at Thompson, but the biggest draw came in October that year. Our current assistant RE and prior RE EJ Smith enticed me to come out and flag the NER club racing season closer. I was assigned to turn 1 and the first session of the weekend the “wing and things” class had a 3 car pile up as the station captain was explaining to me what the yellow flag means. I knew that eventually I would want to be out with the insanity, but for the following year focused on flagging.

At the end of 2020 I took notice of a post mentioning that elections were coming up for MoHud. I inquired about the treasurer position, but did not realize that the previous holder of the position was interested in retaining it. However, as EJ was going to be the RE as the previous RE moving to Florida there was an opening at assistant RE. After hearing what the position entailed I expressed interest and for the last 3 years I served as the assistant RE. This year EJ, after doing an amazing job holding the reins for 3 years, was looking to step down from being the leader of the club, opening up the opportunity for me to become the RE. Thankfully EJ stayed on the board as the assistant RE to help share what he has learned from his tenure as assistant RE and RE in the past.

As RE I want to ensure that all interests in our region get the support we need. For our autox program we will continue to look for a site as we are unsure of the future of the site that PSCC has generously shared with us the last few years. I am continuing to work with our time trial board to define what our 3rd regional championship will look like, hoping to add another event on the schedule. I already have plans to attend races this year across various regions both competing and volunteering by either flagging or in tech. Lastly but certainly not least I hope to see our road rally program continue to grow as everyone who has attended one of recent rallies has enjoyed Ken’s paths. If you have any suggestions on what can be done to improve the club or have any interest in making a trip out to any events that we have in the area feel free to reach out. I hope to see you all at the autoxs, rallyxs, time trials, road rallies, meetings, club races, pro races, *hopefully* ice races, and anywhere else that cars go vroom this year as we continue to grow as a club.

Welcome to our new RE and congratulations on winning the '23 NEW Gold Pass Award.

- Ed.

From The Editor

Greetings Mo-Hudders. For the benefit of those who don't know me, I'll introduce myself. In June of this year I will have 29 years in the SCCA. For the first 6 years I autocrossed a Plymouth Neon and a Citation Formula Ford. Then in 2001 got my competition license and have been road racing ever since. I started with 2nd gen Acura Integra then in 2009 bought a Crossle Formula Ford which I continue to campaign.



Over the years I have served as Solo Chair, Race Chair, Regional Treasurer, and Director at large. I'm looking forward to being the KO editor. I will have big shoes to fill and doubt I can match the last few editor's but I'll give it a shot.

In addition to member provided content, I hope to provide content of my own. It seems there's always something to be done on the Crossle a.k.a. "This Old Race Car". Look for some DIY content in the upcoming months.

This month, catch up on who are the season champions in Solo and Time Trials awarded at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

And yes, I do know what a knockoff is and for those of you that don't, or even if you do, check out [this video](#) by *The Ramona Flowers* and Nile Rodgers. In addition to stitching themselves into vintage LeMans Footage, at about 1:34 you will see a knockoff in action.

What's Happening

- Feb 7, 2024 General Membership Meeting, [Metro 7 Diner](#), Latham . Social 6 p.m.,
mtg. at 7
- Feb 10, 2024 [Northeast Division MiniCon, Scranton PA. Register on](#)
[Motorsportreg.com](#)
- Sept 2-6, 2024 Solo National Championship – Lincoln Airpark, NE
- Sept 28-Oct 6 2024 The Runoffs National Championship – Road America, Elkhart Lake WI
- Oct 24-27, 2024 Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials Nationals – NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling
Green KY

Solo Report

Congratulations to solo season championship winners.



Street Class

Bill Fish - 4th place, Joe Cassidy - 8th place, Carmine Russo - 2nd place, Tracey Burckhard - 1st place



Street Touring

Dave Cowie - 3rd place, Ryan Eamer-Dulin - 4th place, Tracey Burckhard – presenter



Street Touring

Max's mom, Max Lux-Ramos - 1st place (and Time Trials Tuner 3 class runner up)



Carmine Russo - Cone Hunter (12 cones and 2 DNFs), Tracey Burckhard - presenter



Nigel Boyce -- Driver of the Year, Tracey Burckhard – presenter



Tracey Burckhard – Female DOTY, EJ Smith – presenter



Solo Pro Class

Bruce Kosakoski - 6th place, Nigel Boyce - 1st place, Tracey Burckhard - presenter

Full text of the awards presentation at the 2024 Annual Meeting by Tracey Burckhard:

Welcome to the 2023 portion of the Mohawk Hudson Solo Awards. I want to start off by thanking the Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club. We also need to thank the Mohawk Hudson Region's Board of Directors, Solo Advisory Committee, Members, and all the participants. We couldn't have done this without any of you.

