



# Coming up!

## 24TH ANNUAL JOHN STIM MEMORIAL RACE

JUNE 22-23rd 2012  
Lime Rock Park



Former MoHud RE Gene Tricozzi and his wife Glenda brought their restored BugEye Sprite to the SAM car show.

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## June 2012 RE Report

The first of the Street Survivals is coming soon. We will be working with the Patroon BMW club for these events at Fortitech. As with last year, we are going to need help putting on these events. Please go to <http://www.patroon.motorsportreg.com/> to register or contact Will Schambach or myself for more information.

The Saratoga Auto Museum car show was held on May 20 th . Eric Smith put together a list of those that wanted to show their cars. I would like to extend a big thank you to those that brought their cars or stopped by to support the event. We had 10 vehicles on display.

The Mohud National at Lime Rock is also approaching. We will be working with NNJR again. I am planning on being there for both days and hope to see you all there.

Upcoming events;

Mohud National June 22-23 Lime Rock Park

PDX Oct 20 Lime Rock Park

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PDX**

**Oct 20th, 2012**

**at Lime Rock Park**

## **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

**Please be aware of the deadline for submission to the KO.  
Deadline is the 15th of each month.**

**When articles are not submitted in a timely manner,  
it delays delivery to membership. Many timely events and  
announcements may be compromised.**

**Please be considerate!**

# SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

## June 2012 Solo Report

I am still waiting for a contract from Wilton Mall as of the writing of this article, but I expect it any day now. Other than that, we have a full season of events.

Our first event was held at the OGS McCarty Ave lot. Saturday was a great day. There were a lot of new faces that had come out to the school. About 30 people had shown up for the day and about a third of those were names that I do not remember from previous years. It was a beautiful day and Bert Huiest set up another one of his signature courses. The students seemed happy with what they had learned as many of them returned on Sunday to try again. Sunday was another good day. About 50 came out to compete. Jeff Grossbard stepped up to design the course and did a fine job. Will Schambach set the fastest raw time, while Eric Smith set the fastest Pax adjusted time.

Our next event will be at Fortitech. We will have our first Street Survival event on that weekend as well. We still have some openings for students and instructors. Please contact me for more information.

The Northeast Divisional was held at the Meadowlands facility. Day one went well, but due to an unrelated accident on the property, the second day of the event was cancelled. (more info [http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/05/motorcyclist\\_struck\\_and\\_killed\\_1.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/05/motorcyclist_struck_and_killed_1.html) ) This is one reason why I ask competitors to obey the laws while they are around the facility that our events are being held.

### Upcoming events:

**June 2-3 Street Survival, Event 2 Fortitech**

**June 16-17 National Tour Devens** (not a Mohud event)

*July 15 Event 3 Tentative okay from Wilton Mall*

**Aug 11-12 Street Survival, Event 4 Fortitech**

**Sept 8 Adirondack Corvette Event Prospect Mountain** (not a Mohud event)

**Sept 15,16 Car control clinic, Event 5 Fortitech**

**Sept 23 Event 6 OGS McCarty Ave lot**

**Oct 14 Event 7 OGS McCarty Ave lot**

**Oct 20 PDX Lime Rock Park**

*Italics are tentative. Bold are confirmed.*



# COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

## June 2012 Competition Report

**Want to go Racing Eh!** - DJ McCardle and the **BMWCCA** are racing in Canada. July 6,7,8 at Mosport and July 20,21,22 at Calaboogie. You would need to have both a BMWCCA license and membership. It would probably take two weeks for the paperwork, if you are interested contact DJ ASAP. I have never been to Calaboogie, but I hear it is fun. Mosport is one of the most challenging tracks in the world, high speed turns and elevation changes. Your car would have to be BMWCCA compliant which I believe means a Fire Suppression System and an Interior net. It used to be the home of the Canadian Grand Prix. DJ is also looking for Instructors for the Patroon event at Watkins Glen June 11, 12

**Advice from a Steward**- I have seen many drivers lose a race, not because they were too slow but because they did not know the rules. As you should know, in the Northeast we traditionally show a number one sign at start/finish when there is one lap to go. At New Hampshire a few years ago, the number one sign was given to the leader; his car number was also one. When the leader saw the sign, since it had his number on it, he pulled into the pits and went to impound, never passing start finish. The second place driver thought he had won the race. The #1 car had made a grievous mistake. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place driver also made a mistake; he did not check the provisional results at Timing and Scoring. T & S did not know the first driver had not passed the finish line and listed him in 1<sup>st</sup> place. The other driver checked the results more than 30 minutes after they were posted and they were now final, too late to correct the error.

