

THE KNOCK OFF

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THE REPORT

Are you registered for the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet? We're preparing for the event and are hoping you'll come out and join us. Registration & details are online at <http://msreg.com/mohud-2023-banquet>

Our December membership meeting will be held at The Gateway Diner, Albany. We're collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate via Bob Karl to the Unity House of Troy. Please bring your donation to the meeting. If you can't attend but are still willing to donate, please contact me and I'll arrange to pick it up.

Lastly, **we're looking for more members to step up and help out** with administering our region: newsletter editor, webmaster, various Street Survival positions, Solo timing & scoring chief, to name a few. If you have wanted to get more involved but have not known how to get started, please let us know and we will find a way for you to contribute to MoHud that you enjoy. The success of our current slate of motorsports programs depends on you as a member stepping up and volunteering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7 – MoHud Membership Meeting @ [Gateway Diner, Albany NY](#).

Jan. 14 – Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet, SAM, Saratoga Springs, NY. [Registration is open.](#)

Jan. 19-27 – SCCA National Convention (virtual). [Information here.](#) [Registration here.](#)

Feb. 10-12 – Northeast Division Mini-Con, Scranton, PA. [Registration and details here.](#)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – JIM GARRY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Mohawk Hudson Region membership stands at 313 as of November 27th. After months of steady decline in membership it's good to see us hold steady since October. Please talk up your club to friends, family, colleagues, and acquaintances.

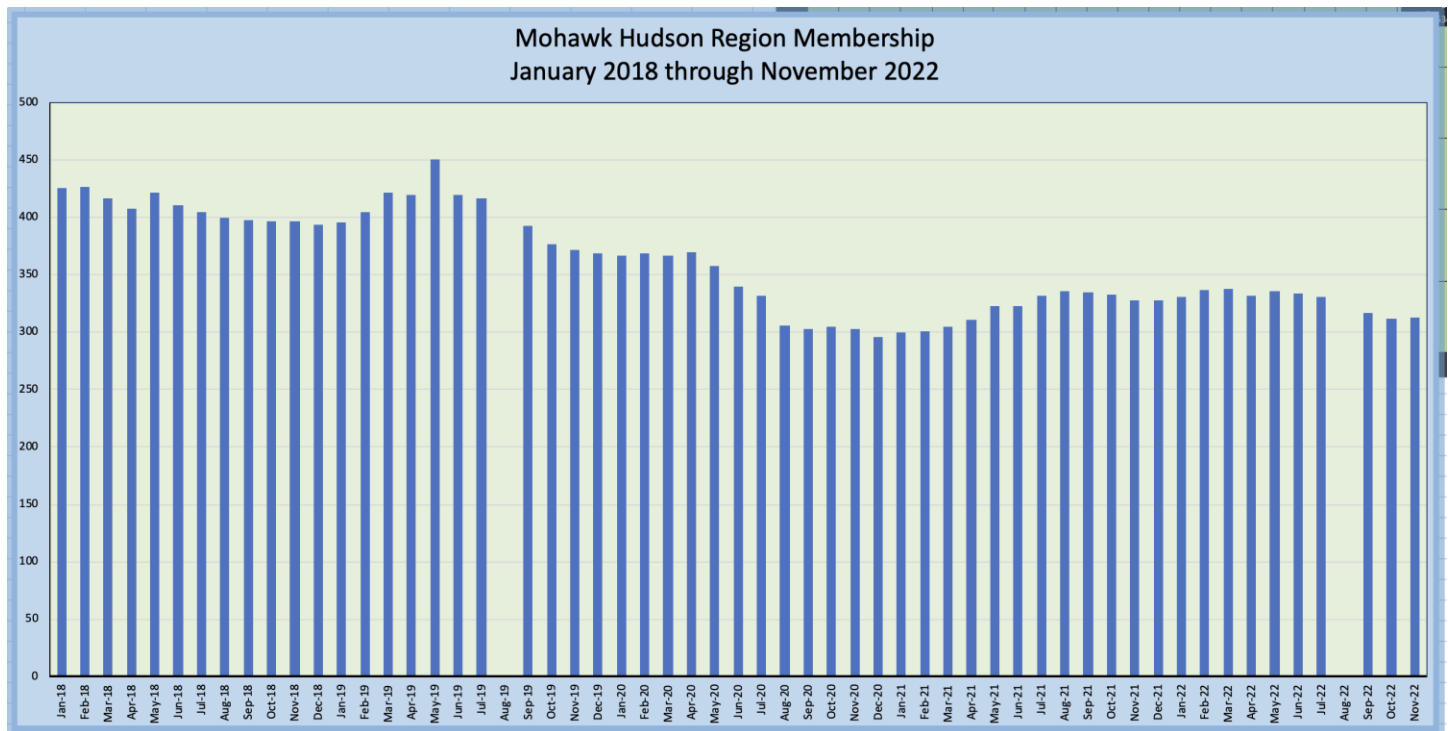
New Members:

