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## Hertz to Rent the Ford Shelby GT-H



Is the standard economy car too inexpensive of a car rental for you? Did you just win a major lottery jackpot and need a place to burn a wad of

cash? If so, Hertz intends to come to your rescue starting around Memorial Day this year by offering the Ford Shelby GT-H at select

airports across the country (according to Motor Trend magazine).

Here's the scoop:

<http://www.motortrend.com/news/hertz-to-rent-out-new-2016-ford-shelby-gt-h/>

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# Regional Executive

## April RE Report

Jim Bucci



Happy spring to all! Our first Tire Rack Street Survival event of the year will be held Saturday, April 23 from 8:00am-4pm at

the Saratoga Auto Museum. Student registration is full with several entries being put on the wait list. However, we need in-car coaches and volunteers to help on the course throughout the day. Please consider spending a day helping to save teen lives. Breakfast, lunch, snacks, and soft drinks are provided. All

new volunteers will get a really cool t-shirt too!

**We need your help to make this a successful event.**

For the good of the sport, -Jim Bucci-

## Member Meeting Minutes

Ron Bass

► Call to order - 7:30 pm.

**Secretary** - Meeting minutes accepted as published in Knock Off.

**Membership** - Region has 400 members, increase of 7 from last month. Jim summarized significant member anniversaries.

**Knock Off** - Current issue has been published.

**Treasurer** - Previous month's income and expenses summarized.

**Solo** - All 8 events will be at the OGS lot. May date will be changed from May 14/15 to May 21/22. Bus painting - lowest estimate is \$2500. Motion approved to get bus painted.

**Tire Rack Street**

**Survival** - Will be on April 23. Still a need for instructors. Members, especially ladies, are encouraged to come out and instruct.

**Rally** - No report.

**PDX** - No report.

**Activities** - One more kart outing at K1 Speed is being considered for March. Membership interest will be solicited.

**Competition** - April 16, Karl's Garage, tech party. Another tech party may be scheduled for April 23rd at North Country Imports.

**Old Business** - Review of the various provisions of the By Laws/Constitution include: officer term limits; updating

responsibilities of the Region's officers; protest board (National's rules apply) such as member suspension, membership voting procedures, and audit procedures.

**New Business** - In support of the SCCA Foundation, it was proposed that the Region purchase raffle tickets that will be awarded to a Region's member. Purchase of 20 tickets at \$200 approved. MoHud bus - need to find a way to contain/secure equipment in the bus. Russ will research options and report back to the membership. Stay tuned for info. ◀

## Board Member Meeting Minutes

Ron Bass

► Call to order - 7:05 pm.

**Financial Report** - Todd will be preparing a one page spreadsheet identifying income/expenses for each activity run by the Region. This will enable us to track profits and costs for the various events held by the Region.

**Van** - Graphics and paint - Russ is still pricing out cost. Jim asked for three estimates that will be

shared with the membership at the April meeting.

Jim will not be at the March membership meeting. Eric will chair. Jim asked Eric to stress the need for TRSS instructors and volunteers at the upcoming April school.

**60th anniversary** - Proposed is an evening at the Saratoga Auto Museum with a light

meal (appetizers). Jack will coordinate. ◀



## April Membership Report

*Jim Garry*

Total membership in Mohawk Hudson Region as of 3.22.16 is 404, up seven from last month.

### **New Members**

Eighteen new members joined the club between 2/1/16 and 3/22/16. They are listed below with their primary area of interest:

Robert Manz, Saratoga Springs - Club Racing

Blair Davis, Albany - Solo

Ryan Ferraro, Broadalbin - Solo

Dan Gorss, Greenfield Center - none listed

Anthony Califano, Albany - Solo

Eileen Ganley, Niskayuna - Solo

Samantha Wittemeyer, Fort

Johnson - Solo

Linda Evans, Ravena - Solo

Alexander Miller, Greenwich - Solo

Ben Wolfe, Glenville - Solo

Melinda Derosia, Albany - Solo

Sean Sheeran, Gansevoort - Solo

Janice Balogh, Averill Park - Solo

Hope Mann, Albany - Rally Cross

Chad Stigi, Rensselaer - Solo

Julie Fontana, Troy - Club Racing

Jeremy Corriveau, Waterford - Time Trials/PDX

George Seror, Averill Park - Pro Racing

We also had seven long time

members fall off the current member list. This happens every month as folks either forget their membership was up for renewal or wait for the last moment.