**Black Flag** a Black flag means return to the Pits and see the Pit Steward. A closed or furled Black Flag means you have done something wrong and you are getting a warning. This could mean you had contact with someone, or have been consistently driving off the track or at Watkins Glen going over the White line in Turn one. It is a warning and only a warning, the only thing you have to do is stop doing whatever you have been doing wrong or you will get a Black Flag which will require you to pit. As a Steward every time I give a driver a Closed Black Flag, I also tell the pit workers because half the time the driver comes into the pits.

**Sound Control**- Sound control is in effect for all races in the Northeast. The Sound limit is usually 103db unless it states otherwise in the Supps, at New Hampshire the limit is 99db. When the limit is 103 db, 103.9 db is compliant, 104db is not. The policy in the Northeast is: first non compliant reading, you are shown the Sound Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, you are given a black flag and advised that if you have one more reading you will lose your qualifying time or if it is during a race you would be disqualified. You have the option to make a repair and then return to the track, but you cannot have another non-compliant reading. You should know where Sound Control takes the readings. At New Hampshire it is on driver's right between turns 10 and 11. Watkins Glen –drivers left between turn one and the back straight. Lime Rock-driver's right between the top of the hill and the next turn.

**Double Yellow-** The double yellow flags mean no passing and expect to see a safety car on the track. You also see a double yellow while following the pace car at the start of the race. The rule is simple, once the green is shown you may pass and race. In an IMSA race at Watkins Glen, I was once qualified 61<sup>st</sup> in a field of 93. When the green was displayed I had not yet reached the left hander before start finish. If I had had a radio my crew could have shouted green, green into the radio and I could have started racing. I did not have a radio but I knew that when the field went green the flaggers would drop their yellow flags; I probably passed 12 cars legally before start finish. You will probably never be 60 cars back from the pace car but when you are in a long line on a restart, keep your eyes on those flaggers and when they drop their flags- go.

**Removable Steering Wheels-** As a steward, I get to see the annual synopsis of the Incident Reports on Road Racing Crashes. You would be surprised to discover how many crashes are caused by steering wheels that become detached. Since more and more IT, SM, Production and Open Wheel cars has removable Steering Wheels, it should not be a surprise. I know of at least two MoHud members who have crashed due to this problem. The solution is simple, every time you put your wheel on, pull on it to test it. Every time you are on the Grid, before you move again pull hard on that wheel to test. Make this part of your on track routine.

**Hans Device-**This is the first year that Head and Neck Systems are mandatory. It is important that you check and double check the instructions as to how your belts should be mounted for your system. Drivers with Hans devices have been killed because the belts were improperly mounted.



## MoHud Rally News



Hello! My name is Trish Bucci, and I'm the new MoHud Rally Chairperson. I've been a MoHud member for about three years and up to now my club involvement has mostly been in Sound Control with Jim. I volunteered for the Rally position because the very first MoHud event I participated in was a Snowflake Rally, and I found it to be something different and fun. While I don't have a lot of Rally experience, I am eager to learn and I am excited at the prospect of reviving our Rally Program.

I know Jim Bishop was MoHud's Rally "king" for a long time, and I hope to do a respectable job of following in his footsteps. For now, I expect to plan GTA (Game, Tour, Adventure) Rallies that will be entertaining and enjoyable for our members and their families, as well as being an opportunity to socialize.

[A GTA Rally is scheduled for Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>](#), so mark the date and be part of the spooky fun! Look for details in future editions of the Knock Off.

# Saratoga Auto Museum Car Show

Sunday, May 20th 2012

Jack Hanifan

Ron Hedger and his staff at the SAM, put on an excellent and well organized event. The Road Racing Cars present included my SSM/FP Miata, Dick Stewart's FV, Hilton Tallman's FC, Steven Deck's ITS car, and Doug Kelley's T1 Corvette. Hilton's FC won the award for best race car in show. Gene Tricozzi was there with his recently restored TR3. Gene had the car in college and spent the last three years restoring it to better than new condition. The black TR3 deservedly won the People's Choice Award many club racing spectators were on hand including, the Smiths, the Sheridan's and Dave Austin and his daughter May. Former Showroom Stock Driver, Tony Hillferty provided a blast from the past. The weather was perfect.



