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Third Generation...



Third generation Sheridans, Andrew and Ian met NASCAR's Joey Lagano at Dover. The twins are the boys of young Jim Sheridan and wife Sandy. The Sheridan family traditions in racing continue.



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July 2014

Let me start this month by saying “if you haven’t moved in a while, you don’t know what you are missing.” We are starting to get settled in, but are still living out of boxes. Between work, getting the old house ready for showings, and MoHud events, I need 10 day weeks to try to keep up. Now I am not complaining as the new house is a huge improvement from the old one and we are really looking forward to the day that we can just sit and relax (maybe this winterJ). One of the benefits of moving is that you find stuff you did not know that you had. I came across a pile of old Knock Offs that I plan to scan and place on the website archives.

Guptill’s car shows have started. On my way there I was not expecting anyone to be there as it was raining when I left work. The closer I got, the rain slowed. By the time I got there, the rain had stopped and the skies lightened. The rain held off for the rest of the show and the people filed in. While the attendance was down, we had a few people showing interest and we hope to see them at our upcoming events. We will be at the next three shows. They are on the second Monday of the month so if you don’t have anything going on, please stop by and say hello.

Upcoming events: Go-kart night is August 6th at the Fun-Plex. Golf outing planned for Thurs 8/14 with the tee time at 2pm. Guptills car show starting June 9th.

****REMINDER!***

There will be a

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, July 2nd**

SOLO REPORT

Russ Burckhard

July 2014

We had our second event of the season on June 1st and it was better than the first and you couldn't have asked for a better day. Bright sunshine and warm. 75 drivers showed up to compete. Jon Staude had the fastest Pax time in his Honda Civic. Eric Smith was second again in his Evo. This time he lost a little ground and was a quarter of a second slower than the leader and Calob Pocock was third .36 off of the top Pax time. Austin Bruce had FTD in his Birel R32 shifter cart. Eric Smith had the fastest car followed by Greg Pecora in his Lotus Exige. While the times were not as close as the first event, it was because the course was longer and more challenging. Bert Huiest did a great job with the design and setup of the course.

We had the Street Survival on Saturday May 31st and we had a full class of students. Unfortunately we did not have enough instructors to have a one to one ratio with the students. About a half a dozen of us had to instruct two students. I had the privilege and the pleasure to be one of those with 2 students. If you recall from past reports I always say how rewarding it is to teach a student. Well let me tell you, teaching two students is even more rewarding. I took it one step further and poached another student when there was some extra time at the end of the event and had a little more seat time with a third student. It was a great day. Now I would love to be greedy and keep all of the students to myself, but you really need to volunteer and see what this is about and feel how I do at the end of the day. Looking at the other instructors, they had huge smiles so I know they felt just as rewarded as I was. Volunteers were just as happy at the end of the day and we can always use more for the other aspects of the event. Fortunately the parent are willing to lend a hand at the event. So now is my time to plead for some more help. September 20th is our next event. **PLEASE** help out at that event if you can. You will not be disappointed. I am already wishing the summer away just for that event to get here so I can get the feeling of pride of helping out again.

I would like to thank Storage Solutions for allowing us to use their tractor trailer for the learning exercise. Miguel Teixeira and Dunkin Donuts for coffee and donuts. Stratton Air National Guard for sending their pumper to keep the skid pad wet. Fortitech for providing a great site. And all of the volunteers that without their continued support, we would not be able to have such great events.

The MoHud Solo School is fast approaching and if you never tried to autocross before or have been running them for years and want to try and find some more of that elusive time, then this is the event for you. We start with the basics for you to learn or relearn and then have an instructor with you for every run. And run you will.

We have been having at least a dozen runs each over the past few years and expect the same to continue for this event. Seat time is a valuable tool when learning how to autocross. Instructors will be switched throughout the day giving the students a vast amount of knowledge and different driving styles that they can try and see which one works best for them. One of the best things is that you will be able to apply all of this knowledge the next day at the third point's event of the season.