Poughkeepsie was gracious enough to give us the months of July and August to hold our events. This allowed us to have 4 events this season. The July events had Mother Nature threatening us with some rain and that kept attendance low for those two events. August was better and our numbers went up. Attendance dropped a bit compared to 2022. We only averaged 39 participants at each event compared to 53 from the previous year. We had a total of 74 different entrants, 12 of those made it to all 4 events, and about 31 only made one event. Street was the highest attended again this year with 23 different cars. Novice moved up and was next with 16 different cars. Pro had the same amount with 11 different cars, but moved up the list a couple spots. Street Touring had 9 different cars. Modified / Prepared had 7 different cars. CAM had lost half and went to 4, and Street Prepared stayed with 3. With four events this year compared to three from the previous year, it is not surprising to see these amounts change.

Class Trophy Winners

Street

10 th place from ES	Andrew Scaptura
9 th place from ES	Michael Scaptura
8 th place from AS	Joe Cassidy
7 th place from DS	Paul Isbester
6 th place from DS	Sheri DeJan
5 th place from DS	Phil DeJan
4 th place from GS	Bill Fish
3 rd place from DS	Joe Lagdao
2 nd place from HS	Carmine Russo
1 st place from GS	Tracey Burckhard

Street Touring

4 th place from STX	Ryan Eamer-Dulin
3 rd place from STR	David Cowie
2 nd place from STS	Garrick Vogelsang
1 st place from STS	Max Lux Ramos

CAM

2 nd place from CAM S	Tom Hayden
1 st place from CAM T	Paul Beechner

Prepared & Modified

1 st place from SMF	AJ Conforti
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Novice

3 rd place from SS	Jeffrey Burstein
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2nd place from DS Micheal Orabona

1st place from FS Jeremy Corriveau

Pro

6th place from DS Bruce Kosakoski

5th place from SM Lyndon Peck

4th place from CS Phillip Reddington

3rd place from GS Russell Burckhard

2nd place from DS Scott Monti

1st place from STH Nigel Boyce

Specialty Trophies

2022 Cone Hunter

Cones hit were down again this year compared to the previous two years, only 213 were hit in 2023 compared to 372 that were hit in 2022 and 685 in 2021. While there is a big difference in these numbers and we had 1 more event which should have suggested more cones but the total amount of runs taken was within 25 (less) of 2022. The average cones per run almost dropped in half and stayed close to an average of .18 throughout the season. 20 competitors didn't hit any cones but had 22 of the 72 DNF's. The top seventeen competitors had 5 or more cones and 19 of the DNF's. The top ten had at least 7 or more cones and a combined total of 91 cones or almost half of all the cones hit. This is way down from the 123 cones from the top ten 2022. Trevor Lowe, Phil Redington, and Joe Lagdao had 7cones apiece. Sheri DeJan and Greg Burckhard had 8. This leaves the top 6. Nigel Boyce, Scott Monti, and Max Lux Ramos Just missed out of hitting 10 cones while Novice, Chris Walker was the first in the 10-cone club and did it in the only event that he attended. This leaves the top 2 tied with 12 cones each. The runner up was on the top ten list last year while the winner worked his way up the chart from last year hitting the most cones and going off course 2 times securing his victory over Tracey Burckhard. The 2023 Cone Hunter is Carmine Russo.

Most improved.

A lot of the time, the winner of this award comes from the Novice class in the previous year but this year is different. Sometimes the driver gets a new ride, makes major upgrades, or changes class. This didn't happen either. In 2022 he had a 40th place pax at the first event, he improved to a 35th place and a 31st place finish in the final event last year. This year he started with a pair of

7th place pax finishes and then dropped to a 19th place pax in a borrowed car which by the way he finished 1.4 seconds ahead of the owner. He Probably would have improved his average if he hadn't missed the final event and used his own car. The 2023 Most Improved winner is Paul Beechner.

