

# Enough Already!!!



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Events scheduled for this upcoming season on inside pages!

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# REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

## March 2014 RE Report

Not a lot to report from last month as the February meeting was snowed out. The Orchard Tavern called us and let us know that they would be closed due to the storm. I guess this will make the March meeting a little busier.

The National Convention will be held in Charlotte NC on March 7-9. For more info please go to <http://www.scca.com/news/index.cfm?cid=51448>

# SOLO REPORT

Russ Burckhard

## March 2014 Solo Report

The Solo Advisory Committee has met to plan the upcoming season. We have another 7 points events season planned. I still need to get confirmation for the sites before being official.

Due to rising costs in the program, we have increased our entry fees by \$5. It has been many years since we have had an increase and unfortunately it was necessary.

We need to look for new places to hold events. If anyone knows of a place that we may be able to hold an event, please let me know. [russtduck@gmail.com](mailto:russtduck@gmail.com)

Updated info from Eric Smith, Asst. RE:

On a recent Sunday the MoHud Solo Advisory Committee (SAC) met and proposed the following Solo schedule for the 2014 season. The Solo Advisory Committee meets formally a few times a year and consists of MoHud members who have agreed to help plan and oversee the Solo functions hosted by MoHud. New members are appointed when a vacancy opens. Proposed new members are approved by the SAC. Duties include creating a proposed schedule, ruling on scoring and other questions that come up during the Solo season, voting on season awards, and proposing budgets for the next Solo season.

The current members of the SAC are: Russ Burckhard, Eric Smith, Bert Huiest, Tom Moeller, Phil Shoemaker, Will Schambach, Andy Furlong, Bruce Kosakoski, and Lyndon Peck. Many thanks to them for volunteering to guide our Solo program, as well as fulfilling other official



duties of the Solo program! If you have an interest in Solo and would like to participate on the SAC if a vacancy comes up, please let any of the current members know.

All the following dates and sites listed are pending confirmation. Check the MoHud website, forums, the KO, and Facebook page for Solo news throughout the year:

#### DATE - EVENT — SITE

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- 5/3 - Test-n-Tune — McCarty Ave
  - 5/4 - Event 1 — McCarty Ave
  - 5/17 - SAM Car Show — Saratoga Auto Museum
  - 5/31 - Tire Rack Street Survival — Fortitech
  - 6/1 - Event 2 — Fortitech
  - 6/28 - Autocross School — Fortitech
  - 6/29 - Event 3 — Fortitech
  - 7/27 - Event 4 — Fortitech
  - 8/24 - Event 5 — McCarty Ave
  - 9/6 - Adirondack Corvette Club Charity Autocross — Prospect Mt
  - 9/20 - Tire Rack Street Survival — Fortitech
  - 9/21 - Event 6 — Fortitech
  - 10/12 - Event 7 — McCarty Ave
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Everyone is dreaming of a day like this;  
a day we get to bring our cars out and enjoy the T-shirt weather!

# COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

## March 2014 Competition Report

**NARRC Banquet-** MoHud hosted the NARRC Banquet in Marlborough, MA, on February 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 20 NARRC Champions recognized. Each Champion received a Clock Trophy, Jacket, Hat and Equipment bag. Demetrius ( Mickey) Mossaidis was the only MoHud recipient. Mickey was the ITA Champion.

**Drivers Schools-** The schedule for Schools in the NE is light. The schools scheduled are: March 22, 23 at New Jersey Motorsports Park, March 29, and 30 at Summit Point, April 26 at Pittsburgh International Raceway, May 23 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Watkins Glen International.

**Alternative Schools-** If you have had some type of previous wheel to wheel racing experience, MoHud can always arrange and Alternative School. Depending upon your experience this could either be held at LRP on a test day or possibly at NHMS or Thompson. If you have any questions contact me.

**NeDiv Divisional Series-** Since we no longer have National Races, the NeDiv Champions will be determined by an eight race Divisional Series. Champions will be crowned in all eligible classes. Drivers in Runoff eligible classes can qualify for the SCCA National Runoffs at Laguna Seca. These races are all Regional races and a Full Competition License, National License or Regional license is eligible to compete. The Races are schedule for April 4,5 at Summit Point, May 24,25 at New Hampshire, June 14,25 at Pittsburgh, June 28,29 at New Jersey, July 26,27 at Nelson, August 9,10 at Pocono, September 13,14 at Watkins Glen and September 26,27 at Lime Rock.

**Tech Party-** Since the first NYSRRC/ NARRC race is May 10, 11 at Pocono, we are tentatively scheduling the Tech Party for Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, later than usual but warmer for the hot dogs. More information next month.

**Preferred numbers-** I have received several calls about reserved numbers, since there are no National Races, there are not any Reserved National Numbers. If you are running the Major Series, you can buy a reserved Majors Number, go to the Majors website. Regional Races- Each Regional Race Series can have their preferred numbers. Marsha Toombs from Finger Lakes is handling NYSRRC Preferred Numbers. Check the NARRC website for their numbers. Please note that other than the Majors where you buy your number the numbers are not reserved but rather preferred numbers. If you do not enter an event by a certain date you might not get your number or if race groups merge, the same may apply.



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For Immediate Release

## SCCA Announces Solo Driver and Rookie of the Year Winners

**TOPEKA, Kan. (Feb. 13, 2014)** – The Sports Car Club of America revealed the winners of two of the most prestigious awards up for grabs each year at the Tire Rack Solo National Championships, announcing the Solo Driver of the Year and Rookie of the Year in advance of the official presentations at the SCCA National Convention, March 7-9 in Charlotte, N.C.

