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# REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

## February 2015

This is a reminder for you, if you have made a change: an email address, a phone number, or a mailing address, please make sure to update your info with the Knock-Off to [ghanifa1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ghanifa1@nycap.rr.com) The message board <http://www.mohud-scca.org/forum/> and with SCCA <https://ams.scca.com>.

The National Convention will be held in Charlotte NC on February 20-21. For more info please go to <http://www.msxexpo.com/>

The Northeast Division's Round Table meeting will be held on March 7th at Pocono Manor.

For more info go to <http://www.nediv.com/nediv-info/list-of-nediv-events/event/284-2015-nediv-round-table>

This year's Round Table will be a one-day event. There will be training sessions morning to mid-afternoon. Then, the Directors and Council meetings at the end of the day. This is intended to help it be a one-day event for many of our members. Lunch will be included in the fee.

More details available soon. The schedule is being worked out, as well as any guests from National. Please come back often for details. (we are shooting for an 8am-3-3:30pm schedule of sessions, with the meetings after that.

Rooms are \$130 single \$150 double and reservation cut off date is February 6th looking to extend to at least the 14th if possible (Taken from the NEDIV site).

## SOLO REPORT

Russ Burckhard

## February 2015

The Solo Advisory Committee will be meeting to plan the upcoming season. We are hoping to have another 7 points events this season. With the loss of Fortitech, we are down to 1 site. I have a short list of potential sites that I need to check into, hopefully we can get one or more for the future. 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)

Congratulations once again to the 2014 Trophy Winners. I have the trophies for those that won. I also have some extra t-shirts for sale. Please let me know if you are interested.

# COMPETITION REPORT

Jack Hanifan



## 2015 February

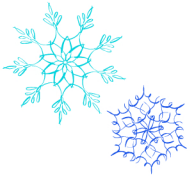
**GCR CHANGES** - The 2015 GCR is now online, check it for changes in your class.

**GCR MEDICAL CHANGE** - Big Change, the Medical Review Board had been eliminated. There is a new Medical Form; the form now only requires that your personal physician clears you for racing.

**2015 DRIVERS SCHOOLS** - There are only 3 NeDiv Driver Schools scheduled for 2015: March 21, 22 at New Jersey Motorsports Park, March 28, and 29 at Summit Point and May 22 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. If you have had prior racing experience or you only finish part of a School, contact me and Pete and I can arrange an Alternate Drivers School.

**CLUB RACING EXPERIENCE** - All of the NER races in 2015 will include a Club Racing Experience.

**2015 TECH PARTY** - The tech party will be held in late April or early May, if you have any input on a preferred date contact me.



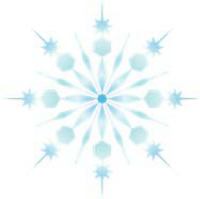
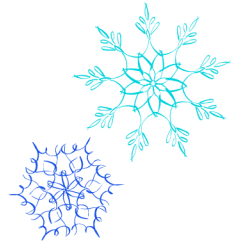
# FLOCON DE NEIGE 2015



That's French for snowflake, if you must know. MoHud has had numerous snowflake rallies over the past 50+ years, but unfortunately they have become something of a rare event...rarer still without Jim Bishop. Perhaps 2015 will be the start of a new history.

## When

Saturday, January 31, 2015  
 Registration opens at 4 pm  
 Entrants meeting at 5:30 pm  
 First car off [FCO] at 6:01 pm



## Where

Advance Auto Parts  
 700 Loudon Rd  
 Latham, NY

This will be a straightforward time-speed-distance (TSD) rally covering over 100 miles, lasting over 3 hours. Speeds will be moderate to brisk. All paved roads, but when they are snow-covered, who can tell? No car-breakers at least! All vehicles must be street legal, and should be capable of handling wintry, rural roads.

## Classes and trophies:

1. Equipped (computers, GPS, etc.) and/or Experienced
2. Seat-of-the-pants, Novices



## Entry fees: \$25 per car

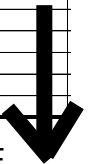
This event is sanctioned by the Mohawk Hudson Region of the Sports car Club of America. All participants must be SCCA members. **There is an additional fee of \$15/person for weekend membership.** The weekend membership fee is creditable toward full membership.

