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the 26th Annual **John Stim Memorial Race**

October 4 & 5, 2014

at Thompson Speedway, Thompson, Ct.

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*Bill Morris in his
"Screaming Yellow Zonker"
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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT Russ Burckhard

September 2014

We had our third Guptill's car show of the year. We were down around the corner from where we have been before. It was right where the entrance from the spectator parking was so there was a good amount of traffic going by. If you remember last month's article, we started a promotion that would give some first time auto-crosser's a free entry. We had 2 show up the first time we did it and had 3 show up at our last event. The 2 from the first time came back for the second event and also became members. They also brought some friends with them. So I guess you could say that this program has been a success. We will be back at Guptill's on the second Monday of the month so if you don't have anything going on, please stop by and say hello.

Reminder. October 3-5 we will be back at Thompson for the John Stim Memorial Race.

Also keep in mind that the annual Awards Banquet will be at the Troy Elks Club on the first Saturday of December.

Keep an eye out for information on the upcoming Mini-Con hosted by the NER region on November 14-16. <http://www.nediv.com/nediv-info/list-of-nediv-events/event/278-2014-nediv-mini-con>

SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard

September 2014

We had our fourth event of the season on July 27th. Although it could have been worse, the weather was not so good. We were able to set the course before the rain came down. The rain came down hard and there was lightning in the area putting the start of the event into a delay. The rain stopped about the same time as the lightning and the track pretty much dried up by the time the drivers meeting was over and the first heat was set to start. The first heat was run in the dry. Almost halfway through the second heat, the skies opened up again. Lightning stopped the event again for a while. Most of the second heat had a dry first run but the second run was in the wet. Due to these delays, we cut the number of runs down to 5. The second half of this heat started in the wet and slowly went to a dry surface. 60 drivers showed up to compete despite the grim weather report. Jon Staude set the fastest Pax in his Honda while Eric Smith had the fastest raw time in his Evo. Eric Smith was second on the Pax list followed by me in the Focus, Ian Wallace was fourth in his Civic and Bruce Kosakoski in his BMW was fifth.

Top in each of the categories are: Russ Burckhard in Street, Bruce Kosakoski in Street Prepared, Andy Furlong in Prepared, Tom Hansen in Modified, Jon Staude in Touring, Eric Smith in Street Modified, Johnathon Burckhard in Junior Kart, Ray Nelson in Novice, and Dave Trifaro in the Street Tire Class.

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On August 24th we were back at the McCarty Ave lot for our 5th points event of the season. It was a gorgeous day. A cloud once in a while to give a small break from the sun with the high temperature just breaking the 80° mark. 56 people showed up ready to compete. There were a handful of first-timers again at this event adding to the already large novice group. We were able to squeeze in 6 runs for the day. By the time the first heat was done, most everyone was comfortable with the course and times continued to drop for the second heat. The fastest raw time and fastest Pax found a new home this time. Andy Furlong took both of them with his VW Rabbit. Second on the Pax list was Jon Staude in his Honda followed by me for my second 3rd place finish in a row in the Focus. 4th went to Eric Smith in his Evo and Nelson Guay rounded out the top 5 in his BMW.

Top in each of the categories are; Russ Burckhard in Street, Bill Bennet in Street Prepared, Andy Furlong in Prepared, Jon Staude in Touring, Eric Smith in Street Modified, Johnathon Burckhard in Junior Kart, Shannon Kelly in Novice, and Dave Trifaro in the Street Tire Class. *These results were taken from an unofficial set of results and are subject to change.*

The Street Survival event is fast approaching and **we are still in need of instructors**. There is an online test that's required to be eligible to instruct. If you've instructed before, this could take as little as 15 minutes. For first timers it could take about an hour as there is a lot of information to view. I would recommend you take your time while doing this as the students would benefit from this the most. If you don't want to be an instructor, we could also use your help at the event. Please help out if you can.

