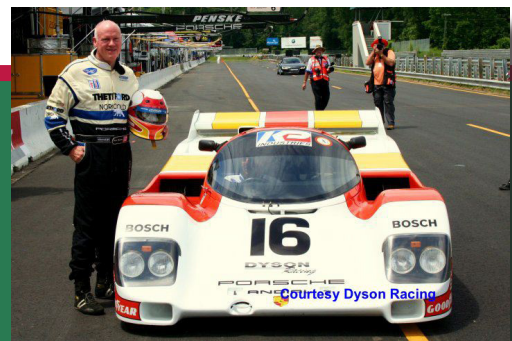




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# RE REPORT

Jack Hanifan

## December RE Report

Jack's farewell address - seriously the last three years have been good thanks to our great Board of Directors. I want to thank Russ for not only being Assistant RE and also running a great Solo Program but always being there at every event. Chip has done an excellent job watching our monies and me. I have joked saying Pete Smith is a fantastic Activities Director, always getting Dick Stewart to put on the Kart night and our Golf outing but let's not forget the work he does arranging Friday Dinner at the race and any other tasks we ask him to do. Dick and Bruce have performed their Directors duties well and Ron stepped into the void to fill the office of Secretary. I would be remiss in not mentioning Gene Tricozzi who has been our Race Chairman for some successful events. DJ and Jim have also chaired successful events and Bob Karl has been very generous to the Region. I could go on and on mentioning everyone but space does not permit but always remember Dave McClumpha was there to keep me on the straight and narrow.

Mini Convention - MoHud was well represented at the Mini Con with about 10 members present. The available dates at Lime Rock are not good for a National Race, so we will put on a one day Regional at LRP on July 2nd. The 2011 John Stim Memorial will be both a NYSRRC and NARRC event. We will have the same arrangement with NNJR as we had last year. We will not be involved financially with NNJR's Mother's Day Double Regional but we will be supporting the event.

Annual Meeting & Banquet - Once again, thanks to Dick Stewart for his assistance in arranging our annual meeting at the Troy Elks Club. I hope the \$20 Prime Rib Dinner will attract a large crowd. It is not too late if you have not contacted Russ. See the flyer on following page.

# COMPETITION REPORT

## December Competition Report

2011 Race - Our 2011 race will be a Regional at Lime Rock on July 2nd – Save the date.

NER Rational at NHIS - no that is not a typo, NER will be putting on a RATIONAL at NHIS. What is a Rational? A Rational is a National Race which allows Regional Drivers to participate. As you know, National and Regional drivers are normally not allowed to be on the track at the same time in a National weekend. In this experimental Rational both National and Regional driver's can qualify and race at the same time. The only caveat is entrants have to indicate in advance whether they are running for National or Regional points. The races will have to meet National Race standards, i.e., 45 minutes of practice/qualifying and a 45 mile race.

Online Registration - Online registration as we have known it for the last seven years will change. All of the Regions in NeDiv will decide which of two Registration Systems they will use. MoHud will probably be going with Motorsporsreg. I believe NER, The Glen and Finger Lakes will make the same decision. The NESCCA website will have a link for each race to the appropriate site. You will have to fill out a new profile for each system - unless all of the Regions in NeDiv go with the same site. More information next month.



**There's Still Time!**

**ANNUAL  
YEAR-END  
MEETING & AWARDS  
BANQUET**

**Saturday, December 4th**

**Troy Elks Club**

134 North Greenbush Rd, (RTE. 4) Troy, NY  
(just south of HVCC)

**6:30 Cocktails - 7:30 Dinner**

**\$20 Adults -**

**Children's meal (8 & under) no charge**

**Dinner choices of**

**Stuffed Chicken or Prime Rib**

**Vegetarian Meal on request will be chef's choice**

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For Immediate Release

## RallyCross National Championship Lands In New Location For 2011



Credit: Jerry Doctor

TOPEKA, Kan. (Nov. 12, 2010) – The SCCA RallyCross National Championship has found a new location, relocating to the grounds of I-80 Speedway in Greenwood, Neb., for the October 7-9, 2011 event. The RallyCross National Championship will be hosted by the Nebraska Region, and joins the SCCA Tire Rack Solo National Championship, in Lincoln, Neb., as Sports Car Club of America National Championship events in the Cornhusker State.

