

COOLED DOWN TECH PARTY!



Eric Smith

The cold dreary weather didn't keep tech party attendees from enjoying the camaraderie always found at MoHud events!



Todd Boice & Pete Smith

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Lendrummobiles!



Ken Lendrum, Bob Karl Jr., with Cassidy and Evan Karl and young Patrick Lendrum in yellow jacket in front.

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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

May 2013 RE Report

In preparation for the Club Racing season and Mohud's race at LimeRock on July 12th and 13th, the annual Tech party was held on April 13th. Bob Karl allowed us to use his facility to make sure the racecars were in shape for another season of competition. It was a great day and a bunch of cars were checked out. Everyone brought their appetites, as we made short order of a couple of packs of hot dogs. Jack Hanifan had to run out and get a couple more packs to satisfy the hunger of those who attended. As always, A big thank you to Bob and his staff at Bob Karl's Sales and Service. 2791 6th Ave Troy, NY 12180. (518) 272-7560 www.bobkarl.com

Mohud is having a PDX on July 12th at LimeRock Park. Time will be split between the Club Racing qualifying sessions and the different PDX groups. Keep a look out on <http://www.motorsportreg.com> to register of for more info, contact DJ McArdle at d510@nycap.rr.com

Mohawk-Hudson Region will once again have a display at the upcoming Saratoga Automobile Museum's Spring Invitational and Auto Show, Friday and Saturday May 17th - 18th. MoHud will need cars for our display on Saturday, May 18th in front of the SAM. We use this opportunity to do some outreach to the public and answer questions about the SCCA, our region, and how to participate in our activities. I'll be looking for 10-14 interesting vehicles from both Club Racing and Solo. The SAM usually gives us free tickets for our volunteers to visit the Auto Show portion of the event.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact me and let me know 518.858.4082 or EJEvo8@gmail.com).

The rain date for this event is Sunday, May 19th - a smart change the SAM is instituting this year. <http://saratogaautomuseum.org/autoshow/>

SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard

May 2013 Solo Report

I have confirmation for our events.

- 4/20 T&T/School McCarty Ave**
- 4/21 Event 1 McCarty Ave**
- 6/2 Event 2 Fortitech**
- 6/12 TRSS at SPAC**
- 6/23 Event 3 McCarty Ave**
- 7/27 Solo School Fortitech**
- 7/28 Event 4 Fortitech**
- 8/17 TRSS Fortitech**
- 8/18 Event 5 Fortitech**
- 9/7 Adirondack Corvette Club event at Prospect Mountain.**
- 9/22 Event 6 Fortitech**
- 10/13 Event 7 McCarty Ave**

We had our first weekend of autocrossing on April 20th and 21st. The test and tune/school brought in about 20 people to improve their skills. Those who participated were not the only ones whose skills were tested. Our course designer, Bert Huiess also had his skills tested as the lot was littered with some stray cars. Bert did a great job of making a course that was challenging and easy to navigate.

Our first point's event was held on Sunday. Just over 40 entrants braved the cool and breezy morning. We had 1 casualty at the event. The Mohud laptop would not stay up and running. This made it impossible for us to use it for timing. We had to go "old school" and have the results printed on audit sheets. Eric Smith has his work cut out for him, he will have to enter all the data manually. As of this writing, the results have not been published but from what I remember there was a pretty good battle for the fastest time of the day. I had it for a little while until Jeff Grossbard took it from me using Phil Reddington's S2000. Phil answered back with what would have been the fastest time if only he did not hit a cone. I took it back from Jeff in the new ST a couple of runs later but my stand on the top was short lived as Andy Furlong piloted his Acura into top spot. With our half of the heat done, Andy looked like he would have the top time until Eric Smith put down a great run and pulled about a quarter of a second ahead of all of us. It was a fun day and nice to see everyone once again. It will be tough having to wait until June for the next event.

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

May 2013- Competition Report

Tech Party-The annual tech party was a success, thanks to our host BK Karl. Bob Karl Sales and Service once again provided their facility for the annual affair. Todd Boice and Rich Welty did annuals on 19 race cars and in addition checked the helmets and suits of several drivers who did not have their cars ready. Our Regional Executive, Russ, cooked the hotdogs and I had to go out and buy another two dozen. The weather was cool but sunny and there plenty of the younger members present to add to the ambience of the party. The newest car was Jared Lendrum's Subaru BRZ prepared to touring specs. Photos are in the KO.