## 2015 NE Division Dates

DATES	NORTHEAST CONFERENCE MAJORS	Southeast & Northern Majors	REGIONALS and DIVISIONAL SERIES (Runoffs Qualifier	SCHOOLS
January 3-4				
January 10-11		Homestead Miami Speedway-SE		
January 17-18 / ML King Holiday 19		Sebring Int'l Raceway-SE		
January 24-25				
January 31-February 1				
February 7-8				
February 14-15 / Presidents Holiday 16				
<b>February 20-22</b>	<b>National SCCA Convention - Charlotte Convention Center - Charlotte, NC</b>			
February 28-March 1				
March 7-8 / Daylight Savings		NOLA Motorsports Park-SE		
March 14-15				
March 21-22		Road Atlanta-SE		SJR/NJMP - L
March 28-29				WDC/Summit
April 4-5 / Easter & Passover				
April 11-12			WDC/Summit (M) - DCS	
April 18-19	VIR 17-19 / with Southeast T			
April 25-26			SJR/NJMP-T 12 hr Enduro 24-25/Test 24	
May 2-3	WDC/Summit 1-3 / with Southeast	BVR-MILK/Blackhawk Farms-N		
May 9-10 / Mother's Day				
May 16-17				
May 23-24 / Memorial Day 25			NER/NHMS (Ne) - DCS	NER/NHMS-22
May 30-31	OVR/Mid-Ohio 29-31 / with Northeast			
June 6-7			SJR/NJMP-Light Test 5 (Nj) - DCS	
June 13-14 / Ramadan 17		CHI/Road America-N	SJR/NJMP-Thund- R - PRO IT ONLY	
June 19-20			NER/Lime Rock (Ne)	
June 20-21 / Father's Day			WDC/Summit (M)	
June 20-21 / Father's Day			FLR-MVR/Nelson-D+E - DCS	
June 27-28				
July 4-5 / Independence Day	FLR/Glen 3-5			
July 10-11			NER/Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park (Ne)	
July 11-12		SBR-DET/GingerMan Raceway-N	WDC/Summit (M)	
July 18-19			GLN/Glen - DCS	
July 25-26	SJR/NJMP-Thund 24-26 -Test 23	MILK/Road America-N		
August 1-2			WDC/Summit (M)	
August 1-2			NER/NHMS (Ne) - DCS	
August 8-9			TRI-NNJ/Pocono - DCS	
August 15-16	STC/PIRC 15-16 - 2 Day Major		SJR/NJMP-Thund-Test 14 (Nj)	
August 22-23		WMR/Michigan Int'l Speedway-N	NER/Palmer Motorsports Park -T (Ne)	
August 29-30				
September 5-6 / Labor Day 7			WDC/Summit-D (5-7) (M)	
September 12-13 /Rosh Hashanah 13			NER/Palmer Motorsports Park -T (Ne)	
September 19-20 / Yom Kipper 22			STC/PIRC-D -DCS	
<b>September 21-27</b>	<b>52nd SCCA Runoffs - Daytona International Speedway, Daytona, FL</b>			
September 26-27				
October 2-3			NYR/Lime Rock Tentative	
October 3-4			WDC/Summit (M)	
October 9-10			NER/Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park (Ne)- DCS	
October 10-11 / Columbus Day 12				
October 17-18			SJR/NJMP-Thund (Nj) or 24-25 ? TBD	
October 24-25			SJR/NJMP-Thund (Nj) or 17-18 ? TBD	
October 31-November 1 / Daylight Savings				
November 7-8 / Veterans Day 11				
<b>November 13-14-15</b>	<b>NeDivision Mini-Convention, Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY - MoHud Region</b>			
November 21-22 / Thanksgiving 26				
November 28-29				
December 5-6 / Hanukkah 6				
December 12-13				
December 19-20 / Christmas 25				
December 26-27				
12-11-14 NeDiv Scheduling Donna McDonough				
Series Designations & Event Types				
NARRC=Na; NERRC=Ne; NYSRRC=Ny; NJRRS=Nj; MARRS=M; Kryder=K				
8 Event NeDivision Championship Series= DCS Double=D; Enduro=E; Restricted (Class)=R; Tentative=T				

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## Longe, Loshak, Reynolds and White Named SCCA President's Cup Finalist

The award will be presented at the SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in February

**TOPEKA, Kan. (January 20, 2015)** – Four SCCA road racing superstars have been named finalists for the 2014 President's Cup, presented annually to the driver demonstrating ability, competitiveness and success at the SCCA National Championship Runoffs®. The winner will be announced from nominees Andrew Longe, Lawrence Loshak, Matt Reynolds and Cliff White (in alphabetical order) at the 2015 SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet presented by Mazda on February 21 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

For the first time, the winner of the year's top Club Racing driving honor will be announced from a pool of finalists at the same banquet that inducts this year's SCCA Hall of Fame class.

The President's cup was originally presented by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954, and has gone to racing legends Roger Penske, Skip Barber, Bobby Rahal, Jim Hall, Paul Newman and more.

"The President's Cup winners contain some of the all-time greats in motorsports history, so Andrew, Lawrence, Matt and Cliff deserve a hearty congratulations just for the nomination on the heels of their National Championships," Lisa Noble, SCCA President & CEO, said. "This year we get to recognize a larger class of future SCCA legends at the same time as our current class of Hall of Famers, and that attention is absolutely warranted."

