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REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT Russ Burckhard

March 2015

Everyone surviving the winter okay? This winter has sure kept me busy with all of the snow and cold. Because of it, I missed the February membership meeting. Thanks to Eric Smith for taking over for me.

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>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Rally Cross—James Quattro and Steve Hyatt If you are interested in becoming a Rally Cross Safety Steward or just need an update, attend this session with James Quattro followed by a Town Hall led by Steve Hyatt.

Timing and Scoring—Linda Louie Come and learn about the new changes for 2015 including the release of a newer version of Orbits and a change in the Insurance Fees calculation.

Pit & Grid—Bart Carlevaro Join a working session on the new grid/pit manual and give you're input.

Solo—Brian Reeves Become a Solo Safety Steward by attending this training session which will lead to your license.

Stewards—Kathy Barnes Saturday—Conversation and updates with the Executive Steward. Sunday—Annual Steward Training session from 8:30 – 1:30 conducted by Fred Brinkel.

Registration—Sandi Kryder & Terry Roberts “MSR for Non-Registrars” Come to learn how you can set up a time table, look up information on Drivers, follow finances on line, access car info and more. Designed for Stewards, REs, Treasurers and any other interested parties. Bring a laptop and have a MSR profile.

Time Trials—Matthew Yip A session on methods to reduce barriers to entry in a Time Trial event.

Tech—Paul Morrison Asking for 2 one hour session—more to come this weekend

Emergency Service, Flagging and Communication, Start—Ray Maliszewski, Wayne Armbrust, John Flowers It's all about communication!

We will be holding the MiniCon on 11/13-15/15 at the Saratoga Holiday Inn. Rates are \$129/night. We will need help to put on this event. If interested, please contact Jack Hanifan, Pete Smith, or myself.

Eric Smith has taken the lead to bring our by-laws up to date. Look for more info elsewhere in this issue.

SOLO REPORT Russ Burckhard

March 2015

The Solo Advisory Committee met and we have a tentative schedule. We are down to six events due to currently only having the one site. I am hoping to be able to post the schedule as soon as I get confirmation. We also dropped 1 TRSS as we are not sure if we can make it work at the OGS lot.

If you are a trophy winner, let me know if you want your shirt. Otherwise I will bring them to the events.

COMPETITION REPORT Jack Hanifan



2015 March

ICEBREAKER, Road Racer Style – Thompson Speedway is scheduling a Road Race on April 24, 25. This is a Friday/Saturday event, it is not an SCCA event. The goal of the weekend is to have a FUN weekend with lots of track time. This event is open to all SCCA, NASA, BMWCCA, PCA, IMSA, VRG and VSCCA full competition licensed drivers. There are 5 race groups - all closed wheeled. There will be many classes in each Race Group; the classes represent all of the sanctioning bodies invited to the event. Each Race Group will be limited to 35 cars. Trophies will be given to the top 3 in each group. Entry fee is \$295 (\$275 before March 15) and the goal is to provide a lot of track time - each group will have one hour of practice, 18 minutes of qualifying and two races totaling 45 minutes of racing. Remember Thompson does not have a curfew, so races do not have to be cut short. Jerry Rigoli is the Race Chairman, Peter Morrison will run Tech and I will be the Chief Steward. Registration is open on Motorsportsreg.com.

Tech Party - Our **Annual Tech Party** is scheduled for **Saturday April 18th at 12 Noon** at Bob Karl's Sales and Service - 2791 6th Avenue, Troy, NY. If you have never been there, bring your trailer around back and park in the lot. As in the past, the region will supply hot dogs and beverages; if you want you can bring an unwrapped toy for Bob's annual toy drive for the Unity House. Remember the dates on your belts and bring all of your personal safety equipment.

Good Old Boys - Word from the south is that Thom O'Connor and Dave Dartt both had good races at the Cabin Fever Race at Sebring in February. Rumor is that they will be joined by Pete Smith and yours truly at the Palm Beach race March 1st.

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Where do Old Racers Go? – To Rallies, the top three drivers in the Snow Flake Rally were old Racers - Todd Boice finished 1st with Nancy as navigator, Jim Garry was 2nd with his wife as navigator and Pete Smith finished 3rd with former racer Geoff Stim as navigator.