The I-80 Speedway site will utilize more than 20 acres of a hard-packed grass parking lot, part of which has been used for the parking of construction equipment. The result is a solid surface that does not deteriorate over the course of the event like the traditional Nebraska farm soil.

“I-80 Speedway is proud to host the 2011 SCCA RallyCross National Championships,” Donnie Jones, I-80 Speedway Track Manager, said. “It will be good to see the more than 20 acres of hard-pack grass parking being put to use to bring another grassroots motorsports competition to the I-80 Speedway complex.”

The event moves to Nebraska following two years in Colorado Springs, Colo. Among the planned improvements for the 2011 event include upgraded timing and scoring capabilities, including new timers and software, improved displays, and live web results.

The Nebraska Region has hosted several local events at the site in the past and plans at least six Rallycross events through the season to work out potential operational challenges and to allow competitors a handful of events to get a feel for the facility prior to the National Championship event.

“It has been a great experience being in Colorado for the past two years,” SCCA VP, Rally, Solo and Program Development Howard Duncan said. “We are looking forward to building on that success and the things we have learned to move the RallyCross National Championship to the next level of event efficiency and enjoyment for the competitors. We are hopeful that the event being in the middle of the country will provide an opportunity for representation from a record number of states.”

The 2011 RallyCross National Challenge season begins gets underway with the Eastern States Championship at Stafford (Conn.) Speedway, January 15-16.

More information can be found at [www.scca.com/rally](http://www.scca.com/rally).

Attached: The SCCA RallyCross National Championships will move to Nebraska in 2011.

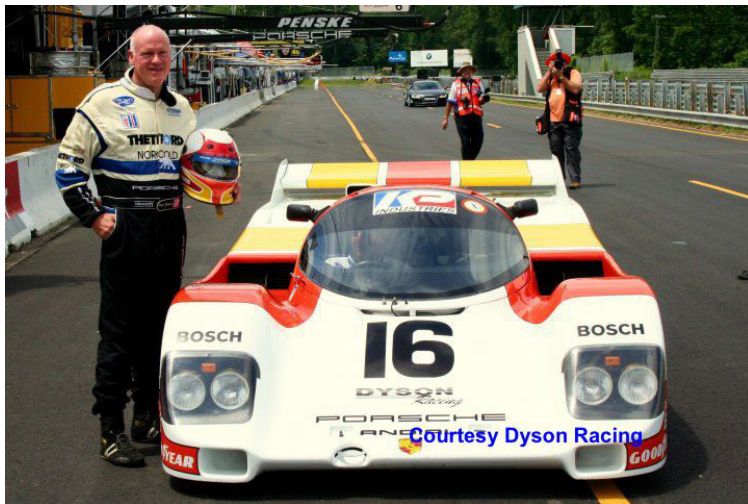
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## From the Team McClumpha Archives:

“Mo-Hud’s Ray Gaul, driving the black MGA, had a great battle at the Watkins Glen National. Do you recognize the location? It’s on the downhill section after The 90, which used to be the location of pit

lan and start/finish at the Finger Lakes circuit” (Team McClumpha Archives).

*Submitted by Greg Rickes*



SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE  
MUSEUM

## Rob Dyson to Speak

One of sports car racing’s favorite personalities, Rob Dyson, will be a featured speaker at the Saratoga Automobile Museum on Saturday November 27.

Dyson started his racing career in SCCA amateur races at Lime Rock in the mid 1970s. He moved into professional racing in IMSA’s GT and then GT Prototype (GTP) category, winning first time out in GTP at Lime Rock in 1985. His team has been a mainstay of American sportscar racing for over twenty-five years with seventeen championships and sixty-four victories to their credit. They won at Mid-Ohio this year, giving Mazda, BP/Castrol, and Dunlop tires their first overall wins in the American Le Mans Series. This year marks his thirty-sixth year in racing.

Dyson’s November 27 presentation, part of the “Lost Speedways” program at the museum, will re-visit the street circuits of the Camel GT series in the 1980s and 90s, when the awesome performance of the GTP cars was unleashed on the streets of Miami, San Antonio, Columbus and other US cities. “Lost Speedways VI” will also include presentations on motorcycle and stock car racing venues from bygone days; the program starts at 1 p.m.

Admission for the general public will be \$8.00, and is free for museum members. The Saratoga Auto Museum is located on the Avenue of the Pines, off Route 9, in Saratoga Springs New York.