Upcoming Races-The double regional races at Pocono 5/11-12 and Watkins Glen 5/25-26 are both on line at Motorsportsreg.com. Pocono is a NYSRRC, NARRC race and Watkins Glen is a NYSRRC race.

New Hampshire Double Regional-The Double Regional at New Hampshire was poorly attended. The race had been a Rational for the last two years and returned to a Regional this year. There was a Majors Race at VIR and at least 3 of the winners there were from NER, I have no idea how many others chose VIR over New Hampshire and the weather was cool – Low 50's at NH. The weatherman also predicted rain on Saturday but it was clear by 10am. The other unknown factor was the effect of the happenings in Boston.

There may be a future competitor in Pete Smith's family, young Master Chase Robertson, their grandson, enjoys his turn in the driver's seat of the number 97.



TECH PARTY EVENT



Dan Grogan, Pete Smith & Alan Lendrum chat.



Eleanor Morris attended tech party.

Rich Welty discusses matters with Brian Blizzard.



MoHud families converged at the party; the Lendrums and Karls below.





Johnathan & Russ Burckhard and Brian Blizzard find time for camera smiles.



Todd Boice inspects Hans device for a participant.



Dan Grogan's Miata.



Jared Lendrum's new car.



Lendrums watch as Alan gets ready for Todd.



Nancy Boice chats with Pete Smith and Johannes Krauss.



Johannes Krauss' Volkswagon HP made the journey to tech party.



Eric Smith and Trish Bucci do a little catch-up.



Self-explanatory, no brakes!



Ron Bass brought his FV.



SEBRING REPORT FROM RICH ALEXANDER

These pictures were taken on 3/16/13 at Turn 10, shortly before start of the 12 Hours. The Memorial flag is directly above the Marine Corp flag.

From left to right are: Milt Harkrader (NER), Dave Hsu (WDC), Fred Mahler (NER), Leigh McBride (MoHud), Mack McCormack (MoHud), George Skelton (Glen), Diane Skelton (Glen), Craig Frisken (MMS {Mosport Marshaling Services}), Stu Cowitt (Florida Region), Ken Fearing (Oklahoma) Andy Smith (NYR), Richard Brown (NYR), Richard Alexander (MoHud). Missing were Karen Fearing (Oklahoma) and Arjen Bleeker (Netherlands)

Region affiliations are best of my feeble memory

- Rich



MoHud members assist Cub Scouts at Pinewood Derby

On March 2, 2013, representatives from Mohawk-Hudson SCCA attended Cub Scout Pack 232's annual Pinewood Derby to serve as "style judges" Representing MoHud were Peter Kroth, Eric Kroth, Chip VanSlyke and Ethan Corey.

Winners were (above, back row) Fastest Looking Car: Kincaid Newman (front row, left to

right) Best Car That Isn't A Car: Joe Mocerine Best Use Of A Theme: Jack Johannesen Best Food Car: Jared Scharf Scariest Looking Car: Mason Maurer Most Creative Overall Design: Liam Kelley



Thank you to Jeremy Johannesen and everyone involved with Cub Scout Pack 232 for inviting us.

See you next year!

Pete Kroth



For Immediate Release

BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour Gets The Checkers At VIR On Sunday

ALTON, Va. (April 21, 2013) – Sunday's BFGoodrich Tires VIR Super Tour, doubling as Round Six on the Eastern Conference Majors Tour schedule, wrapped Sunday with the conclusion of the doubleheader weekend at VIRginia International Raceway.

The day started when the only driver who has been perfect so far this season extending his streak to six race wins. Glenn Cooper, of Roswell, Ga., drove his No. 43 Ralf Firman Racing/Hoosier Tires RFR F1000 to a dominating win in Formula 1000, stretching his Eastern Conference point lead.

The Group 1 race was shortened to just 13 of the scheduled 14 laps when it bumped up against the 40-minute time limit following a car that got into the tires and briefly caught fire. Emergency workers were immediately on the scene to squelch any trouble, but the field was black-flagged to pit lane on lap six with the time clock still running.