Upcoming events

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 & registration
Sept 21	Points event 6 Fortitech
Oct 12	Points event 7 McCarty Ave

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan



September 2014

26th Annual John Stim Memorial Race - Our 2nd race of the year will be held at Thompson Speedway, October 4th and 5th. Our agreement with NER is very simple, we supply workers and entrants and they handle the sanctioning process. The race counts for double points for the MoHud Road Racing Championship. The event should be listed on Mostorsportsreg.com soon.

RAL - The NER Race against Leukemia was very successful if you consider that over \$4000 was raised by Area 1 Director Dick Patullo. Dick announced that he would allow the shaving of his entire head if \$4000 was donated to the fight against Leukemia, Nick Leverone of Flatout Racing immediately pledged \$500, it took about 10 minutes to raise \$2000. Word went out to the paddock and the rest was raised in about 20 minutes. Many, many thanks to Dick for his unselfish effort. Dick noted that he was making this gesture for Dan Prill, son of Eric Prill, SCCA employee. Photos on page 18.

Cheap Date - The annual Cheap Date Race ant NHMS is September 6 & 7. Always a good time.

The Fun One - The FLR Fun one is September 13 & 14 at Watkins Glen. This is my favorite race of the year, I have only missed it once since 1980. This year it is also a NE Division Championship race. We get to drive the long course on Saturday and the short course on Sunday. You can also think of it as Saturday on the track that Jackie Stewart, Graham Hill, Niki Lauda and Mario Andretti drove and Sunday on the track driven by Earnhardt, Gordon, Johnson and company drive.

Guptil's - Our monthly visits to Guptil's appears to be a success, we have had several entries at the Solo events and look forward to a few workers at the John Stim Memorial.

Jim Bucci - When I recounted how our MoHud drivers did at the last Watkins Glen Race, I skipped Jim Bucci who had a very good race in ITA.

This just in...

I had just finished reading Greg Rickes' article on Bill Morris when I opened the Times Union –August 31, and read that Sherm Haven had passed away on July 15th in New Smyrna Beach, Florida at the age of 87. Sherm was a longtime member of both MoHud and AMEC. A WWII veteran, and pilot, Sherm is probably best remembered for his Haven Special, the homebuilt racer that he campaigned in the glory days of Ice Racing.

2014 July Sprints at Watkins Glen

By Trish Bucci



Thom O'Connor's Scirocco



Jim Bucci on the qualifying grid in the Ford Focus



Pre-race work on the Hanifan, Smith, and Dartt cars



Jack and Jim discuss the track and cars



Pete and Dave talk about Pete's car



Post-race margaritas with Jim, Jack, Pete and Earl



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MoHud workers *and* driver's needed!

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Double MoHud Points for Drivers



Remembering Bill Morris **(1940-2014)**

By Greg Rickes

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of Bill Morris. From the late 1960s through the 1970s Bill was a pillar of the Mohawk-Hudson Region, supporting the club with boundless enthusiasm as a competitor, event organizer, and a regional officer.

Bill's enthusiasm for sports cars had its beginning when he purchased a Lotus Elan in the mid '60s and took delivery in England. After he brought the car back to the States and took a position with GE that brought him to the Schenectady area he started exploring opportunities for spirited driving. Among his first endeavors was a try at Keene (NY) Hillcimb. What started well didn't have such a successful conclusion as Bill slid off-course and comprehensively cracked the fiberglass nose of the Lotus.

In what would become one of his trademark characteristics he taught himself the mysteries of epoxy, resin and cloth and soon the Lotus, and Bill were ready to roll again. While the Elan had a reputation as a delicate design, for Bill it was an all-purpose, all-season vehicle; for many years it was his one and only car. In spite of the rough start to his competition exploits, Bill and the Lotus became regular front-runners at local gymkhanas (now called autocross) and hillclimbs. In those days there were an array of clubs organizing events locally and you could compete almost every weekend from April through October. Bill even had the temerity to enter the car in MoHud's winter Snowflake Rallye, an event which had an infamous reputation in a more carefree, less litigious, era.