We have two new members who joined in October and November:

- Scott Bissi, Cazenovia
- Evan Murray, Troy. Evan selected RallyCross, Track Days/Nights, and Solo as his primary interests.

Significant Memberships for December:

- 5 Years - Bill Fish
- 45 Years - Susanna Rogers



ONLINE SAFETY WARNING

Online scammers have been targeting MoHud leadership members with “Imposter” scams. A scammer pretends to be the RE, and sends emails to other board members and chairs, asking for them to purchase gift cards for some non-existent charitable activity, hoping the person will send the gift card to the scammer, not realizing the email address wasn't the actual RE. Our leadership team is pretty savvy and has not fallen for it. We ask you to be aware so you don't fall for these scams.

TREASURER REPORT – PAUL MALECKI

As of 4:40pm on the 1st day of December in the Gregorian year of 2022, our checking account balance is \$29,687.69. A \$27 SCCA- Rally Sanction/Insurance invoice and a \$159.29 meeting invoice are set to be paid later today.

The only significant income in November was a \$300 SCCA membership renewal rebate.

There has been no change in our Bitcoin holdings. We remain financially afloat in a sea of e-storms.

- Paul M.

SOLO REPORT - RUSS BURCKHARD

No report received. (** Your RE can say that a Solo Advisory Committee (SAC) was recently held at the RE's house. Several members of the SAC are stepping down: Sal Baisley, Miguel Teixeira, and Adam Wright. We thank each of them for their service to the MoHud Solo program and community. We invited several prospective members to our 2022 season-end planning meeting: William Fish, Nigel Boyce, and Tracey Burckhard. Each has committed to serving on the SAC after the meeting. Solo season trophies and specialty awards were discussed, as well as lessons learned from the 2022 season and how best to improve the Solo program and our participants' experience next year. **)

RALLY REPORT – KEN RELATION, RALLY CHAIR

No report received, but Tracey Burckhard had a write-up printed in another publication:
<https://www.comeroadrallywith.us/2022/11/scca-mohawk-hudson-region-goes-roundabout/>

“Here is a recap of the SCCA MoHud Region Roundabout TSD Rally! It took me a little to familiarize myself with the directions and what was being asked, but it was so much fun once I got the hang of it. It was awesome to see all the sights and meet at the end to share food and drinks with great friends at the Ripe Tomato.”

Results

1. Jim Garry and Joe Garry, father and son, Team The J's
2. Salvatore Baisley and Shelby Lee Blanchette, just friends out for a drive, Team It's Not A Shelby
3. Nigel Boyce and Sarah Boyce, husband and wife, Team No Names
4. Rick Fish and Bill Fish, father and son, Team 3 Fish
5. Tracey Burckhard and Russ Burckhard, married couple, Team Ducks and Bunnies
6. Greg Burckhard and Luke Tarbay, friends giving rallying a try, Team Intimidating Teggy

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – RUSS BURCKHARD

The Nomination Committee would like to present the slate of Officers for 2023. 2023 nominees are:

- Regional Executive - Eric Smith
- Assistant RE - Salvatore Baisley
- Treasurer - Paul Malecki
- Secretary - Shelby Blanchette
- Directors at Large
 - Russell Burckhard
 - Chip VanSlyke

On behalf of MoHud, I would like to thank Bruce for his many years of service in many different capacities in the club.