*Photos courtesy of Jack Hanifan and Russ Burckhard*











## ***FYI:** Progress on Jim Bishop*



Jim Bishop was for many years the chairperson and main go-to man for our rally program. Jim was an integral part of MoHud for a very long time serving in many different capacities over the years. He was seriously injured in an volleyball accident a while back. He moved to Texas where he is in rehabilitation and making slow but steady progress. He keeps up to date with club members via facebook and reading the KO monthly. We all wish Jim the very best and hope he can make a complete recovery. Thanks Jim for all the great work for the club!

Jim Bishop making slow but steady progress.

## **Tire Rack Street Survival, a hands-on driving clinic for teens ages 16-21**

Our first one for 2012 will be on **Saturday, June 2, 2012**, and it will be sanctioned by MoHud.

The second one will be **Saturday August 11, 2012**, and this one will be sanctioned by the Patroon BMWCCA. Both of these events will be run by the two clubs working together, we will share personnel resources, etc.

We have space for the June 2 event for students, and also need more instructors to sign up.

Student registration is here at: <http://bit.ly/L0SuL3>

Instructor reg is at: <http://bit.ly/JHd3OY>

For the August 11th event, instructor sign up is online now, student sign up will be open within the next week or so. Instructor reg for the Aug 11 event is at: <http://bit.ly/Jjof7e>

See the accompanying flyer for complete information and number to call with questiona.



# Do you have a teenaged driver or know someone that does? Then we have a program for you!

## Did you know?

A motor vehicle crash is the leading cause of death among 13-19 year olds in the U.S.

That's more than who will die from drugs, guns and violent crimes combined.

- ◆ Participants must be 15-21 years of age
- ◆ Students must have an unrestricted driver's license (i.e. not being held by authorities) or permit. If the driver has a permit, that permit must be held for at least half the time required by the state having jurisdiction
- ◆ If under 18, students must have their parents' permission to participate in the Street Survival™ school
- ◆ Parents must sign a Minor Waiver form (if participant is under 18), which can be downloaded from the Street Survival™ web site, [www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org)
- ◆ For the best learning experience, participants should have some driving experience
- ◆ Single parents must provide an affirmation that they are the sole parent or guardian
- ◆ Students must present a photocopy of their license, proof of insurance and the original signed Minor Waiver form (if under 18) to participate in the Street Survival™ schools



## How much does it cost?

\$75 per student. This participation fee includes a 1-year membership in the local BMW CCA chapter with access to all of the chapter's member events and activities.

## Why do I use my own car?

We ask that students use the cars they normally drive. Our goal is to teach students how their cars react under different driving conditions. Each car has unique handling characteristics, for example, front wheel drive vs. rear wheel drive, and we want students to be comfortable in the car where they spend most of their time. It is not necessary to own nor drive a BMW in the Street Survival™ school. Students normally use the 'family car' or their daily driver for the Street Survival™ exercises.

## How long does each class run?

Each school lasts a single day, approximately from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It involves one hour of classroom orientation and explanation of the day's activities. We also teach the student the new language they will be using all day. The remainder of the day, students enjoy a hands-on driving experience with a trained instructor in the car at all times. Instruction occurs on a controlled driving course, a portion of which is wet to simulate driving conditions.

**It's about more than driving...  
it's about living!**

## Street Survival™ Provides:

- ◆ Trained and qualified in-car driving instructors as well as classroom experience for each student
- ◆ Hands-on educational driving experience in real-world situations teaching teens car safety and control in their own vehicles
- ◆ Challenging driving situations, including skid pad and slalom, on private courses allowing students to experience abnormal car behavior in a safe and supervised environment

## Did you know?

62% of teenage passenger deaths in 2004 occurred in vehicles driven by another teenager...

they weren't driving, just riding.



Formed in April 2002, in conjunction with the BMW Car Club of America (BMW CCA), the BMW CCA Foundation developed Street Survival™

Street Survival school is a teen safe driving program designed to go beyond driver's education and give teens across the U.S. tools and hands-on experience to become safer, smarter drivers.

## YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL:

June 2, 2012

August 11, 2012

both classes held at  
Fortitech

Rudy Chase Dr., Glenville, NY

for more information, and to register:

<http://www.mohud-scca.com/street-survival/>

## Did you know?

20 teens will die today in a car accident.



[www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org)

864.329.1919

# ***ON THE ACTIVITIES SIDE...*** **DUTCH APPLE TRIP!**

At this point we have 25 people  
and we need 35 people for the boat to sail,  
we need at least more 10 people  
to make it work and of course the more the merrier!

## **THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012**

**BOAT SAILS at 6pm Promptly**

**Cost \$42 per person**

includes

Dinner Buffet #1

**\*minimum of 35 people**

Caesar Salad

Chicken Cacciatore with mushrooms, pepper and onions

Sliced Pork Loin with a wild mushroom and sundried tomato cream sauce

Penne with tomato sauce

Sautéed Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Desserts and Coffee Station

*We have the date but Dutch Apple needs to know  
 how many of us there will be.*

*After they find out our number of people,  
 they will open it up to others.*

**Email Pete Smith at [dsmith3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dsmith3@nycap.rr.com)  
 or call Pete at 518-339-5744(cell) ASAP if you plan to attend!  
 We need your info ASAP!**



**ADDITIONAL EVENTS PLANNED:**

**GO KART NIGHT**

**Wednesday, Aug 1, 2012**

**Same place, time etc. as last year;**

***except each ticket will cost \$3;***

***AND for \$20 an individual will have access  
to all rides for the entire evening.***

Call Pete Smith on his cell phone **518-339-5744** for questions.

**AND ONCE AGAIN:**

**THE GOLF OUTING**

**THURSDAY, AUG. 16, 2012**

**Same routine as last year!**

***Plan on it!!***

Again call Pete @ **518-339-5744** with questions!!

Thank you!

Pete Smith, *Activities Director*

# Monthly Membership Report 5/17/2012

## Will Schambach

### New member report 5/17/12 from: 4/18/12 to: 5/17/12.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Joined</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Eduardo Jahn	5/14/12	Saratoga	NY
Karen Gibson	5/8/12	Poughkeepsie	NY
Chris Sweeney	5/8/12	Pleasant Valley	NY
Dale Tuttle	5/5/12	Albany	NY
Nabil Eldib	5/4/12	Lake George	NY
Eric Vardin	5/3/12	Albany	NY
Richard Eklund	5/2/12	Germantown	NY
Aashish Vemulapalli	5/2/12	Rensselaer	NY
Paul Severino	5/1/12	Schenectady	NY

### Interests report as of 5/17/12.

<b>Solo</b>	<b>Rally</b>	<b>Club Racing</b>
Chris Sweeney	Chris Sweeney	Eduardo Jahn
Dale Tuttle	Dale Tuttle	Karen Gibson
Eric Vardin	Eric Vardin	Chris Sweeney
Aashish Vemulapalli	Aashish Vemulapalli	Eric Vardin
Paul Severino	Paul Severino	Paul Severino

### Anniversary Report as of 5/17/12

<b>Name</b>	<b>Joined on</b>	<b>Years</b>
	<b>May</b>	
Christopher Zarzycki	5/1/77	35
Deborah Riggi	5/28/87	25
Ernest Riggi	5/28/87	25
Jennifer Riggi	5/28/87	25
Kathleen Riggi	5/28/87	25
Jill Wright	5/3/02	10
Annamarie Cioffari	5/10/07	5
Jameson Hurd	5/10/07	5
Edward Granka	5/24/07	5
	<b>June</b>	
Karen Smith	6/25/82	30
Linda Thomson	6/25/87	25
Sandra Sheridan	6/5/02	10
Rose Ann Garry	6/4/07	5
Joseph Garry	6/4/07	5

**There are 351 members in the region.**



## Mo Hud Membership Meeting - May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012

Called to order – 7:40 pm

**SECRETARY** – correction to last month’s meeting minutes – there are 343 members in the Region, not 430.

**ACTIVITIES** – the following events are scheduled: August 1, 2012 – Funplex Kart Night - \$20 for 2 ½ hours of karting. Dinner cruise will be on the Dutch Apple, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - dinner/fee is \$42/person. Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Saratoga Auto Museum car show – we currently have 13 cars that will be shown at the event.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Will confirmed that we currently have 343 members. Summary of new members and anniversaries provided. Tiered membership proposal – support for the proposal is waning.