It was not uncommon in those days for MoHud members to use their "solo" event experience as a entre' to other levels of competition. Bill got a taste for racing by competing in AMEC ice races at Lake George with a humble and well-used 850cc Mini, then made the commitment to try pavement racing. Not surprisingly, if you knew Bill, the Elan was chosen for the task. In those days race preparation was more rudimentary, requiring only a basic, bolt-in rollbar, fire extinguisher and seatbelt/shoulder harness.





Bill even eschewed a trailer, driving the Lotus to races at Lime Rock, Bryar (now NHMS), and Watkins Glen, where he would sometimes compete against full-scale factory efforts from Datsun (Bob Sharp) and Triumph (Bob Tullius) in the C Production class. Bill and the Lotus picked up a few regional wins, but by now greater challenges beckoned.

One of Bill's many outstanding attributes was his ability to blend the theoretical and the

practical. So it was completely in keeping with his character that he would decide to build his own car. Thus was born the legendary "Screaming Yellow Zonker", a Lotus twin-cam powered B/Sports Racer. Racing against stiff competition in an era when only the top 3 drivers in the each SCCA division got invited to the National Championship Run-Offs Bill earned his way to the Road Atlanta finale.

After several successful seasons with the Zonker Bill found the overall level of competition in B/SR thinning out, so the car was retired and Bill started a partnership with Jack Fantelli to drive a MiniMarcos (a kit car the blended a lightweight fiberglass coupe body with MiniCooper running gear). Jack drove the car in regional races and



Bill took the wheel for national-level competition, again earning his invitation to Road Atlanta.



Even with these extensive and time-consuming efforts Bill found time to support the region in a myriad of ways. He was Regional Executive for three years (1969-71), organized autocrosses and road rallyes, was race chairman, and was always anywhere and everywhere to lend a hand.

It might be hard to imagine, but there was a time when autocross events were timed manually, by stopwatch. Bill felt there had to be a better way and so he designed, and built, the region's first electronic timing system. The design was so well-thought out, and easily replicated, that it was featured on SPORTS CAR for other SCCA regions to emulate.

By the mid 1970s the front-wheel drive MiniMarcos, which was initially designed as a road car, was unable to keep up with the purpose-built race cars in D/SR. To continue in the racing game Bill and Jack went back to basics, teaming up with a Honda Civic in Showroom Stock C. This provided the added opportunity for them to compete as a team in endurance races.

Time moves on, and as the racing landscape changed. Bill pursued other endeavors, becoming an accomplished sailor and earning his pilot's license.

Starting a family came later in Bill's colorful life, and it was a great pleasure to renew acquaintances with him at the Mohawk-Hudson 50th anniversary celebration in 2006. Bill had hoped to have the Elan, the same car he had owned since it was new, ready for the occasion, but sometimes plans go awry (as any Lotus owner will testify). A few weeks later though, Bill and his young son Ben stopped by my house to show off the finished project and savor some drivetime together.



Bill kept his membership active in MoHud long after his competition days ended, and whenever those rare occasions came along where our paths would cross it was always a pleasure and an inspiration to be in Bill's company. With unfailing generosity of spirit and talent, Bill Morris made this club, and the world as a whole, a better place.

There are so many great Bill Morris stories to be told. These words capture just one small piece of Bill; here's a further appreciation of his extraordinary life

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesunion-albany/obituary.aspx?n=william-g-morris&pid=172097565>



Bill wins in the Zonker at Lime Rock

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) JRB/NJMP-T + Pro IT+- Test 15 (Nj, Na)
August 16 & 17			
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			
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Double=D; Enduro=E; Restricted (Class)=R; Tentative=T			

MoHud Member Farbman wins in STL

Jon Farbman, who turns 71 in August, recently won both STL races at the NJMP MAJORS races in June.