Thank You,

Russell Burckhard

AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Board Meeting of August 29th, 2022 7:06 PM

Location: Zoom

Officers Present: Eric Smith, Salvatore Baisley, Shelby Blanchette, Jim Garry, Bruce Kosakoski

Total members present: 6

Treasurer's Report- Paul Malecki

- \$29,791.25
- \$320 from August membership dues

TRSS- Jim Garry

- Reviewed event schedule, paperwork and registration during a meeting with the Saratoga Auto Museum
- Registration about half full, Museum will fill 2 spots with scholarships
- Discussed out-reach, publicity and sponsors for food.
- Per Eric Smith, should reach out to Miguel Teixeira, he may sponsor coffee and donuts

AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

- DJ McArtle is present, representing BMW Patroon, no luck in finding a TRSS co-chair
- Bill Burkhard from BMW Patroon is helping with registration
- Per Salvatore Baisley, setup is a concern with people being at Thompson setup day
- DJ McArtle will send out an email to members in regards to needing instructors and students
- October 16th is the upcoming event
- Per Salvatore Baisley, dates for TRSS locked in with Saratoga Auto Museum for 2023 April 23rd and either October 15th or 23rd, dependent on other SCCA events

Banquet

- Eric Smith and Salvatore Baisley have been looking for an alternative to the Saratoga Auto Museum
- May look into holding banquet at the Saratoga Casino, club may be able to subsidize cost

Knock Off

- Since Paul Malecki stepped down from being the editor, we are still looking for someone to fill that position
- Someone suggested they could be a quarterly editor but nothing has come of it yet
- Normal reports will be submitted to Eric Smith, he will put together a simple K.O.
- Simplifying and adapting the future K.O. should be considered

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Meeting Minutes recorded and submitted by Shelby Blanchette

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA Monthly Membership Meeting of October 5th, 2022 7:00 PM

Location: Gateway Diner

Officers Present: Eric Smith, Bruce Kosakoski, Paul Malecki, Shelby Blanchette, Salvatore Baisley,

Total Members Present: 22

Jim Garry makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes as published in August's Knock Off. Sheri DeJan seconds motion and all members in favor, motion approved.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

Membership Report- Jim Garry

- 312 members, a continual slide from mid-summer
- Lowest since April of 2021
- Spring and Summer of 2019 we were at 420 members
- 3 new members in September, Jeffery Morinzy, Brandon O'Brian, Mark Hawkins
- 10-year anniversaries for Ray Rankins, Lindsay Burckhard, William Jandrisits

Knock-Off Report- Eric Smith

- Will be published this week
- Still looking for an editor

Treasurer's Report- Paul Malecki

- \$30,350.09
- Broke even with Solo event number 2

Solo Report- Russell Burckhard

- Last Solo event was September 18th with 49 entrants
- Event went well with a nice course
- Next event October 9th
- Poughkeepsie cancelled last event due to low attendance
- Have gotten new batteries for the walkie talkies
- Have not gotten confirmation if site is available for next year
- 3 people from MoHud went to National Solo Championship, Tracey and Russ Burckhard and Matt Huchro and one member of Poughkeepsie, Mikey Albacete
- National Solo Championship event went well, was very hot and windy
- Russell Burckhard placed 20th; Tracey Burckhard placed in 2nd

TRSS Report- Jim Garry and Salvatore Baisley

- Had a meeting conference call with the Saratoga Auto Museum, 22 registered students so far
- Miguel Teixeira (Dunkin) will be sponsoring breakfast for event
- Have a \$500 sponsor towards lunch from Tim Barryhill through Albany Allstate insurance
- Will split profits 3 ways, MoHud, BMW Patroon and Saratoga Auto Museum
- Will be a walking event day of event and people will be parked on the side in the grass
- Will only have access to lot starting at 5:00 PM to set up previous day of event, still looking for volunteers to help set up and instructors

Rally Report- Eric Smith

- Upcoming event November 20th will be a Time Speed Distance rally, starts at 10:00 AM in Saratoga County

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

Time Trials Report- Salvatore Baisley

- Had 3rd and final Time Trial of season, second event with CART
- A lot of participation from MoHud, event ran very smoothly
- Submitted a grant for awards for this new part of our club

Road Racing

- T3 race, Jared Lendrum immediately lost 4th gear, making the rest of the day difficult but finished 7th
- T4 race, Ken Lendrum finished 17th
- FP race Charlie Campbell finished in 3rd place