**KNOCK OFF** – April edition has been completed and emailed to the membership.

**TREASURER** – Chip provided a summary of previous month’s income and expenses, including last year’s Street Survival and the upcoming Lime Rock Park race.

**SOLO** – First event will be this weekend - May 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. Sat – Test and Tune School, Sunday is a points event. Both at the OGS parking lot. Still no confirmation from the Wilton Mall – we are awaiting receiving a contract from them. May Divisional will be May 12/13 at the Meadowlands. Solo Tour will be at Devens in June. We have eight radios for which we have no future need. Original cost was about \$300 for all eight radios. They are about one year old. Motion made to advertise them for sale in the Knock Off at \$20/pair with charger. If we don’t sell them, we will donate them to a local school. Motion carried. After discussion, all eight pair were purchased by various members who were present at the meeting.

**TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL** – Will requested that the membership help with getting the word out about the event. There is room for additional students. Instructors are also needed. The school will be held June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fortitech site. Registration is open on the Motorsportreg.com site under “Car Control Clinic”.

**RALLY CROSS** – we have a new Rally Chair. Trich Bucci has accepted the position. Russ has spoken to Jim Bishop, who is pleased that the program is moving forward and will assist Trish with the transition. Trish will be beginning to plan a Rally tentatively scheduled for sometime later this summer of early fall.

**PDX** – is scheduled for Lime Rock Park October 20<sup>th</sup>. DJ is continuing to work on the event.

**COMPETITION** – Tech party had 13 cars. Rational was held last recently at New Hampshire – weekend of April 21. Event was well attended. Jack is working on the race supps for the upcoming Mo Hud National at Lime Rock Park. Discussion on providing t-shirts or some other item to race participants. T-shirt size is an issue, unless we purchase only one size. Chip indicated that we have already budgeted money for t-shirt purchase. Gene Tricozzi and Russ will get together and come up with a recommendation. Board meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss t-shirts and other raced related business.

**OLD BUSINESS** – none.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mo Hud charter has been issued by National.

Meeting adjourned – 8:45 pm.

## Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors - April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012

Meeting called to order – 7:40 pm.

**STREET SURVIVAL** - dates are June 2 and August 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open on Motorsportreg.com. Both instructors and students can register online. Instructor registration will be approved by Kevin Belden. September 15<sup>th</sup> – a Car Control clinic will be held under a Solo sanction. While it will be open to the general membership, we are hoping that the parents of Street Survival attendees will also attend. If there is not a lot of interest from parents, we will open it up as a Street Survival event.

**MEMBERSHIP** – no report.

**KNOCK OFF** – Jack Hanifan is proofing the final draft of the April 2012 edition.

**SOLO** – first events of the season are May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the OGS lot. Upcoming events are also scheduled for Wilton and Fortitech.

**RALLY** – both Jim and Trish Bucci have taken the Rally steward course. Trish has volunteered to be Rally Chair for the Region. Motion was accepted and approved unanimously to appoint Trish to the position. The Board will notify Jim Bishop.

**PDX** – will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> at Lime Rock Park.

**EVENTS** – Tentative dates for upcoming activities - August 1<sup>st</sup> Go Kart Night at the Funplex and Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing at Burden Lake Country Club. May 20<sup>th</sup>, Saratoga Auto Museum, Spring Car Show. Mo Hud has been invited to participate in the show. 15 to 20 membership cars will be on display. Dinner Cruise – Dutch Apple or Captain JP – Dutch Apple is a smaller boat, so it may be preferable. We will try to schedule for late July.

**COMPETITION** – Mo Hud race supps are in the process of being completed. Sanction will be applied for within the next couple of weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Van has been inspected and has had an oil change. General discussion ensued about the value of continuing to maintain the van vs. a rental vehicle.

Meeting adjourned – 8:40 pm.

# Next Generation

Evan Karl, son of Bob and Colleen Karl, Jr. and grandson to Bob Karl Sr. is taking the first step to continuing their family sport of racing. Having been at the races for most of his young life, he is now moving into go-kart racing up in Ballston Spa at the fairgrounds. Here are some photos taken by his admirer, Pete Smith. Looks like the whole family is in the act with him.



Evan has a great day on the track at the fairgrounds in Ballston Spa.



Evan's mom Colleen & sister Cassidy keep vigil.