Here are shots of a self-imposed champagne drowning and weigh-in after one of the wins. Farbman also set a new track record for STL.

Although taking a 40 year break away from racing Jon did attend his first Driver's School in September, 1964 at Thompson.



MoHud Members enjoy their summer!



All photos: Jack Hanifan



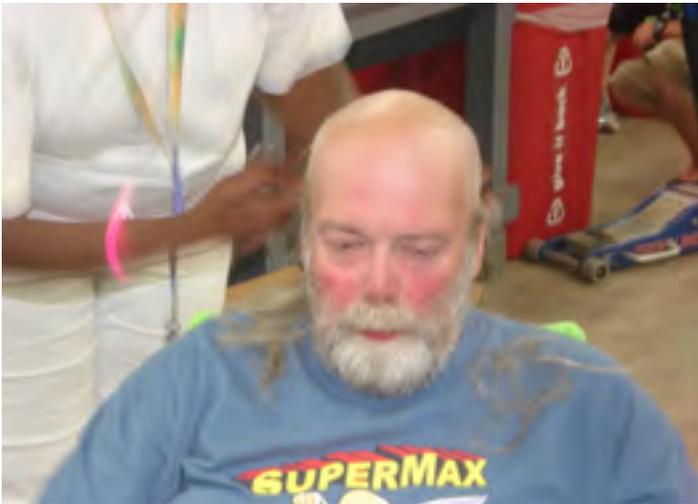
MoHud at Guptill's



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NER/RAL - Race Against Leukemia boasts a \$4000+ effort at NHMS

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SCCA Northern Conference 2014 Season Gets Checkered Flag at Grattan

BELDING, Mich. (August 24, 2014) – The 2014 SCCA Northern Conference Majors Tour wrapped on Sunday at Grattan Raceway with 25-lap races in six groups. The season-long championship battle counted the best eight of 12 races available on the schedule, with a handful of point races coming down to the final stop on Sunday.

Sunday highlights included:

Group 1: Battles through the field marked the first group of the day and sealed Championships in three classes.

Up front, Jonathan Start's strategy of stretching the lead early in the No. 51 Kalin Construction/Hoosier/Carbotech Dodge Viper before the tires went away worked early as he climbed away from Tom Patton. Start was up more than eight seconds after lap seven and tried to maintain the gap when Patton's No. 50 Hoosier Tires/Red Line Oil Sunbeam Tiger started chipping away.

On lap 17, Patton tried to go to the outside of Start through the final corner and up the front straight, but lost momentum and fell back just slightly. On lap 21, however, he finally fought his way through, taking over the lead with four laps to go and holding it to the finish. The win clinched the GT-2 Championship for Patton.

The GT-1 title went to Tom Stanford, who swept the weekend in the No. 20 Pote-Stanford Reporting Chevrolet Camaro. Stanford chased Robert Hofmann's No. 06 B.C. Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro until lap nine, when corner workers started to report fluid leaking from Hofmann's Camaro. He pulled to pit lane on lap 11, and his crew dumped his cool suit bucket – sending him back onto the track but well behind Stanford.

Joe Kristensen earned his second win of the weekend in GT-3, driving his No. 4 Acura RSX to a dominating win, just feet from lapping second-place Michael Cyphert at the finish. Kristensen had his hands full with Paul Young's No. 79 Young Racing/Hoosier Tire Ford Probe early, but an overheating issue forced Young to slow and then pull to pit lane before the finish. Young was in conservation mode, as he could have potentially captured the season title. When Cyphert reached the halfway point necessary to score points, he clinched the title in his No. 76 Toyota Motorsports/TRD/RedLine/Hoosier Toyota Celica.