Longe, of Naples, Florida, earned his nomination with a Touring 2 victory at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in the No. 02 Trianon/FALL-LINE Motorsports Porsche 911. Longe battled for his



first National Championship with Kyle Kelley, eventually winning by just 0.047-second, the fifth-closest Runoffs finish in the modern transponder era.

Loshak, of Grafton, Wisconsin, won a drag race to the finish line over Jason Isley in H Production to defend his title in the No. 1 ETE Reman/HYPERformance/RWM/Hoosier Honda CRX and earn his fifth-career gold medal. Loshak's title came by just 0.189-second, and he led 19 of 20 laps in the race.

Reynolds, of Boerne, Texas, absolutely dominated a competitive E Production field for his first National Championship in the No. 71 Reynolds Brother's Racing/Jesse Prather Motorsports/Vintage Connection Mazda Miata. Reynolds earned the SCCA Super Sweep award with his 20.276-second victory.

White, of Huntsville, Alabama, earned his Spec Racer Ford National Championship in the closest finish in class history. White's 0.065-second win in the No. 58 Cottage Senior Living/Valvoline Spec Racer Ford over Mike Miserendino was the second National Championship of his career.

Also included in the banquet are the Solo Driver of the Year, the SCCA Member of Excellence, the RallyCross Dirty Cup, and the Woolf Barnato Award.

Roger H. Johnson, Oscar Koveleski, Ron Sharp, Dr. George Snively and Bob Tullius will officially enter the SCCA Hall of Fame during the evening's festivities.

The MSX Expo and SCCA Convention will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center February 20-21 and the SCCA Hall of Fame celebration will be Saturday, February 21 at the Hilton Charlotte Hotel. Hotel cutoff for special rates has been extended to January 27; reservations can be made at <https://aws.passkey.com/g/27699140> online or by phone 877-667-7213.

For more information or to register, visit [MSXExpo.com](http://MSXExpo.com). Tickets for the SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet are \$100, and SCCA Members can include either the SCCA National Convention or the MSX Conference, complete with speakers designed to improve motorsports skills, for an additional \$95. Admission the MSX Expo show floor is free for SCCA members.



## Barbato, Pollotta, and Seltzer Named Finalists For SCCA Solo Driver of the Year Award

The award will be presented at the SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in February.

**TOPEKA, Kan. (January 19, 2015)** – Three finalists displaying outstanding ability at the 2014 Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships have been nominated for the Solo Driver of the Year award, with the winner to be revealed at the 2015 SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet presented by Mazda on Saturday, February 21 in Charlotte, N.C. Nick Barbato, of Wethersfield, Conn., Andrew Pallotta, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Darren Seltzer, of Orlando, Fla. each earned finalists spots.



*(L-R) Nick Barbato, Andrew Pallotta and Darren Seltzer, finalists for SCCA Solo Driver of the Year.*

For the first time at the SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards banquet, the winner of the year's best autocross competitor will be announced at the same banquet that honors the 2015 Hall of Fame class.

"Congratulations to Nick, Andrew and Darren on their nominations to the Solo Driver of the Year award," Lisa Noble, SCCA President/CEO, said. "Each of them is a worthy recipient of the honor, and we'll find out at the SCCA Hall of Fame banquet who takes the prize. Each of these outstanding autocrossers deserves attention and recognition on our biggest stage of the year. It will be outstanding to bring Solo's highest competition honor to the awards ceremony as we recognize one of them as the Solo Driver of the Year on the same stage as our SCCA Hall of Fame legends."

Barbato earned his nomination after winning the Street Touring R class in the KARCEPTS/ Adidas Motorsports Honda S2000. The 32-year-old won the normally very competitive 41-car class by 0.604-second, with nearly the entire margin coming on the first day of competition. Barbato was the fourth-highest indexed driver during his session, and won every National Solo event he entered in 2014.

Pallotta's Street Touring Xtreme title came in the ChaseRace/Strano Parts/Drift Off Scion FRS over the largest class at the event. The 27-year-old's title came by 0.409-second in a class of 67 top-notch entrants. Pallotta's title came despite never driving the Scion until he arrived at Lincoln for the event.

Seltzer was nominated on the strength of his dominating three-second win in F Modified. The 29-year-old topped 26 competitors in the class and was the top indexing driver in the entire event, further demonstrating his skill at the event.

Also included in the banquet are the Club Racing President's Cup award winners, the SCCA Member of Excellence, the RallyCross Dirty Cup, and the Woolf Barnato Award. The finalists for the President's Cup will be announced on Tuesday, January 20.

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