The Formula Atlantic race, running in the same group, was a repeat of yesterday's race-long battle. Once again, Sadat Yelkin's No. 75 Everclear Swift/Toyota started up front, and kept Keith Grant's No. 40 Hoosier/Hasselgren/Polestar Swift 014a/Toyota just behind for the race distance. Today, however, they were behind the No. 01 GDRE/NJMP/Hardshell Motorsports Stohr WF-1/Suzuki of Garrett Kletjian, the overall winner in D Sports Racing.



Like Saturday, the fast, flowing corners and long straights meant that the drafting battle in Spec Miata packed the front-runners together until the final laps. The initial start was waved off, starting the race under yellow, but on lap two the action began.

By lap 10 of 14, the lead battle was six cars deep for the lead. Saturday podium finishers Andrew Charbonneau (No. 67 Auto Tecknick/Not East Street Miata), Danny Steyn (No. 39 ADEPT Studios/Rossini/OPM/Traqmate Miata) and Dan Tiley (No. 33 Ti-Speed Engineering Mazda Miata) had all taken their turns at the front of the pack.

With two to go, the No. 01 Talley Land Development/US Marines Miata of Cliff Brown moved to the front of the line, and held the pace across the stripe with one to go.

Alex Bolanos moved his No. 57 Autotechnik/Momo Motorsport Miata to the lead through lap 14 on the final lap and led the field out of the final corner.

From there, it was a drag race to the checkered flag. Brown, moving up the outside of the track, edged his fender in front of Bolanos to take the win. Charbonneau finished third.

The American Sedan race was nose to tail for most of the race between Daniel Richardson's No. 15

Performance Auto Works/Hayworth Chevrolet Camaro of Daniel Richardson and the No. 42 Auto Re-Nu-It Auto Body/Hoosier Tire Ford Mustang of Michael Lavigne.

Lavigne chased Richardson, with the two running just a few car lengths apart for the race. The Mustang kept the Camaro in his sites, but Lavigne had enough to rush to the finish for the win.

For the second consecutive day, Simon Gregg's No. 1 Derhaag Motorsports Chevrolet Corvette led the opening laps as he and Dillon Machavern's No. 29 Heritage Automotive Group/Riggins Engineering Ford Falcon pulled away from the field. Also for the second consecutive day, Machavern stalked the defending SCCA Pro Racing Trans-Am champion and pulled off a pass on lap five to move into the lead. Once in front, the 17-year-old kept the pace to the checkered flag and an impressive weekend sweep.

Spec Racer Ford went according to plan for eventual winner Brian Schofield, who worked his strategy to perfection and his first Eastern Conference Majors win of the season. Schofield's No. 61 PM Racing Spec Racer pushed Franklin Futrelle's No. 17 Meco Inc. of Augusta/Comprent Motorsports/Skip Barber Racing School machine ahead of the field, creating a gap over the early stages of the race that left them all alone.

With one to go, Schofield finally made his move, passing Futrelle and extending his Eastern Conference point lead.

The afternoon formula car groups had some clear cut winners, but a handful of close battles to pair with them. Scott Rettich's No. 71 Alliance Autosport/PDI Communications Formula Enterprises/Mazda held off Paul Schneider's No. 73 Performance MotorCars of Charlotte machine for a 0.499-second win in a race that was slowed to 11 laps for two separate incidents. A spinning, stalled car caused a black flag on the opening lap, and then a later full course caution further slowed the pace and left it outside the 40-minute time limit.

The Formula Vee battle was a four-car fight for the lead for 12-lap race's entirety. Eastern Conference class point leader Stevan Davis' No. 80 Hoosier/Butler Engines/Roxannes Headers Racer's Wedge/VW, Gary Blanarik's No. 3 Sewickley Car Store/Silver Bullet Silver Bullet/VW, Dale Rader's No. 8 Total Automotive/Goodyear/Quicksilver Volkswagen Vortech and Donnie Isley's No. 30 Agitator by Brookshire Agitator 016/VW ran nose to tail and side by side across the southern Virginia hills.

Blanarik led the quartet across the stripe to begin the final lap, but Davis moved to the front in the final 3.27 miles. Davis led out of the final corner, but Blanarik used the draft and the long front straight to pull in front just before the checkered flag.