PLEASE NOTE:

Counterfeit Hutchens Hybrid Pro head and neck restraint devices - a number of counterfeit Hutchens devices have been found, SCCA Club Racing Memo – RM 15-03 details all, if you use a Hutchens please read the memo following below.



RACING MEMO

DATE: February 9, 2015

NUMBER: RM 15-03

FROM: Club Racing Board

TO: All Participants

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Hutchens Hybrid Pro head and neck restraint devices

SCCA wishes to make all of its participants aware of a memo received from the SFI Foundation and Simpson regarding the Hutchens Hybrid Pro head and neck restraint device.

See the following pages for more information.



SAFETY BULLETIN, For Immediate Release - February 5, 2015

WARNING COUNTERFEIT HUTCHENS HYBRID PRO DEVICES HAVE BEEN FOUND

Counterfeit Hutchens Hybrid Pro head and neck restraint devices have been obtained by Simpson Performance Products and the matter is under investigation. If you have a head and neck restraint device labeled Hutchens Hybrid Pro with a 2013 SFI 38.1 label, this device may not be genuine. If this device does not have "box X" stitching on the tethers, it is not genuine. Reference pictures below. There are other differences between the counterfeit device and a genuine device that trained inspectors can identify. If you suspect that you have such a device and you are currently attending a racing event, immediately present the device to technical officials at the event.

Warning: Usage of any device that is counterfeit and does not have appropriate SFI labeling could result in serious injury or death. Counterfeit products have not been tested by SFI and there is no way to know whether such products meet SFI standards.

How to Determine If You Have a Counterfeit Hutchens Hybrid Pro CARBON FIBER DEVICES ARE NOT AFFECTED.

1. Verify the model. You are looking for the Hutchens Hybrid Pro label as shown here, on the back of your device. Although most devices with this label are not counterfeit, devices that are counterfeit will be identified as the Hutchens Hybrid Pro model.
2. Check the product's SFI certification. Counterfeit products were punched in the year 2013. The hole-punch may be irregular due to not using the proper punch tool.
3. Verify the tethers. Counterfeit devices all have the quick release tether style and a tether sew pattern that is three straight stitch rows. An authentic device has distinctive Box X and BarTAC sew patterns.



Counterfeit Tethers are sewn using a straight stitch.

Simpson Certified SFI 38.1 Tethers are sewn using a reinforced BOX "X" and BarTAC pattern.



4. Counterfeit devices have electric green pull-tethers that attach to the helmet. This pull-tether resembles a shoe string rather than authentic Nomex™ thread.
5. Counterfeit devices have been purchased from individual sellers online, at stores including but not limited to EBay and the Racing Junk classified site. If you did not purchase your device from Simpson or from a reputable dealer, it could be counterfeit.

If You Think You Have a Counterfeit Device:

Your safety is very important to Simpson. We cannot guarantee the performance of any device that is not an authentic Simpson Hutchens Hybrid Pro. We have reported this counterfeit and are pursuing prosecution.

1. If the device is found to be counterfeit, we strongly advise against racing with the device and will not be held responsible for the performance of any counterfeit device. Help us to remove these devices from circulation.
2. We recommend that you formerly complain to the company that you purchased the counterfeit device from. Counterfeiting is a rampant crime that affects all of us and should be reported and prosecuted.

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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				
February 20-22	National SCCA Convention - Charlotte Convention Center - Charlotte, NC			
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	
September 21-27	52nd SCCA Runoffs - Daytona International Speedway, Daytona, FL			
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				
November 13-14-15	NeDivision Mini-Convention, Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY - MoHud Region			
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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2015 NE Division Dates continued