Activities- Tracey Burckhard

- Visit to Dave Burnham's shop planned for October 23rd, time TBD

Old Business

- Tow Fund, \$1000 to be shared between anyone who submits articles about Run Offs or Solo Nationals.
- Articles that qualify for that should be submitted to Eric Smith in time for the January Knock Off.
- Salvatore Baisley wonders if the Tow Fund should be considered for future Time Trial events
- Per Eric Smith's last notes only Run Offs and Solo Nationals, will discuss including Time Trials early next year
- \$100 Run Offs fund is awarded to highest finisher, Charlie Campbell

New Business

- Need volunteers for election committee
- Committee will need to approach current officers and ask if willing to run again, if not will need to look for replacements
- Bruce Kosakoski will be resigning as Director for next year, Russell Burckhard has requested to be appointed to Director position.
- Bob Bownes- offered to host a meeting at the Tech Valley Center of Gravity in Troy, will follow up.
- Per Salvatore Baisley the Banquet is on January 14th at the Saratoga Auto Museum, pricing will be announced.

Motion to adjourn made by Peter Kroth, motion seconded by Richard Welty.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Meeting Minutes recorded and submitted by Shelby Blanchette

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

Mohawk-Hudson SCCA Region Board Meeting of November 14th, 2022 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Officers Present: Eric Smith, Salvatore Baisley, Shelby Blanchette, Paul Malecki, Bruce Kosakoski, Chip Van Slyke

Total number of members present: 6

Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet- Eric Smith and Salvatore Baisley

- Waiting to hear back from Saratoga Auto Museum in regards to pricing, Meghan from SAM said to assume the pricing is the same as last year
- Hoping to get something in writing about pricing, Salvatore Baisley will send her an email
- If no \$500 rental fee will vote to donate that to the SAM
- Some thoughts on awards already
- Discussion about a special award to a long-time member
- Discussion about Spirit of a Competitor award being expanded to other aspects that embodies helpfulness to the region
- Would be great to be able to get past award winners on website
- Run Offs award winner was Charlie Campbell, will reach out to Tom Campbell

Officer Positions for 2023

- Bruce Kosakoski is stepping down from Director position
- Every other officer will be keeping their position
- Russell Burckhard wants to apply for Director's position
- Information in regard to open spot has been advertised, if no interest for position, Russell Burckhard will take the position
- Slate of proposed officers need to be proposed at December meeting

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

Street Survival- Eric Smith

- Very successful event, attendees and volunteers had a great time
- Notes taken about how event went so well
- Jim Garry resigned as MoHud Tire Rack Street Survival chair, so now we have no co-chair or chair for Street Survival
- Shelby Blanchette suggested making a write up for the TRSS chair position
- TRSS chair is go between of club, Museum, National office, the volunteer trucker, and solicited donations for the meals, post event paperwork responsibilities
- Jim Garry should be contacted to get his TRSS responsibilities list to pass on to the next person

Time Trial Grant

- Received initial denial for grant submitted, stated submission needed more detail
- Original write-up was not in the proper form, and made submitting difficult
- Can resubmit applications with adjustments
- Will screenshot each page so we know exactly what to fill out
- Salvatore Baisley will reach out to Abby at national office to see if we can re-submit grant as a pdf.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by Shelby Blanchette

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please note there was no formal membership meeting in November. Instead, we visited the Tech Valley Center of Gravity for a tour of its facilities thanks to our host, Bob Bownes.



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- Campbell Racing – RunOffs VIR, Sunday – The Final Race Day, by Tom Campbell

THE ANNUAL KO GIFT GUIDE

The Ultimate Jaguar in Your Garage

If you missed out being one of the chosen ones recently allowed to plunk down \$1 million plus for the six factory-continuation Jaguar E-Type Lightweight Coupes, or the nine XKSS roadsters, you can still get the ultimate Jaguar for about the same outlay.

For just under a million, Everett Aero (www.everettaero.com) will provide you with a static display SEPCAT Jaguar. And for a million-and-a-half or so they can deliver an airworthy ex-Indian Air Force model.



Imagine the satisfaction of taking one of the grandkids for a ride in your new Jaguar, or upstaging your neighbor who's been buzzing the neighborhood with his recently acquired Czech L-39 Albatros trainer.