### **Significant Anniversaries:**

#### Ten Years

Hannah and Samuel Smith

#### Twenty Years

Robert Beierlein

#### Thirty Years

Carol Campbell

#### Forty Five Years

Walt Huber

**Congratulations all!**

## April Competition Report

*Jack Hanifan*

### **Busy April for Competition Drivers**

**Wednesday April 6 - MoHud Meeting** - MoHud drivers who earned trophies in NeDiv, NYSRRC and NARRC will be honored at the Meeting. Those drivers who have not yet received their trophies will receive them. 2015 Competition Driver T-shirts will be handed out. Free Pizza

**Saturday April 16 - Annual Tech Party at Bob Karl's Sales and Service - 12 Noon.** Hot Dogs and drinks for all. 2005 SA helmets are still compliant. Check your belts, if you have both SFI and FIA tags only one of the tags has to be compliant. If you need a 2016 Helmet sticker remember to bring your entire suit, shoes, Head and Neck restraint and your helmet.

**Saturday April 23 TRSS at Saratoga Auto Museum** - Drivers if you are available, volunteer to be an instructor .

**Friday, Saturday April 29, 30 Ice Breaker at Thompson Speedway.** This is a low key, non points, inexpensive event which gives everyone plenty of track time. Great event to make sure all is ready for the season. Details on the Thompson Speedway website.

**Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Tech party at North Country Imports** - Todd Boice and crew will be at North Country Subaru to tech cars that could not make it to Troy on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Lendrum's will be serving Wings and Pizza.

**Early 2016 Racing- MoHud went to Sebring for the February Cabin Fever Cure regional.** Jon Farbman, Pete Smith, Dave Dartt, TJ Hanifan and Thom O'Connor all did well. Thom O'Connor won twice. Details at the April MoHud Meeting.



## A Plea from the Assistant RE

*Eric Smith*



MoHud is once again providing a display of cars for the Saratoga Automobile Museum's Spring Car

Show. We typically need 8-10 cars of various racing and Solo heritage, which we arrange in front of the museum. We ask that your car be "interesting" or visually compelling, but if you're not sure your car fits that bill, just contact me and we'll figure it out. Participants will need to report to the museum between 8:00 - 8:30 am on Saturday, May 14th. Participants will be provided with a car show pass by the museum that allows you to visit the large car show that will be held next door.

MoHud will typically set up a pop-up, and we will promote MoHud and SCCA to interested passers-by. Participants typically take turns watching our display while others take some time to visit the car show. If it rains, typically the show is held the next day on Sunday.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact me either via email ([EJEvo8@gmail.com](mailto:EJEvo8@gmail.com)) or cell (518.858.4082).

## A SECOND Tech Party

*Jared Lendrum*

For the past couple of years, Todd Boyce and we at North Country Subaru have been holding a second tech party for the road racers in the region. We have typically had 7-8 cars, but we'd like to get it in the "Knockoff" and extend the offer to everyone else.

If anyone can't make it to the Karl's on that date, if they can't fit in that lot, if they'd rather not drive to Troy...

They can come to our tech party.

### DETAILS:

- Todd and I have agreed on April 30 at 11. Pizza and wings at 12.
- Held at North Country Subaru at 616 Quaker Rd, Queensbury
- Plenty of parking on our upper parking lot, near our body

shop. It's a nice big parking lot for trailers.

- Scales are available for those who want a quick check.
- 1 week prior to the first race at Palmer.

## How to Say Thank You

*Jim Garry*

Chip Van Slyke and cousin Erik Kroth stopped by Jim Garry's garage (Mohud members all) to help with some winter race car work a few weeks ago. Chip did some welding while Erik critiqued. Jim was grateful for it all.



## April SOLO Report

*Russ Burckhard*

As we get closer to the start of the 2016 season, Every time I write these articles I am either recapping an event or letting you know what is coming up. I always forget that there are new to Solo people out here that may not know what to expect when going to a Solo event. Please forgive me for forgetting you. As most of you that have gone to one of our events know, I try to do whatever I can to help out the new people. So in this issue I want to try to let you know

### What to Expect at a SOLO Event

When you show up to an event for the first time, let us know. If you don't plan on competing, that is fine. We can help you understand what we are doing. We may even be able to get a ride in someone's car so you can see firsthand how much fun it is. If you are coming for the first time to compete, you will need to get your car ready. Prior to arriving you have a few things to do.