DATES	OTHER SCCA REGION EVENTS	TRACK TRIALS	HILLCLIMBS	VINTAGE	OTHER/PRO
January 3-4					
January 10-11					
January 17-18 / ML King B					
January 24-25					
January 31-February 1					
February 7-8					
February 14-15 / Presiden					
February 20-22					
February 28-March 1					
March 7-8 / Daylight Savin					
March 14-15					
March 21-22					
March 28-29					
April 4-5 / Easter & Passov					
April 11-12					SCCA PRO FA, F1600 & F2000/ Road Atlanta
April 18-19					
April 25-26	GL-Drivers School/Waterford				
May 2-3	NEO/Nelson T - D Reg'l		Rose Valley		
May 9-10 / Mother's Day					IndyCar/IndyRoadCourse
May 16-17	SBR-WOR-DET/Gingerman - D Reg'l			VRG/Summit 14-17	Pirelli/WC/CTMP(Mosport)-Pro FA, F1600 & F2000/GLN Indy 500/Indy-TA/LimeRock
May 23-24 / Memorial Day		BIMtr/Summit-Jefferson			
May 30-31					
June 6-7					F1/Montreal-NASCAR/Pocono-Pro FA, F1600 & F2000/VIR
June 13-14 / Ramadan 17	CIN/NCM-Corvette Museum - D Reg'l		Weatherly	SVRA/Indy	TA/NJMP-IndyCar/Toronto
June 19-20				VRG/VSCCA/Thompson	
June 20-21 / Father's Day					
June 20-21 / Father's Day					
June 27-28	WMR/Grattan - D Reg'l		BIMtr/Pagoda/Reading	SVRA/Mid-Ohio	IMSA/GLEN
July 4-5 / Independence D					SCCA PRO FA, F1600 & F2000/ Mid-Ohio
July 10-11					
July 11-12			Giant's Despair	PVGP/PIRC	IMSA/CTMP(Mosport)-IndyCar/Pocono
July 18-19				PVGP/Schenley Park	NASCAR/NHMS
July 25-26				SVRA/GLEN	NASCAR/Indy-IMSA/LimeRock
August 1-2			Polish Mountain		NASCAR/Pocono-IndyCar & WC/MOH-Pro FA, 1600 & 2000/PIRC
August 1-2					
August 8-9	CIN/Mid-Ohio - D Reg'l				NASCAR/GLEN-Track repaving after NASCAR
August 15-16			BIMtr/Duryea/Reading	SVRA/Pocono	NASCAR & TA & WC/Mid-Ohio
August 22-23					
August 29-30	OVR/Mid-Ohio - D Reg'l				NASCAR/CTMP(Mosport)-Pro FA, F1600 & F2000/NJMP
September 5-6 / Labor Da		Summit/Jefferson			
September 12-13 / Rosh H					
September 19-20 / Yom K			Weatherly	VRG/NJMP	
September 21-27					
September 26-27					NASCAR/NHMS
October 2-3					
October 3-4					
October 9-10					
October 10-11 / Columbus	OVR/Mid-Ohio - D Reg'l				
October 17-18					SCCA PRO FA, F1600 & F2000/PIRC
October 24-25					F1/COTA
October 31-November 1 /					
November 7-8 / Veterans					
November 13-14-15					
November 21-22 / Thanks					
November 28-29					
December 5-6 / Hanukka!					
December 12-13					
December 19-20 / Christr					
December 26-27					
12-11-14 NeDiv Scheduling					
Series Designations & Eve					
NARRC=Na; NERRC=Ne					
8 Event NeDivision Cham					

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Palm Beach* - Feb. 12-14

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Road Atlanta - April 10-12

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Watkins Glen - May 15-17

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VIR - June 5-7

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Mid-Ohio - July 3-5

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Pittsburgh - July 31-Aug. 2

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New Jersey - August 28-30

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Pittsburgh - October 16-18

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MoHud's By-Laws: Topic of Conversation

If you've been to a membership meeting or board meeting over the last few years, you've heard some discussion about MoHud's constitution & by-laws: most notably, that no one has seen the document in recent memory. We put out some feelers and found a member who had a copy of the document in electronic format - thank you Harry Adalian. Harry sent me the document and I realized as someone who hasn't been involved with MoHud prior to 2000 or so, you, like me, may have never read this document. I reviewed the document and was struck by a few things: 1) some of the procedures described in the constitution are not how things are being done currently, and 2) the last time it was reviewed and updated was over 25 years ago, back in 1989.

Given those facts, I've recommended that an effort be undertaken to review the constitution & by-laws to ensure they better reflect the most realistic and best way MoHud does or should operate. I've also made an effort to make sure that all MoHud members have the opportunity to access the document as part of their membership. A motion was passed at the February meeting that this review take place via a process approved by the MoHud board. It was suggested that a three member committee be appointed to perform the review and propose any needed updates. Interestingly enough, that suggestion came from two members who I understand were on the committee who last reviewed the document in 1989 - Jim Garry and Jim Bucci. I will discuss this initiative with our Regional Exec, Russ Burckhard, and hopefully get direction for this undertaking at the next board meeting.