Ed Hosni battled a miss in his No. 17 Lasco Ford/Hoosier Tire/Steeda/Ford Racing/Edelbrock Ford Mustang, talking the lead on lap four, and then falling back to the clutches of the No. 28 KMS Autosport Ford Mustang of Scott Schweitzer on lap 12. Hosni's miss came at high RPM, and he spent the next several laps figuring how to shift to maximize his lap time. That, coupled with a corded left front tire on Schweitzer's Mustang that slowed him in the right hand corners, allowed Hosni to pull to the rear of Schweitzer at the finish, but out of time to challenge for the lead.

Group 2: Three groups provided three thrilling races in Group Two, with one high-pressured win clinching a class title.

Early on up front, the Formula 500 machines of Calvin Stewart and Brian Novak dived with the Formula F machines of Russell Ruedisueli and Max Mallinen for both class titles and the overall lead

Ruedisueli, who needed a weekend sweep to take the Conference Championship coming into the weekend and nailed down the first part with a win on Saturday, got a boost on lap 11 when Mallinen's No. 10 Spectrum 014H pulled to pit lane with a flat tire

Mallinen pulled off just before a one-lap full course caution to remove the No. 21 Metalloid Corp. Falcon .5 of Ryan Barth, who spun midway down the front straight and tapped the wall in an odd incident. The scene was covered with a local yellow for cleanup, but then went full course caution for the lap to remove the safety vehicles from the track. Even with the yellow, Mallinen returned to the track essentially one lap down as the field went back to green.

That gave Ruedisueli the room he needed to drive his No. 20 Van Diemen RF-99 to the race win and the Championship, backing off late in a sportsmanlike gesture to let the dueling Formula 500 machines settle their class race.

Stewart started his No. 7 Novakar Novakar Blade F600 from the rear of the field after missing Saturday's race, but had caught up to the leaders by the lap seven incident. Once even with Novak's No. 13 Hoosier/NovaRace/AiM NovaKar J360, the pair swapped the lead several times. The pair went back and forth, with Stewart the first to the one to go sign. Novak looked in a couple of corners, but didn't have a way around Stewart, who crossed the stripe just 0.219-second in front.

Formula Vee was just as thrilling, with four cars in the pack from start to finish. Jeff Loughead, Charles McCormick, Brandon Abbott and Andrew Abbott swapped the position all race long, many times racing two by two or three-wide up the front straight, even with faster class cars working through.

McCormick's No. 90 RSE Incorporated Vortech CM1 needed the lead, as mechanical troubles were switching his car off through the "bowl" complex of the track temporarily. With the rest of the pack behind him, he could keep them there and bunch them up. If he was behind, he had to use the draft up the front straight to catch back up.

That happened on the final lap. Andrew Abbott's No. 25 Hoosier/Linamar/McLaren Performance Technologies/Vector Racecars Vector AM-1 led, with McCormick and Loughead's No. 18 Hoosier Tire/LL Loughead, DDS Vortech CR04 in tow. McCormick got a great run up the hill into the final turn, and at that point, Abbott was a sitting duck.

McCormick drafted by, popping out just before the finish to take a 0.023-second win by less than a half car-length.



*Voytek Burdzy takes a victory lap after the Spec Miata win.
Credit: SCCA Images*

Group 3: Brake line issues cost Sam Halkias a weekend sweep in E Production, and nearly unfortunately decided the GT-Lite race as well just before lunch. Halkias, after a hard-fought Saturday win in the No. 6 Catawba island Marina/Halkias Performance Services Triumph TR6, looked to have the E Production race under control. Halkias led the opening 20 laps, then saw it all evaporate.

Shedding parts, Halkias ran off course trying to scrub speed, then reentered just in front of

GT-Lite leader Joel Hipp. Hipp's No. 44 Austin Healey Mini spun to avoid Halkias, but kept his car running and rejoined still in the class lead.

With Halkias off course, Lance Loughman's No. 20 5:01 Motorsports Datsun 240Z was able to grab the E Production win he just narrowly missed on Saturday.