Upcoming events:

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| June 28 | Solo School Fortitech |
| June 29 | Points event 3 Fortitech |
| July 27 | Points event 4 Fortitech |
| Aug 24 | Points event 5 McCarty Ave |
| Sept 6 | Adirondack Corvette Club Charity event at Prospect Mtn.
<i>Not a mohud event.</i> |
| Sept 20 | TRSS Street Survival See www.Streetsurvival.org
for more info and registration |
| Sept 21 | Points event 6 Fortitech |
| Oct 12 | Points event 7 McCarty Ave |

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan

The Thompson Soft Opening - June 6,7 & 8 was the Soft Opening at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. It is exactly 148 miles from my house to Thompson. 145 miles is on Interstate highways. Pete Smith and I both brought our motorhomes and rented garages. The track staff could not have been more helpful, They were at the garage parking us directly in front of our garages.

MoHud Driver's were Justin Noble FV, Chip Van Slyke FF, Dan Flynn ITS, Pete Smith FP and TJ Hanifan who double dipped in SSM and FP. They all performed well. Now our Miata is eligible for SSM and FP but we do change from Hoosier SM tires to Hoosier slicks for FP. We learned when there is only one other race group between sessions, those lug nuts get very hot. Next time I will bring extra lug nuts.

Friday was basically a Test day but a pace car was out for the first lap to give drivers a chance to learn the track. The track is 1.7 miles long with 11 turns. The track has a nice rhythm and the transition on and off the 7/8ths mile oval is very good.

Saturday and Sunday were treated like a race weekend with a qualifying session and then practice races started behind a pace car.

The concession stands were reasonably priced and the food was good. In addition to the concession stands, there was the option of the *Raceway Golf Course Clubhouse* which had a full sit-down dining facility. There is also *Bogeys*, an incredible Ice Cream stand which also serves hotdogs and burgers.

John Sheridan was an Assistant Chief Steward, Al Macauley was in the Pits and I was the Chairman of the Stewards.

MoHud is assisting NER with two more races at Thompson. July 12,13 and October 4,5. The October Race is the **John Stim Memorial**. Remember these races count double for the MoHud Regional Championship.



Aerial view of Thompson Speedway



Inside the garage at Thompson Speedway



With the Thompson tower in background, Justin Noble's FV #31 awaits race time.

Earlier race at NHMS...



Jared Lendrum in impound with his 1st Place Medal and wine at the Divisional Championship race at NHMS (New Hampshire Motor Speedway).

Tyler Reynolds, also at impound, with his Dad, Dave Reynolds pose for photo.



Guptill's Night!

Held 2nd Monday of each month during the summer.



Elvis was there to entertain!



Eleanor Morris and Trish Bucci greet folks at Guptill's on the Monday NightOut.



The usual suspects were there. Photo at left: Russ Burckhard talks to a prospective member. Above; Jim and Trish Bucci along with Pete Smith camp out at the MoHud SCCA info booth.



Brian Blizzard brought family along to show off his 1950 Nash.



Make your Plans!

GO KART NIGHT

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014
Fun Plex

Call Pete Smith on his cell 518-339-5744 with questions.

and

Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014

Same plans as last year!

Call Pete @ 518-339-5744 with questions.

Thanks!

Pete Smith, *MoHud Activities Director*

Membership Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER - 7:40 pm

Previous month's meeting minutes accepted as published in the May Knock Off.

MEMBERSHIP - no report.

KNOCK OFF - no report.

SOLO - second event of the season was this past weekend - June 1. There were 74 entries. Russ summarized results. May 28 - 29, MoHud will be back at Fortitech. Saturday will be a solo school. Sunday will be a points event.

TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL - 24 students attended. It was a successful school. Student evaluations were very positive. The next TRSS is scheduled for September 20th. There are already eight pre-registered students.

TREASURER - summary of previous month's income and expenses provided.

PDX - no report.