In the meantime, I have published the constitution & by-laws on the MoHud website, and requested it be printed here in the Knock Off. On the website it can be found at <http://www.mohud-scca.org/about/constitution-and-by-laws/>, or by visiting the site and navigating to the "Welcome" menu item, and clicking on the drop-down menu item "Constitution and By-laws".

If you have any input on the document, please let me know your thoughts. My email address is EJEvo8@gmail.com, and my full contact information can be found on the website under the "Welcome" menu, using the "Region Directory" drop-down menu item. I plan on giving periodic reports on this effort in future editions of the Knock Off.

A copy of the By-Laws follow.

Eric "EJ" Smith
Assistant Regional Executive

**A copy of the Mohawk-Hudson SCCA By-Laws follows.
A committee is being formed to review and possibly update these by-laws.**

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
MOHAWK-HUDSON REGION
SPORTS CAR CLUB, INC.

Revised March 1989

ARTICLE I

The Club

Section 1.

The name of the club shall be the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club, Inc., hereinafter called the Club.

Section 2.

The general purpose of the Club shall be to encourage the ownership and operation of Sports Cars; to provide and regulate events and exhibitions for Sports Cars and their owners; sponsor and promote competition events; act as a source of technical information; establish rules and regulations covering all activities of the Club; encourage safe, careful and skillful driving on the public highways; enter into contractual agreements, purchase, sell mortgage, lease real and personal property, as incidental to the foregoing purposes.

ARTICLE II

Officers

Section 1.

The elected officers of the Club shall be a Regional Executive, two (2) Directors-at-Large, an Assistant Regional Executive, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Director. They shall each serve for one year, or until their successors are qualified and elected. They shall constitute the Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board. The Directors-at-Large shall have previously held an elective office.

Section 2.

In case a vacancy shall occur in any of said offices, a majority of the Board shall select a qualified member in good standing to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

Section 3.

The Board shall be responsible for all operations and activities of the Club and shall be guided by the following priorities in the order listed:

- A. National Constitution, By-Laws and Policy
- B. SCCA Operations Manual
- C. Mohawk-Hudson Region Constitution and By-Laws
- D. Majority vote of the members present and voting at a duly constituted meeting of the members.
- E. Majority vote of the Board.
- F. Majority vote of appointed committee.

Section 4.

The Board shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of no less than three members in good standing of the Club who shall present a slate of nominees at the regular November meeting. Any ten (10) members in good standing may nominate a member in good standing as a candidate for office. Such nomination must be made in writing, signed by the members making the nomination, countersigned by the member so nominated signifying his willingness to accept the candidacy and delivered to the Secretary at the regular November meeting. Nominees for Director-at-Large must have previously served in an elective capacity. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot containing the names of all persons nominated. The Secretary shall mail said ballot to each member in good standing by- with notice of the annual meeting, under the provisions of Article V, Section 4. of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

Section 1.

The Regional Executive shall preside at all meetings of the members and officers and shall perform the duties usually appertaining to this office. He may call special meetings of members under the provisions of Article V, Section 3. He shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club.

In addition he shall:

- A. Appoint Administrative Chairmen and committees as necessary subject to approval of a majority of the Board.
- B. Act for the Treasurer when the need arises. He shall give bond, at the Club's expense.
- C. Appoint an audit committee each year to review the Club's financial records. This committee will report its findings to the Board one month after receiving the annual financial report prepared by the Treasurer.

In the absence of the Regional Executive, or in the case of his death, resignation, or inability to act the duties usually appertaining to that office shall be performed by the Assistant Regional Executive.

Section 2.

The Assistant Regional Executive shall assist the Regional Executive in the performance of any of the executive duties as the Regional Executive may delegate. In the absence of the Regional Executive from regular of Board meetings, the Assistant Regional Executive shall perform the normal duties of the Regional Executive. The Assistant Regional Executive is responsible for the inventory and management of Club property.

Section 3.

The Secretary, or designated representative, shall attend all meetings of the members and Board and shall record all minutes and votes. In addition the Secretary shall:

- A. Maintain a current membership list.