CAMPBELL RACING – RUNOFFS VIR, SUNDAY – THE FINAL RACE DAY

And what a day it was! The F Production race was the third of the day, scheduled to start at 10:15 AM. The forecast called for rain to start in the afternoon, but a very light rain started in the middle of the second race. It was just a heavy mist but did start to affect the track conditions near the end of that race. Of course, we, of the third race, were now confronted with the decision of which tires to use – was it going to stop raining or begin raining harder? The forecasts on Friday and Saturday predicted rain all day Sunday so I did most of the work to get the car set up for rain on Saturday – this was, after all, the hurricane weekend. But, early Sunday morning the forecast was clear of rain until after noon. So, I undid all the rain set up. Now here was the rain and it didn't show any signs of letting up. But it wasn't heavy, there wasn't any standing water on the track. We chose to put on the "intermediate" wet tires rather than the full wet "rain" tires. The intermediates are a set of slicks that we (Charlie) modified with some hand cut grooves to provide some channels for the water to get out from under the tires to avoid aquaplaning. It turned out to be the right choice. On the grid there were all the alternatives: full rains, intermediates, and a few on dry (slick) tires. A couple of drivers apparently decided they didn't want to play in the rain under any circumstances.

Charlie started 4th, behind the Miata of Eric Prill on the pole, the Acura of Ken Kannard, and the Honda del Sol of Cliff Ira. It was chaos going into the first turn; one poor guy was punted off course in the jockeying for position even before the turn and his race was done within seconds of the green flag. But all was sorted out and Charlie came around in third place when the 2nd place starter, Kannard's Acura, went off course and fell back in the pack.



Charlie Campbell's Miata leads Kevin Ruck's Acura on lap 2

Charlie came around in the lead at the end of lap 2, with Kevin Ruck's Acura right on this rear bumper and Prill's a Miata couple seconds back in third. He continued to lead laps 2 through 6. But on lap 7 Charlie got out of control starting down the hill to the front straight and fell back to 2nd, now behind the Acura. On lap 8 Prill got around him, dropping Charlie to 3rd. But on lap

10 he was back in 2nd, then Prill got by again and Charlie was back to 3rd. At the end of the next to last lap it was Ruck's Acura; Prill's Miata back by 1.1 seconds, and Charlie in 3rd by 0.7 seconds. And coming to the finish line at the end of the last lap it was Prill in 1st by 0.2 seconds over Ruck, with Charlie half a second behind in 3rd place.



The 2022 Runoff F Prod podium finishers (l to r: Kevin Ruck, Eric Prill, Charlie Campbell)

I can't begin to explain all the close racing these three did all around the course. My notes, while sitting in the pit lane, don't do justice to the action that took place all around the track. I encourage you all to [watch the race video](#). This year's video was well done, shown live on YouTube.

The car performed flawlessly all week long and Charlie gave us one of his best drives. This was certainly one of the best races of the entire Runoffs event. And as always, it was great to spend some quality time with our friends from all around the country, many of whom we only see at the Runoffs.

Special thanks are due:

- **Carl Wassink**, our good friend and crew man for the whole season. This team works so much better with the extra help Carl brings.
- **Jesse Prather**, the engine builder and all-around racing consultant on so many subjects. I lean heavily on Jesse all through the season.
- **Mike Puskar**, Carbotech Brakes. He not only provides outstanding brake pads but also the in-depth knowledge needed to get the best performance from the entire braking system.
- **Ron Olsen**, Barrington Performance. Ron built the transmission and keeps it running in top shape year after year. A big contribution to making the car perform so well.
- **Brian Brown**, Hoosier Tire East, and **Tim Gilven**, Hoosier Tire. Again, outstanding product and support all year long.
- **Steve Andrew**, Quantum Raceworks. Ace engine tuner and solver of complicated engine performance problems.
- **Brian Ross**, my hometown fabricator, machinist and welder. Whatever I need, Brian can do it. He helps me with solving problems and finding improvements.



The team of Campbell Racing

All of these people are vital members of the team but more important to me, they are all my good friends. I sincerely thank them all for both their contributions and their friendship.

~ Tom Campbell