Greg Gauper (No. 15 Rana Mort Racing/King Motorsports Honda Civic), John Walker (No. 9 Walker Racing MG B) and David Daughtery (No. 8 Nissan/Hoosier/Carbotech/Enkei Nissan Versa) swept the weekend in H Production, F Production, and B-Spec.

Group 4: Justin Hille walked his No. 48 Hilltrux/Roush Mazda Miata away from the Spec Miata field on Saturday, and for a while on Sunday, it looked like it may happen again.

Unfortunately for Hille, the tandem of Voytek Burdzy's No. 41 Advanced Autosports Mazda Miata and Michael Novak's No. 9 Roush/Caldwell Race Prep worked well together to shake Seth Rowley and run down Hille on lap 12.

Burdzy moved to the lead with a draft and out braking maneuver into turn one to start lap 15, and when Novak spun in turn six, the race was down to Burdzy and Hille. Hille took the lead back on 16, but Burdzy took control on lap 19 and was able to remain in front. On his final lap, Burdzy held a two car length advantage, and held the distance for the win. Hille and Rowley's No. 08 Great Lakes Motorsports/Rowleys/Service Pro/HAWK Miata completed the podium.

Group 5: On Saturday, Tyler Theilmann clinched the Formula 1000 championship on Saturday despite running just off the pace in second place and promised the Northern Conference crowd at dinner that he planned to represent them well at the SCCA National Championship Runoffs at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in October.

On Sunday, he proved that he could.

Thielmann drove his No. 6 SO Bright LLC JDR-012 around Nicho Vardis' No. 00 Vardis Racing/Hoosier Tire/AiM RFR F1000 on lap 15, then passed Michael Mallinen's No. 71 Swan Motorsports/Mazda Motorsports Development Swift 016/Mazda on lap 17 for the overall lead. In front, Thielmann set a new track record in class and left Vardis behind to win.

Thielmann's day almost ended on the opening lap, when Ralph Provitz' No. 38 V2 Motorsports/George Dean Racing Engines/AiM Staudacher S08 checked up to miss Mallinen going into turn five and spun. Thielmann just brushed the end plate of Provitz' wing, knocking it off and ending Provitz day before it could begin. How close was it? Thielmann didn't know he hit him following the race.

With the oil light on, Mallinen pulled off on lap 24, but had enough of a gap to still be declared the winner in Formula Atlantic – his second of the weekend. Conference Champion Dale VandenBush ended his Formula Mazda season with a win in the No. 12 Lake Effect Motorsports Formula Mazda.

Group 6: For the second consecutive day, Scott Rettich rode away from the Spec Racer Ford field for the overall win to end the Northern Conference season, winning by 30.858 seconds in the No. 17 Alliance Autosport/PDI Communications Spec Racer Ford.

The back and forth battle was for the final two podium spots, as Adam Gottlieb's No. 0 Flat Black Racing SRF swapped positions Dudley Fleck's No. 81 Elite Autosport SRF all race long. Each driver used lapped traffic and slower classes to influence the race, with Gottlieb finally caught out in the closing stages and falling to third.

Daniel Bender clinched the Touring 4 title with a win in the No. 10 Bravo Trailers/BFGoodrich Tires/Autobarn Mazda Mazda MX-5, and David Daughtery achieved his goal of finishing out his Runoffs qualifications with a weekend sweep in Touring 3 in the No. 05 Nissan/Hoosier/CarboTech/Enkei Nissan 370Z. Aaron Kaplan's second place finish in the No. 18 Kaplan Racing Systems BMW M3 added to his point total in the already clinched title fight.

Tim Selby held off a late charge from the No. 13 Mazda RX-7 of Marty Doane, taking Super Touring Lite on Sunday in the No. 78 Mazda Miata.

That concludes the Northern Conference Majors Tour season, with only the finale in the Mid-States Conference at Heartland Park Topeka, August 30-31, remaining.

More information from the Northern Conference finale at Grattan, including race results, can be found at SCCA.com/GrattanMajors.