- B. Give notice of all meetings of the members or Board as required by law and this Constitution.
- C Perform all duties incident to the office, or as required by law or the Board.
- D. Maintain a current copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies, debts, obligations belonging to the Club. He shall make all payments of the Club's debts. He shall collect Regional Club dues required by National Policy. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other orders for payment or money shall be signed in the name of the Club by the Treasurer or, in his absence, by the Regional Executive subject to such other conditions and requirements as appear elsewhere in the Constitution. He shall give bond, at Club expense.

The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at all Regular meetings, and if so requested, at any other meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors may appoint an Assistant Treasurer to act in the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall submit an annual financial report to the Board no later than January 31st of the following year. This statement should indicate the overall financial status of the Club and the relative contribution of each major area of the Club activity to that status, including administrative and other expenses and income.

Section 5.

The Board shall submit for membership approval a proposed annual budget for the ensuing year no later than the Regular February meeting.

Section 6.

No obligation, debt, or other liability shall be incurred by any officer or member without the specific prior approval of a majority of the Board, with the exception of Event Chairpersons while operating within previously approved budgets.

Section 7.

It shall be the duties of the Activities Director to arrange all events for the year as specified under Article I Section 1, Section 2., of this Constitution. The Activities Director shall submit to the members a tentative schedule for the ensuing year at the regular February meeting and keep members advised as to events of other local Sports Car Clubs and any changes in the schedule. The Activities Director shall maintain and make available, a permanent file of all event instructions, course maps, route instructions, event general and supplemental regulations and car classifications.

Section 8.

There shall be a Regional Protest Board consisting of the Activities Director and both Directors-at-Large who shall resolve all protests lodged by competitors in any event except where otherwise provided in event or other regulations. Decisions of the Protest Board shall be final. In case one or more of the above named is directly involved in such a protest, they shall be replaced by the Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive, Secretary, Treasurer, in that order.

Section 9.

The Competition Chairman, appointed by the Regional Executive, shall act as the Liaison between the Competition Board of the SCCA, Inc. and the Region and its members. He shall be responsible for enforcing all Competition Regulations SCCA, Inc. within the Region. He will approve competition drivers in accordance with SCCA, Inc. regulations. He will keep the members of the Region informed of changes in Competition Regulations, procedures, schedules of Drives Schools, races, and other matters which pertain to the Competition Program of SCCA, Inc.

ARTICLE IV

Membership and Dues

Section 1.

All members in good standing of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., residing in the counties of Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington of the State of New York, shall constitute the members of the Club.

Section 2.

New Members: Applications for membership in the Mohawk-Hudson Region, Sports Car Club, Inc., and the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., shall be forwarded to the National Office of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., for processing. The applicant shall be considered a member in good standing upon receipt of the application and annual dues by the National Office.

Section 3.

The annual Region Club Dues may be changed only by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting the purpose of such meeting having been announced in the Club's publication at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting, and any such change in dues shall take effect in accordance with National Policy.

Section 4.

Membership in the Club will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues concurrent with National deadlines.

Section 5.

Any member may be suspended until the next Regular meeting for infraction of Club rules by vote of a majority of the Board, or for other cause if a majority of the Board shall deem such suspension to be in the best interest of the Club. Upon such suspension, the member shall be so informed in writing and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard thereon before the Board. Any member suspended as provided above shall be presented at the next regular meeting for expulsion and shall be expelled if the majority of the members present and voting, vote to expel him or her. If the majority of the members present and voting do not vote expulsion, the member shall automatically and immediately be re-instated as a member in good standing. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

Section 6.

Any member may resign by directing a letter of resignation to the Secretary. His resignation shall be effective on receipt provided all indebtedness to the Club is paid.

ARTICLE V

Meetings and Members

Section 1.

The annual meeting of the Region shall be held at the regular meeting in December of each year for the election of officers, and such other business as lawfully may come before the meeting.

A written notice, stating the place, day, hour, and purpose of the annual meeting or any special meeting of the Region shall be given by the Secretary not less than seven days nor more than thirty (30) days before such meeting to each member by mailing first class, to the address appearing on the Club's Roster, said notice.

Section 2.

Other meeting of the Members or Board may be called by the Regional Executive or by a majority of the Board.

Section 3.

Board meetings shall be scheduled by the Regional Executive. All actions taken by the Board shall be entered into the minutes and be presented to the membership for information at the next regular meeting.

Section 4.

All action, except amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be by a majority vote of those members present and voting. Voting by absentee ballot, except for amendment of the Constitution shall not be allowed, except with approval of the majority of the Board in accordance with the rules they prescribe and with notice to all members.