Check and top off all fluids. Oil, coolant, brake, power steering, and fuel.

Check your tires for condition and air pressure. I always recommend that you put at least 10 psi over normal. You can always let air out, but it is harder to add at an event. Bring an air pressure gauge with you. If you have one, bring a portable air compressor.

Take everything out of the car or secure anything that is loose. Anything that can fly around needs to go. Stuff over your visors, in your door compartments, in your cup holders, floor mats, radar detectors, car battery, etc...

General condition of the car. If it will pass a NYS inspection, chances are it will pass our Tech. Just keep in mind that some items that the state checks are not needed for our events (i.e. Emission controls).

The next thing to prepare is you. You will be in a parking lot for the good part of a day. Prepare for the weather. Is it hot? Cold? Dry? Wet? Windy? Sunny? Dress for it. Bring a lunch and snacks. Bring some drinks. We have a limited supply of water on hand if you forget, but it doesn't last long.

Finally it is time to compete. Arrive early. We usually start setting up at 7 am. Registration closes at 9:15. If you are not changing tires, 8:00 should be about the latest. There is a lot to do before the start.

First off is to register. You will need your driver's license or permit in order to compete (unless you are in a go kart). You will need cash or a check to pay your entry. You will need to class your car. Don't worry, we will help, but it is up to you to be classed correctly. Let them know of all changes and modifications to your car. Sign the waiver.

Get your vehicle Tech'ed. Our Chief of Tech walks around and checks the vehicles with a tech card on it where they are parked. He will need to get in the car and under the hood. You can leave it open or be nearby to open it for him. He can also put your class and number on your vehicle via shoe polish or painters tape depending what he has. You can always bring your own. Just remember that it needs to be visible on both sides. For your piece of mind, you should leave unattended valuables at home. We have never had an issue, but we cannot be held responsible.

Course walk. This is the only time you will see the course before you drive it. Ask someone to explain what the cones mean (pointers, gates, walls, etc). Walk the course as you would drive it. Imagine the width of your vehicle and walk accordingly. Don't walk in a way that your car can't drive (90° turns, etc). Plan where to turn, slow, and accelerate. Generally how you walk the course is how you will drive it. Walk the course as many times as you can and ask for pointers from others as you walk. We usually have a novice walk to show you where to be and what to look for.

Start of the event. We rely on the entrants to work when not running. For the majority of people this means resetting cones that have been hit. The work/run order will be given at the drivers meeting. While working, watch others to see what they are doing. While driving, take it easy on your first run. The course is a lot different at driving speed as it was at walking speed. Most often if you make

a mistake on the first run, you will continue to make the same mistake. And remember that we are here to help. If you want help, please ask. We don't mind.

During the event we keep moving. We do not take breaks. We have a few minutes between heats to get cars from paddock to grid. Use this time to grab a snack and or drink, sunblock, etc... We will run the events rain or shine. If there is lightning in the area we will stop until it has passed. Keep in mind that the faster we can switch between heats, the more runs we can have.

At the end of the event. If there is time, we may do some fun runs. These are open to any registered driver in any registered car. We charge \$2 per run. When all is done we need to pick up and pack all of the equipment away. Anyone that wishes to help with this can and it is always appreciated. Results and trophies will be awarded after that is completed. Please remember that when you leave that you are still representing the club and to obey traffic laws.

The most important things to remember are to have fun and to ask for help (we are more than willing to help). Your first few times are a learning experience (although you never stop learning). You have never done anything like this before so don't set your expectations too high.



# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Member Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 SAM Car Show
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 SOLO Test & Tune/ SOLO School
22 SOLO Event 1	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Member Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Tech Party @ Karl's Garage
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 TRSS @ SAM
24	25	26	27	28	29 Ice Breaker @ Thompson	30 Ice Breaker @ Thompson Tech Party @ North Country

### Miscellaneous Goo...

<http://www.mohud-scca.org/>

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Bus Crd	3x2	\$5.00	\$25.00

All ads must be prepaid. Non-commercial classified ads run in three (3) consecutive issues and are FREE to MEMBERS.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

(from <http://www.quoteagarden.com/spring.html>)

"In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours."

~ Mark Twain