For more information visit their website <http://www.saratogaautomuseum.org/>



# Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2010

*Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.*

**Secretary** – meeting minutes from October meeting accepted by members present.

**Treasurer** – Chip summarized previous month's income and expenses.

**Knock Off** – Lisa stated that the October/November issued was recently emailed to the membership. She indicated that there are still quite a few invalid email addresses on her list. Members were reminded that the 15th of the month is the deadline for sending articles to the Knock Off publisher.

**Activities** – a couple of members will be scouting out the Kart track in Johnstown and report back to the membership. If the track looks promising, membership interest will be solicited to see if we want to schedule an event at the facility. The "Snowflake" rally will be scheduled (tentatively) in February. The membership will be emailed to solicit interest in the event.

**Membership** – Dave reported on upcoming membership anniversaries. Mo-Hud had recently received copies of draft brochures that National may use in their membership marketing efforts. SCCA/National had sent them to the regions for review. The brochures were shared with those attending. Comments are welcome.

**Solo/Rallycross** – Russ indicated that he will be contacting Dave Kosla to see if he is interested in scheduling an ice rally for later this season.

**Road Race** – DJ offered a couple of suggestions for a Mo Hud PDX next year, including running an event at New Hampshire Motorsports or Lime Rock Park. He will check date availability and report back to the membership. Jack indicated that there may be scheduling issues with hosting a National race next season. This will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming Mini Con.

## OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Dick Stewart reported on the deliberations of the Nominating Committee. The following individuals are nominated for next year's officers:

<b>RE – Russ Burckhard</b>	<b>Asst. RE – Jack Hanifan</b>
<b>Secretary – Ron Bass</b>	<b>Treasurer – Chip Van Slyke</b>
<b>Activities – Pete Smith</b>	<b>Directors – Bruce Kosakoski Dick Stewart</b>

The paperwork/form needed to purchase the Dave McClumpa memorial brick at the Saratoga Museum was given to Jim Bucci, who will draft appropriate wording.

## NEW BUSINESS

John Sheridan provided a brief report on the status of SCCA/National. Solo participation is slightly higher for the year than what was previously reported. Regional racing had slightly slower participation. The CRB has approved a new race category, "super touring light", for cars 1800cc or smaller. The Board has also approved in principle on-line registration using Motorsportreg.com. Use of electronic, on-line registration will assist National with record documentation for license renewals, e.g., verification of races attended.

Mo Hud will be subsidizing \$5/member for the upcoming holiday banquet.

## OLD BUSINESS

Lisa suggested that Mo Hud investigate capabilities/opportunities using "Quick Response" or "QR" codes. These can be used for disseminating information to the membership, e.g., event registration.

Dick Stewart suggested that the NARRC Championship criteria be re-evaluated. He agreed to bring his concerns/suggestions up for discussion at the upcoming Mini Con.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.*

Respectfully submitted by Ron Bass, *MoHud Secretary*

# SOLO SOLO SOLO

## SOLO Report

by Russ Burckhard

### December 2010 Report

As a reminder, we don't have much time until the Annual Awards Banquet that will be held at the Troy Elks Club on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Every paid entry will get a ticket for a random drawing for an Albany Speed Shop Race Alignment that will be held sometime during the banquet. Please contact me with any last minute banquet entries.

The Solo season is over and it is time to reflect on how it went. There was some good and some bad, but overall it was a good season. I don't want to give away too much in this issue of the Knockoff as my trophy presentation will contain the highlights.

I recently got back from the Mini Con that was held by the Finger Lakes Region. As you may or not know is that Mohud will be hosting the 2011 Mini Con at a site in Saratoga next year. The details for the date and location will be disclosed once they have been finalized. The Finger Lakes Region set the bar high with the way that the event was put together. They had a full slate of sessions that were geared to the Solo program. I was accompanied by Eric Smith, Jim Garry, and Arne Beebe throughout the day at these meetings. The first one was Solo Safety Steward training that was presented by Kathy Barnes. Kathy went over the necessary information that is needed to get your SSS license and had us fill out a incident report so if we would need to do it in the future, we would have the knowledge to do so.

The next seminar, Course Design, was put on by Jim Garry. He discussed the similarities in the designing of large and small sites and how to place cones to avoid confusion on the course.

The final seminar was put on by Dave Newman. He went over what to look for when you walk a course prior to an event. He started off by stating "autocrossing is about time not speed". This statement makes a lot of sense when you think about it. It also leads to these statements "Position first, and then speed" and "it doesn't matter where you are, it's where you are going that is important". Dave went over what he does when he walks a course and here are some of his tips.