RALLY - Trish reported that a Fall rally is in the planning stages.

ACTIVITIES - Go Kart and golf outing both scheduled for August. Guptills car show - first one is June 9th. The show is held on the second Monday of each month. There are four scheduled this summer. We will focus on one specific activity at each show - competition, solo, TRSS.

COMPETITION - Jack provided a summary of the results for the first two races of the season - Pocono and New Hampshire. June 7th weekend - a "soft opening" of Thompson is scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS - at the recent Saratoga Auto Museum car show, a number of Mo Hud cars were present for the event.

NEW BUSINESS - none.

NOTE- there will be a July meeting at the Orchard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Submitted by Ron Bass

2014 NeDIV Schedule

DATES	EASTERN CONFERENCE MAJORS	NEDIVISIONAL SERIES	REGIONALS
January 4 & 5	Sebring Int'l Raceway - D (3-5)		
January 11 & 12	Palm Beach Int'l Raceway - D (10-12)		
February 15 & 16	Stewards Training - Hartford, CT (15)		
March 1 & 2	Stewards Training - Harrisburg, PA (1)		
March 7, 8 & 9 / Daylight Savings	National Convention - Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC		
March 15 & 16			
March 22 & 23	Road Atlanta - D (21 - 23)		
March 29 & 30			
April 4, 5 & 6	NeDivision Roundtable & Stewards Ground School for SIT's - The Inn @ Pocono Manor, Pocono Manor, PA		
April 12 & 13 / Passover (15)		WDC/Summit Point (M)	
April 19 & 20 / Easter	Virginia Int'l Raceway		
April 26 & 27			STC-NEO/PIRC - D (27) JRB/NJMP-T 12-hour Enduro 25-26 + Test 25
May 3 & 4			
May 10 & 11 / Mothers Day (11)			NNJ/Pocono - D + Pro IT (Na, Nj)
May 17 & 18			
May 24, 25 & 26 / Memorial Day		NER/NHMS - D (24-25 Ne)	
May 31 & June 1			JRB/NJMP-T-Restricted Pro IT Double ONLY
June 7 & 8	SJR/NJMP-T - D (6-8) + Test 5		
June 14 & 15 / Fathers Day (15)		STC/PIRC - D	
June 21 & 22			WDC/Summit Point (M) NER/LimeRock (20-21-Ne, Na) FLR/Nelson - D (Ny)
June 28 & 29 / Ramadan (29)		JRB/NJMP-L + Pro IT + Test 27 (Nj)	
July 4, 5 & 6 / Independence Day	GLN/Glen - D (4-6)		
July 12 & 13			WDC/Summit Point (M) NER/TSMP-Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park-D (11-13 Ne) GLN/Glen + Pro IT (Ny, Na)
July 19 & 20			
July 26 & 27		MVR/Nelson - D (K)	
August 2 & 3	WDC/Summit Point - D (1-3)		
August 9 & 10		TRI/Pocono + Test 8 -D (M)	NER/NHMS - D (Na)
August 16 & 17			JRB/NJMP-T + Pro IT+- Test 15 (Nj, Na)
August 23 & 24			
August 30, 31 & September 1 / Labor Day			WDC/Summit Point - D (M) JRB/TSMP-Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park-Pro IT-DBL NER/NHMS - D (Na)
September 6 & 7			
September 13 & 14		FLR/Glen - D (Ny)	
September 20 & 21/ Rosh Hashanah (25)			
September 27 & 28		NYR/LimeRock (26-27 Na)	MVR/Nelson - D (K)
October 4 & 5 / Yom Kippur (4)			WDC/Summit Point (M) NER/TSMP-Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park-D (3-5 Ne) GLN/Glen -Reg'l (4 Ny) + Enduro (5) + Pro IT (4-5) + Test 3
October 6-12	SCCA NATIONAL RUNOFFS - MAZDA RACEWAY, LAGUNA SECA, SALINAS, CA		
October 11 & 12 / Columbus Day (13)			
October 18 & 19			JRB/NJMP-T (17-19 Nj)
October 25 & 26 / Halloween (31)			
November 1 & 2 / Daylight Savings			
November 8 & 9 / Veterans Day (11)			
November 15 & 16			
November 22 & 23 / Thanksgiving (27)			
November 29 & 30			
01-22-14 NeDiv Scheduling Donna McDonough			
Series Designations & Event Types			
NAARRC=Na; NERRC=Ne; NY SRRC=Ny; NJRRS=Nj; MARRS=M; Kryder=K			
Double=D; Enduro=E; Restricted (Class)=R; Tentative=T			