Worker of the Year

This award goes to someone that is always willing to help us out. He always is around to help with whatever needs to be done. Along with his many regular contributions such as course marking, set up, and clean up. This year he helped us to be able to hold the events thanks to his computer knowledge when we were having timing communication issues. The 2023 worker of the year winner is Phil DeJan

Novice Driver of the Year

We had 8 drivers competing in Novice this year. All these competitors had at least 2 events and unfortunately, only one of them was able to make all four events. The Highest Pax results for the winner was an impressive 13th at his first event. His Next event was 22nd followed by a 15th and finally a 19th making his average Pax for the year around 17th. This places him in the top half of the entire Pax list for 2023. Our novice runner up, Jordan Lourie, had a slightly better Pax average. Unfortunately, Jordan was only able to make two events and it would have been nice to see that battle play out. The winner's class results had three wins and a second-place finish. The 2023 Novice Driver of the year is Jeremy Corriveau.

Female Driver of the Year

We had 6 women competing this year with only two making it to all four of the events. She was at the top of her class as the champion with 3 seconds and a 5th place finish. Her Pax finishes were 4th, 5th, 6th, and 14th. She Trophied (3rd) in the Ladies street tire bump class at the 2023 Seneca National Tour and was a close 3rd place finisher at the 2023 SCCA National Championships. The 2023 Female Driver of the year is Tracey Burckhard.

2022 Driver of the year

This driver has been a tough competitor over the last couple of years. He had two firsts, a fourth, and a second on Pax this year for a 2.0 average. And he is Champion in his class with a third, a second, and two firsts. He also won his class at the 2023 Seneca National Tour and finished mid pack in his first Solo Nationals. For the second year in a row as Driver of the Year, the 2023 Driver of the year is Nigel Boyce.

Tales From The Track

Congratulations to all MoHud members who participated in the NEDiv Championship and the National Championship Runoffs:

NEDRRC

Name	Class
BAISLEY, Salvatore	ITA
BAISLEY, Salvatore	SM
BASS, Ronald	FV
BRASSARD, Chris	SRF3
CHUDDY, Jennifer	SM
CUTLER, James	T4
FIGARSKY, Adam	SM2
GARRISON, Doug	SRF3
GENTILE, Vicent	T3
GENTILI, Mark	SM
GENTILI, Mark	SM2
HANIFAN, TJ	FP
KALKANDIS,Anthony	EP
KLINE, George	EP
LENDRUM, Ken	T4
LEVESQUE, Austen	SM2
LO, Michael	SM
OGLE, JC	SM
RELATION, Kenneth	T1
REYNOLDS, Tyler	FV
STICKLE, W. Scott	T3
STRINGER, Patrick	SRF3
VAN SLYKE, Chip	FF
WRIGHT, Robert	FC
ZARZYCKI, Christopher	FV
ZEMECK, Edward	SM2

Runoffs

Jared Lendrum	Bspec
Charlie Campbell	FP
Charlie Campbell	SM
Jared Lendrum	T3
Ken Lendrum	T4

Start planning your racing schedule today. Below is the 2024 NEDRRC schedule.



***Divisional Championship Series
Events***

**May 10-11: Opening Day; Palmer
(NER)**

**May 24-26: Lightning Challenge;
NJMP (SJR)**

**June 13-15: Paddock Crawl;
Limerock Park (NER)**

**June 29-30: Julyish Sprints; Watkins
Glen (Glen)**

**July 20-21: July MARRS; Summit
Point (WDCR)**

**August 17-18: Fun One; Watkins
Glen (Finger Lakes)**

**August 23-24: End of Summer
Spectacular; Pitt Race (Steel Cities)**

**October 17-19: Championship
Weekend; TSMP (NER)**

IOIs: the “July” sprints happening in June and the fun one happening in August!

Find the full NEDIV racing schedule [HERE](#).

Or for a shortened, more user-friendly version complements of NER: [NEDIV at PitTalk](#). I keep this page open on my phone all season.



Mohud Time Trials Championship

Congratulations to the 2023 Time Trials Champions, presented at the 2024 annual meeting.



Unlimited 2 Champion

**Nigel Boyce - Unlimited 2 champion, Aashish Vemulapalli –
Presenter, Salvatore Baisley - Track chair**



Unlimited 1 Champion

**DJ McArdle - Unlimited 1 co-champion, Aashish Vemulapalli –
Presenter, Salvatore Baisley - Track chair**



Tuner 5 Champion

**Aashish Vemulapalli – Presenter, Ryan Creaturo - Tuner 5
champion, Salvatore Baisley - Track chair**



Max 4 Champion

**Adam Wright - Max 4 champion, Aashish Vemulapalli –
Presenter, Salvatore Baisley - Track chair**



Track Star

**Adam Wright – Presenter, DJ McArdle - Track star, Aashish
Vemulapalli - Presenter, Salvatore Baisley - Track chair**

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