1. Think how close walking and driving are linked.
2. What is the line? Go whatever speed necessary to drive the line you decided on during the walk.
3. Make decisions and then execute them.
4. Look ahead and think.
5. Don't overdrive the brakes or tires.
6. After your run, evaluate your results by thinking about your decisions.
7. Make changes to your position.

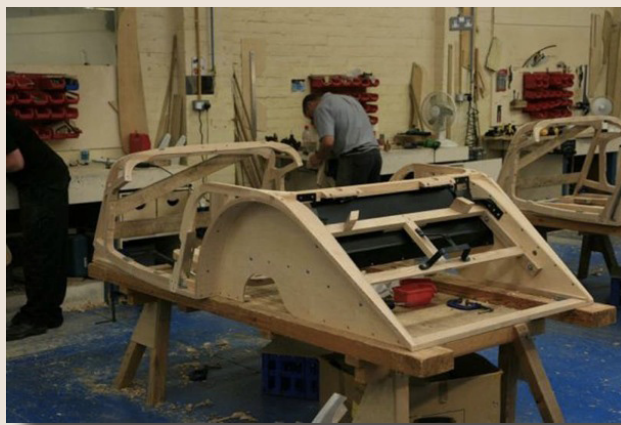
The weekend ended with the NeDiv Town Council Meeting. It was pretty uneventful in comparison to past meetings. The main drama came when Mike Toombs (FLR Region) wanted to know why the Northeast Division uses NESCCA for its designation. To me it is confusing as Solo always used NeDiv and Club racing uses NESCCA. It was only until a couple of years ago that I found out they were the same. It looks like it is an issue that should be looked at. Another issue was trying to get the regions to use the same online registration service to try and have some consistency in the regions. The choices are MotorsportsReg and DLB. We have used MotorsportsReg for the NE Solo Divisional a couple years ago and recently with the Monticello PDX.



Submitted by Jim Bishop

# The Morgan Motor Company

The Morgan Motor Company located in Britain doesn't change in a changing world. Not only is it still independent, but it also makes each car by hand. A base model is about \$44,000, with some cars costing up to \$300,000. People wait for over a year to get their exclusive hand-built cars with the shell made out of metal and much of the vehicle made out of wood. Working on the wood interior, workers use metal shears to individually shape a hood because each car has to be different. Every year Morgan produces about 600 cars. The company will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2011. It has a long and interesting history, and is still run by the same family: the Morgans. Founded by Henry Frederick Stanley Morgan known as "HFS", it was then run by his son Peter, and is now run by Charles, the son of Peter Morgan.



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*There are craftsmen.....and there are Craftsmen !!*

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## Monthly Membership Report 11/19/2010

New member report 11/19/10.

From: 10/05/10 to: 11/19/10.

No new members for this period.

Anniversary Report generated on: 11/19/10

For the year 2010

Name	Joined	Years
	December	
Peter A. Kroth	12/18/00	10.0

*There was 1 record printed.*

There are 326 members in the region.

During the November membership meeting only the anniversary report was given. The National Website claimed that my access to the reports was denied. At the meeting John Sheridan reported that National has been having some computer problems. Over the last few months both Lisa and I have had fairly serious computer problems. It must be something in the air! In any event, the national reports are back, Lisa is back up and running and my machines are humming along without a glitch!

The membership has remained static for the last two months. History shows that there are few people who join during the colder months, so that's not too surprising. Notice also that there is only one "significant" anniversary for December.

I got a call from a very enthusiastic soon to be sixteen year old young man. We were on the phone for over a half an hour. For someone that young, he demonstrated a wide knowledge of the latest performance road cars but did not know much about our various programs, particularly solo. It seems his dad is a sports car enthusiast too so I hope that we see a new family membership soon.

Dick Stewart has volunteered to contact members who have not renewed. I've been providing him with the appropriate contact information and am looking forward to hearing the results.

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## Webmasters Report

There isn't much to report. Normal updates have been ongoing. The November KO has been up for awhile as well as the brochure for the Annual Awards Banquet which if you've not been paying attention, the banquet will be held Saturday, December 4th at the Troy Elks Club, 134 North Greenbush Rd, (RTE. 4) Troy, NY, just south of HVCC and about three miles from my house instead of in another time zone.

Dave Wachtel  
Membership Chair/Webmaster

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