Tom O’Gorman, of Mason, Ohio, was named the SCCA Solo Driver of the Year, while Darren Seltzer, of Orlando, Fla., capped off an amazing season with a National Championship, earning Rookie of the Year honors.

The Solo Driver of the Year award is given to the driver who produced an outstanding performance at the Solo National Championships, while demonstrating exceptional skill or overcoming a major obstacle in the process. The winning driver is selected by the Solo Events Board from nominations sent in by the general membership.

The Rookie of the Year recognizes a top-level performance at the Solo National Championships by a driver with limited competition experience.

Both awards are scheduled to be presented to the winners at the SCCA Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Banquet Presented by Mazda, March 8, as part of the SCCA National Convention.

While winning the F Prepared National Championship by a three-second margin is impressive in its own right, the fact that O’Gorman did it at 21 years old is equally as notable. Already a Solo veteran with seven years of experience under his belt, there is little doubt that this award will be one of many which he will rack up during his driving career.



*Darren Seltzer took home the 2013 F Modified National Championship during his first time competing in the event.*

Credit: Perry Bennett

Even before getting to Lincoln (Neb.) for the Solo National Championship, O’Gorman recorded some impressive stats. In his 14 meets during 2013, O’Gorman was the top driver in his class in 13 of those. When compared to the rest of the field, across all classes, he tallied the quickest indexed times in seven events and was in the top five for 12 events.

Aside from his supreme talent behind the wheel, O’Gorman is recognized as a respectful, humble and sportsmanlike competitor.

Seltzer made the most of his Tire Rack Solo National Championship debut, taking home the F Modified title by a three-second margin. While Seltzer’s background in kart racing afforded him some experience in high performance driving, competing in Lincoln presented some different challenges.

From the start, Seltzer and his car owner, Greg Shumaker, were struggling to find replacement parts and had begun looking for a different car in which to compete.

While they were able to get to Lincoln with an intact competition vehicle, once again, they ran into problems. During the test day the exhaust broke on the Raptor they were driving, forcing a repair. In the midst of the two-day competition, a large frame crack developed, but did not get in the way of Seltzer taking home top honors.

The Solo awards are just two of the awards officially presented at the SCCA Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Banquet Presented by Mazda during the SCCA National Convention and MSX Expo, March 7-9. The ceremony is highlighted by the 2014 SCCA Hall of Fame class inductions, featuring Kathy Barnes, Bob Bondurant, Dan Gurney, Dr. Bob Hubbard and Jim Downing, and Pete Hylton. More information on the Convention, MSX Expo, and the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony can be found at [SCCA.com/Convention](http://www.scca.com/Convention) or [MSXExpo.com](http://www.scca.com/MSXExpo).

The 2014 SCCA Tire Rack Solo schedule is set to start March 15th with the Championship Tour event in Cecil, Ga. Additional information on the SCCA Tire Rack Solo events can be found at <http://www.scca.com/solo>.

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**Next Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 5th • 7:30pm**  
**Orchard Tavern**



# Mo Hud Board Meeting Minutes

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014**

Attending – Pete Smith, Russ Burkhardt, Will Schambach, Eric Smith, Bruce Kosakowski, Ron Bass  
Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.

**Officer Election for 2014** – a vote for 2014 uncontested officer positions was not done during the December meeting. To officialize the new officer slate, the Secretary casted one vote for each of the uncontested positions – Asst. RE – Eric Smith, Treasurer – Todd Boice, Secretary – Ron Bass.

**Budget** – the 2013 and proposed 2014 budget was reviewed by the Board. Todd Boice, who was unable to attend, had provided a copy of the budget for review by the Board. A number of budget items were discussed, including:

- Solo
- Port-a-john rental fees
- 2014 site rental fee
- 2014 entry fee
- Member Education
- National Convention - number of Mo Hud members who attend for whom the Region will pick up travel expenses.

The final budget will be presented to the membership at the February meeting for a vote.

**March 1, Bethlehem Town Hall** – there will be a Boyscout pinewood derby. Mo Hud has been asked to help run the event – judging, etc. Russ will present for discussion at the February meeting.

**Thompson Speedway** – New England has asked if they can use the “John Stim Memorial Race” title for the 2014 New England/Mo-Hud SCCA race series. Board will request more information, especially regarding potential costs of race participation (if any).

**NARRC Banquet** – Mo Hud may incur some costs – trophies, etc. More information needed on projected costs.

**Membership** – no report.

**Knock-Off** – no report.

**Solo** – Solo Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the 2014 schedule.

**Street Survival** – Jim Bucci has suggested that we may want to schedule 2014 Street Survival during the school session (and not during summer vacation). The 2014 schedule will be further discussed.

**Rally** – no report.

**Competition** – no report.

**Old Business** – none.

**New Business** – none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.



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The Auto Show will be held again this year at the Jacob Javits Center, and will showcase some of the hottest cars and trucks ever seen all under one roof. That means more sneak peeks, more brand new '14 & '15 production models and more concept vehicles than ever before.

The bus will leave from the Museum at 7:00am and return by 9:00pm. Ticket price (per person): \$60 SAM members, \$70 non-members, includes transportation and entry to the Show.

Reservation deadline: March 1, 2014

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