Greg Ira capped the day with a flag-to-flag win in E Production behind the wheel of the No. 2 First Coast Auto Sales Datsun 260Z.

The Eastern Conference Majors Tour schedule moves to Summit Point Raceway in just two weeks for Rounds Seven and Eight of the championship, held within the SCCA's Northeast and Southeast Divisions.

More information on the SCCA Majors Program is available at www.sccamajors.com. Like SCCA on Facebook at [Facebook.com/SCCAOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/SCCAOfficial), or follow on Twitter @SCCAOfficial.

Monthly Membership Report 04/17/2013

Will Schambach

NEW MEMBER REPORT 04/17/13 from 02/17/13 to 04/17/13.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
David Kosla (rejoined)	4/15/13	Pittsfield	MA
Thomas Kosla	4/15/13	Pittsfield	MA
Robert Smart (rejoined)	4/5/13	Round Top	NY
Randall Salisbury	4/3/13	Queensbury	NY
Robert Burke	3/29/13	West Charlton	NY
Bill Grayson	3/28/13	Ballston Spa	NY
Steven Andrew	3/12/13	Coxsackie	NY
Greg Goss	3/12/13	East Greenbush	NY
Jared King	2/26/13	Lenox	MA
Joshua King	2/26/13	Lenox	MA
Kyle King	2/26/13	Lenox	MA
Rose King	2/26/13	Lenox	MA

INTERESTS REPORT

Club Racing	Pro Racing	Rally	Solo
David Kosla	Bill Grayson	Robert Smart	David Kosla
Robert Smart	Steven Andrew	Randall Salisbury	Randall Salisbury
Bill Grayson		Robert Burke	Robert Burke
Steven Andrew		Bill Grayson	Bill Grayson
Greg Goss			Steven Andrew
			Greg Goss
			Kyle King

ANNIVERSARY REPORT as of 04/17/13

Name	Joined	Years
	March	
Arnold Beebe	3/30/93	20
Letah Graff	3/26/93	20
Amanda Lo	3/18/08	5
	April	
Susan Butcher	4/28/03	10
Christopher Brassard	4/11/08	5

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WORLD CLASS PORSCHE ADDED TO SARATOGA INVITATIONAL FIELD

Saratoga Springs, NY "World Class" is commonly used to describe outstanding vehicles, but in the case of Duane Ball's "Signal Red" Porsche 906, it comes up short. Way short! Not only is the latest entry in the Saratoga Automobile Museum's upcoming Spring Invitational among the world's finest both visually and mechanically, it has actually travelled the world.

The car, serial number 906-127, was purchased by original owner Josef "Sepp" Greger of Munich, Germany in March of 1966, with Greger claiming the 1966 2 liter European Hillclimb Championship with it on the strength of a 12-win season. It was then sold to fellow racer Kurt Hild of Munich and later to Manfred Pade of Dusseldorf, with the latter converting it to Spyder configuration while racing it for two seasons.

In 1973 the car passed to Herbert Adamcyk, who shipped it to Macau for road-race action. By 1978 the car was on its way to California, where the Porsche was disassembled for a planned restoration that was postponed through two more ownership changes. But after languishing for two decades, Ball acquired the beauty and began the process that brought it back to "world class" status courtesy of a three-year restoration by Gunnar Racing.

Often described as "one of the best 906's in the world," the totally authentic racer was named first in class at the 2007 Rennsport Reunion in Daytona and at the 2009 Amelia Island Concours the car was recognized with the "Porsche Award" while being scored second in its class, behind only a unique Shelby Daytona.

Enthusiasts will be able to view the exotic Porsche, along with numerous other exciting and historic vehicles, from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, May 18th (Rain date, May 19th) at the Spring Invitational and Auto Show. The Invitational field will be arrayed around the Saratoga Spa State Park's scenic Reflecting Pool with the auto show entries filling the adjacent lawn.

Show admission (\$10) will also include a visit to the nearby Saratoga Auto Museum to enjoy the newly opened "BMW - The Ultimate Driving Experience" exhibit that will feature both a variety of automobiles and a comprehensive look at BMW's motorcycle history.

More information and car show registration forms may be obtained online at www.saratogaautomuseum.org

Happy Motoring,

From the Saratoga Automobile Museum