Belding, Mich. - Provisional race winners from Sunday's SCCA Northern Conference Majors Tour Round 12 from Grattan Raceway. Drivers are listed by Class: name, hometown, and car.

American Sedan: Scott Schweitzer, Lake Orion, Mich., Ford Mustang

B-Spec: David Daughtery, Fortville, Ind., Nissan Versa

E Production: Lance Loughman, Lake Zurich, Ill., Datsun 240Z

F Production: John Walker, Richland, Mich., MG B

H Production: Greg Gauper, Hubertus, Wis., Honda Civic

Formula 500: Calvin Stewart, Novi, Mich., Novakar Blade F600

Formula 1000: Tyler Theilmann, Kiel, Wis., JDR-012

Formula Atlantic: Michael Mallinen, Liberty Lake, Wash., Swift 016a/Mazda

Formula F: Russell Ruedisueli, Rochester, Mich., Van Diemen RF-99

Formula Mazda: Dale VandenBush, Green Bay, Wis., Formula Mazda

Formula Vee: Charles McCormick, Clarkston, Mich., Vortech CM1/Volkswagen

GT-1: Tom Stanford, Orland Park, Ill., Chevrolet Camaro

GT-2: Tom Patton, Hamilton, Ohio, Sunbeam Tiger

GT-3: Joe Kristensen, London, Ontario, Acura RSX

GT-Lite: Joel Hipp, Norwalk, Ohio, Austin Healey Mini

Prototype 1: Jim Cain, Hartland, Mich., Staudacher S12

Prototype 2: Richard Colburn, Northbrook, Ill., Nostendo

Spec Miata: Voytek Burdzy, Shiller Park, Ill., Mazda Miata

Spec Racer Ford: Scott Rettich, Columbus, Ohio, Spec Racer Ford





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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

10:00am - ADIRONDACK ROAD TOUR AND LUNCH: \$75 per person

Departing from the Saratoga Automobile Museum, this spirited 1½ hour road rally is a professionally-led tour for auto collectors winding through the beautiful Adirondack roads to finish at the historic Lake George Club. Gourmet lunch includes library-quality wines, imported fine foods and tours on wooden, and rides on beautiful Lake George in Italian Comitti speed boats.

7:00pm - BBQ, BREWS & BLUES: \$85 per person

It's time to eat, drink and mingle with a new twist to our Festival weekend, the Inaugural BBQ, Brews & Blues presented by Certified Angus Beef & Stella Artois. This sizzling new evening event, will take place on Friday, September 5th from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. under a large tent on the Saratoga Performing Arts Center grounds. Hosted by Food Network 'Chopped' star Marc Murphy, this thrilling feast promises to be full of flavor, good vibes, competition & flames!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

1:00pm - GRAND TASTING & CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE: Price with Concours Vehicle: \$150 General / \$240 VIP, Additional tickets: \$85 General / \$145 VIP

On the SPAC grounds, centered on unparalleled wines, spirits and authentic products, you will experience the region's top restaurants; world-class seminars including Master Wine Connoisseur, Kevin Zraly's World-exploration Wine Seminar, a VIP Connoisseur Tent, and an expanded Culinary Tent with innovative demos. Saturday's festivities also include our traditional Concours d'Elegance featuring collector automobile's simultaneously with the Grand Tasting. The annual Live Auction which benefits SPAC's classical programming and educational programs concludes the event at 4:00pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

11:30am - IN THE GROOVE JAZZ BRUNCH: \$85 per person

What's better than a good old fashioned Sunday Brunch to end your weekend? Can't decide where to go or what to eat? Well what if we grouped six (6) of your favorite Mazzone Restaurants together in one great place at Saratoga National Golf Course. Liven up your morning with some Jazz Music, toss in some great Mimosa's, Bloody Marys and Old Fashions.

Please contact Heidi Shull, Director of Marketing & Events for more information.
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