For Immediate Release

Wilson Scores Tire Rack Match Tour Win at Devens

AYER, Mass. (June 11, 2014) – Mike Wilson, of Utica, New York, took home the Super Shootout title at this past weekend's Tire Rack® SCCA Solo® Match Tour event at Devens Airfield. Jojo Corrales-Kean, of Bristol, Connecticut, took home the Ladies Shootout win.

Blue skies and mild temperatures all weekend long was the reward to the 147 drivers who competed at the meet. Aside from optimal conditions, competitors were greeted by a fun, but challenging course that rewarded precise car placement.



Eric Kutil took the Club Shootout win over Denise Kugler by an extremely narrow margin.

On Sunday, the event ran swiftly allowing for some end-of-the-day fun.

Drivers were given the opportunity to run the course backward during two 40-minute fun-run sessions. The free time gave Club members a chance to socialize and place friendly wagers on who the fastest driver was.

Mike Wilson (C Street R, SJF Performance Scion FR-S) began his title as one of the top eight drivers from Saturday's Run Group Two. As the result of the customary random draw, Wilson was slotted to go up against James Feinberg (D Street, SoloPro Driving School Audi TT) in the opening round of the head-to-head bracket.

Wilson got past Feinberg, the Atlanta Match Tour Super Shootout winner, and moved on to the semi-final of the Heat Two bracket. His next test came in the form of Paul Kozlak (A Street R, Red Haus Racing Chevrolet Corvette). Feinberg passed with flying colors, earning him a spot in the final matchup against Wiley Cox. Wilson kept his winning streak alive by beating Cox (D Street R, G-Fab/J.J.C-K Mini Cooper, which propelled Wilson into the three-way final.

Also making the Super Shootout final were Brian Kuehl (Street Modified FWD, Big Budget Racing/Karcepts Honda CRX), from the Heat One bracket, and Todd Kean (G-Fab Racing Nissan 240 SX), from Heat Three. The overall winner of the Super Shootout was decided following a final timed run from each driver. Following those

runs, Wilson earned the Super Shootout win by setting the time closest to that of his dial-in.

In the Ladies Shootout, Corrales-Kean (D Street R Ladies, G-Fab Racing/Big Budget Racing Mini Cooper) began her march to the title with a win over Becca Nell (A Street Ladies, ARGYLE Project Management LLC Honda S2000). Corrales-Kean's D Street R Ladies rival, Kasey Chartier (Mini Cooper), was the last driver standing in the way of the Ladies trophy. Corrales-Kean took the winners' hardware home only five weeks after giving birth to she and her husband Todd Kearn's child.

Eric Kutil (Street Touring Xtreme, Big Budget Racing Acura Integra Type R), of Middle Village, New York, was the Club Shootout winner. The final was an exciting affair as Kutil's margin of victory was just 0.05-second over Denise Kugler (G Prepared Ladies, Karcept/InMotion/Evans Tuning Honda CRX).

The next stop on the schedule for The Tire Rack SCCA Solo Match Tour is set for Pikes Peak International Raceway in Fountain, Colorado, June 21-22.

Additional information, including full results, of The Tire Rack SCCA Atlanta Solo Match Tour can be found at <http://www.scca.com/events/index.cfm?eid=7001>. More information on the entire Tire Rack SCCA Solo program is available at www.scca.com/Solo.

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