

The Mo-Hud

# Knockoff



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Newsletter of the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club of America

September 2019

## The REport

**Meeting Reminder-** The next general membership meeting is Wednesday, September 4 at our new location, the Gateway Diner, 899 Central Ave, Albany. Dinner (on your own) and bench racing about 6:30PM. The meeting starts precisely at 7:30PM. Hope to see you there.

**Looking ahead to October**, we have a Tire Rack Street Survival teen driving event scheduled for Sunday, October 20 at The Saratoga Automobile Museum. Consider this my umpteenth plea for help at the event. Student registration has been open and instructor registration at < motorsportreg.com > should be open by the time you read this.

**2020 Officers-** Never too early to think about running, or nominating a member, for office. It'd be nice to see some younger members getting involved...

*For the good of the sport* - Jim Bucci  
Regional Executive

**PS:** Lydia Owen sent us a nice note thanking MoHud for a donation to the Michael J, Fox Foundation in memory of her father, Carleton. She noted that he loved being "part of the racing environment.." and that his family was "thankful for the racing time times we had with our dad. He always made them fun with a life lesson."

Lydia decorated her letter with several cool drawings, and we thought we'd share a sample...



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## Coming Events: September and...

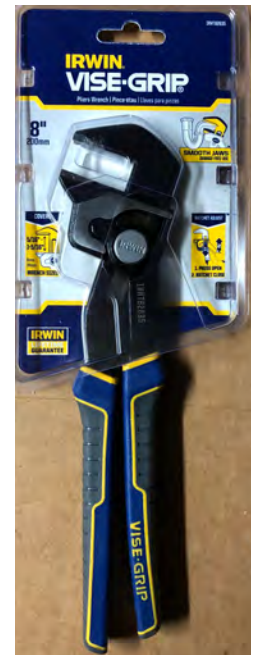
- **September 4:** Wednesday. 6:30pm. MoHud membership meeting at the Gateway Diner, 899 Central Avenue, Albany.
- **September 29:** Sunday. 8:00am – 4:30pm. Solo E vent 3. Berkshire Mall, Pittsfield, Mass.
- **October 20:** Sunday. 8:00am – 4:30pm. Tire Rack Street Survival Course at Saratoga Auto Museum/ SPAC. Registration for instructors at < <http://msreg.com/TRSSInstructorRegOct20> > If you've been an instructor, you know the drill. If You haven't, we guarantee that you'll feel proud at the end of the day, having guided a teen in learning how to handle their (or mom's) car in extreme situations.

... and don't forget to mark the first Saturday in January as the date for MoHud's annual meeting. As we now know there will be Solo awards as well as racing awards, and as the prep-shop has 76 cars ready for the Runoffs – with more to be prepped – you'll want to attend with family/friends in tow.

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## Short Shifts:

- **The first Solo Autocross** at the Berkshire Mall on August 11<sup>th</sup> brought out more than 60 competitors. Highlight of the event was that a well-known autocrosser beat her well-known autocrosser husband. We'll not mention names, but the winner's name rhymes with, appropriately, "racey."
- **Both Kart Night dates** got rained out. Several racers moaned about the loss of seat time, while a few got together for pizza near Funplex after the second cancellation. What, Bob Smart doesn't stock rain tires for karts?
- **The August 14<sup>th</sup> drive-in** with BMW-Patroun at Guptil's was well attended by MoHuders, some driving BMWs and some driving cars that speak Japanese, American English or English English. Lots of Town police cars roaring by during the fraternizing, but kept on going to wherever more serious business was waiting for them.
- **August 15<sup>th</sup>...** Jim Bucci notes "The Burden Lake Country Club was once again the site for the umpteenth annual MoHud golf outing. The scores and winning teams' names are already lost to history but many thanks to Dick Stewart for once again setting up a very fun event." Pics on page 4, following.
- **Will the gadget** on the right replace your old Channellock pliers? Despite glowing reviews in the automotive press (one magazine), the KO editor is not sure... search the 'net for "parallel grip pliers."



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## Road Racing Report



*Jack Hanifan/Jim Bucci*

As I sit and write this on a mid-August afternoon, I can't believe my thoughts have already turned to the "end of the season". By the time you read this there will only be 3 races left on the New York State Road Racing Championship and North East Division Road Racing Championship schedules.

That doesn't mean there isn't still a lot of racing yet to come. Several MoHud road racers are sitting in the top 5 in points in either the NYSRRC or NEDRRC series and those last three weekends will decide the champions.

NYSRRC points as of the July 6/7 Sprints at Watkins Glen:

Bill Dergosits	1 <sup>st</sup>	B-Spec
George Kline	2 <sup>nd</sup>	E-Production
Bob Wright	5 <sup>th</sup>	Formula Continental
Chip VanSlyke	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Formula F
Tyler Reynolds	1 <sup>st</sup>	Formula Vee
Peter Meck	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Formula Vee
Jon Waterhouse	2 <sup>nd</sup>	H-Production
Evan Karl	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spec Miata
Adam Figarsky	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spec Miata 2
Maclin Norray	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Touring 4

Best of luck with the remainder of the season to all of our MoHud road racers.

*Jim*

More:

- To follow MoHud racers as the season winds down, go to < <http://www.nediv.com/club-racing/2019-racing-results> > and scroll through the results looking for the MHR designation to quickly zero in on their placings.

- At the October 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> NEDRRC races at Thompson, we will once again recognize the John Stimm Memorial.

- SCCA Runoffs, October 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> will see Campbell Racing (Tom and Charlie) at Virginia International Raceway, once again going for glory in Spec Miata and E Production. Look for their adventures in the November KnockOff Journal.

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## Upteenth MoHud Golf Outing



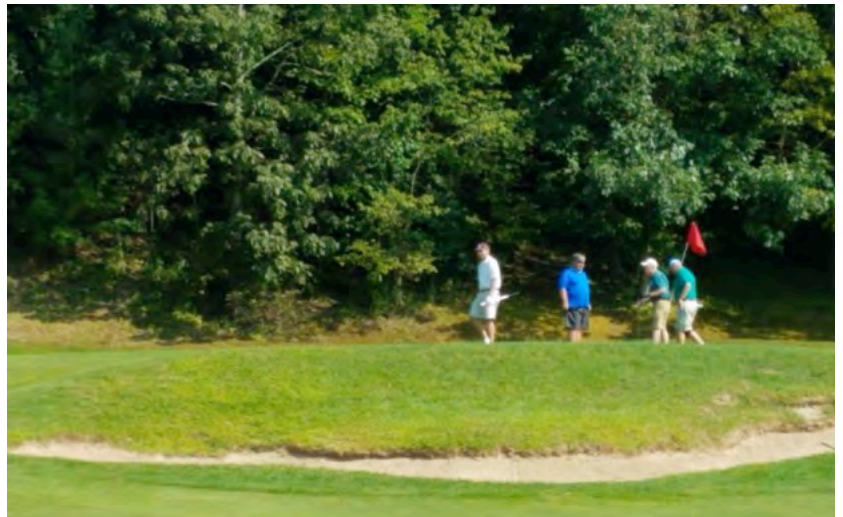
Ron Bass ponders Shakespeare's observations on golf



Dick Stewart, Andy Stewart, Ron Bass and Anthony Bucci debate a bad day of golf v. a good day at work; conclude that all's well that ends well



Andy Stewart  
or  
Sir John Gielgud?  
You choose...



Harry Adalian and friends  
reenacting favorite scenes  
from RAN

*Will you see the players well bestowed? Hamlet*  
*I know you by the wagging of your head! Much ado about Nothing*  
*What subtle hole is this? Titus Andronicus*  
*Put in their hands the bruising irons of wrath! Richard III*  
*Why hath the Queen summoned me hither to this short grassed green?*  
*The Tempest*

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Membership meetings of the Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, excepting July and August. See the "Coming Events" page of the KnockOff, or MoHud's Facebook page for meeting place and time.



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