Section 5.

All meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the latest published revision of Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI

Amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1.

The Board of Directors, or any five members in good standing, by written petition submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to the Constitution or By- Laws. Upon such proposal being made, a copy thereof shall be included in a notice of the next meeting of the members, together with a ballot upon which members may vote for or against said proposal. If two-thirds of the ballots cast favor the proposal, the proposed amendment shall thereby be approved and adopted.

ARTICLE VII

Fiscal Year

Section 1.

The fiscal year of the Club shall be the Calendar year.

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February 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order - 7:40 pm.

SECRETARY - meeting minutes approved for the January membership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP - there are 414 Region members - unchanged since last month. Two members dropped off the roster and two new individuals joined. Jim Garry indicated that there is considerable turnover in membership over the course of a year, i.e., approximately 1/4 of the membership in the last year. Reasons include individuals join, race for a couple of years, and then decide to discontinue racing for a variety of reasons and their membership lapses.

KNOCK-OFF - email bouncebacks for the Knock-Off continue to be a problem. Members should make certain that current email addresses have been provided to the Region's newsletter editor.

TREASURER - summary of previous month's income and expenses provided. Proposed budget for the upcoming year reviewed by the membership. Budget approved unanimously.

SOLO - Solo Advisory Committee recently met to discuss next year's schedule. We will no longer have access to the Fortitech site due to a change in the company's ownership. Russ is researching potential new sites. We are scheduling events for the upcoming year at the OGS lot. If we secure an additional site, we will move races to the new site as appropriate. We will also need to secure a site for Street Survival. The OGS site is not very conducive to Street Survival. If we decide to use that site, we may need to limit the number of participants.

RALLY - held last Saturday night - January 31. Event was very successful. Five teams participated. Scoring between the teams was very close. Jim and Tricia Bucci were thanked for the hard work they did to put the event on.

PDX - PDX was discussed at the Solo Advisory Committee. A PDX could be financially positive for the Region. Issue is staffing - BMW Patroon staff would need to assist.

ACTIVITIES - Karting and golf outing is planned for the upcoming summer. Eric would like to have an indoor karting event this winter, but does not have the time to put the event together. If someone would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Eric.

COMPETITION - there is a change to the medical form submitted with the competition license. The Medical Review Board has been discontinued. Physician completion of the medical form is all that is now required. The Glen is being repaved, only two races will be held - the July Sprints and the Majors in May. First Regional race will be at New

Hampshire during Memorial Day weekend. A race is scheduled for Palmer August 22/23. Thompson races will be held Friday/Saturday this year (no Sundays).

OLD BUSINESS - National Convention - five Mo Hud members are scheduled to attend this year.

NEW BUSINESS - Mini Con - Mo Hud will be hosting Nov 13 - 15. Will be at the Saratoga Holiday Inn. Details will be discussed at the next Board meeting - February 23. By Laws - Eric received a copy recently and reviewed. They may need updating. We will publish in the Knock Off and on the website for review by the membership. Jim suggested, and all agreed that a small committee be constituted to then review and propose revisions. Banquet awards - the t-shirt graphic was used without the artist's approval. Eric contacted the artist and informed him of our error. The artist is in Great Britain, and while disappointed that we had used his material without prior permission, agreed to accept a t-shirt and 70 pounds (approx \$100) for use of the graphic. Motion approved to reimburse the artist. Cub scout troop will be having a pinewood derby on Saturday February 28 at Betlehem Town Hall. They've requested our assistance in putting on the event. Please contact Eric Kroth if interested in assisting. MoHud van needs replacement. Further discussion is needed.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

2015 MoHud Snowflake Rally

The 2015 Snowflake Rally was held on Saturday, January 31st. It was a cold and blustery afternoon and evening so even though no new snow was falling, plenty of snow was blowing around ensuring a snowy rally. I believe all of the entrants encountered drifts of either “fun” or “intimidating” proportions on the hilltown roads of western Albany County.

We did have some unexpected excitement in the form of an emergency road closure on Route 85 that prompted an eleventh hour route change on the final leg. Everyone managed to make their way back to Latham for post-rally stories, food, drink, and trophies.

Trophies were awarded to:

Todd and Nancy Boice 1st place

Jim and Rose Ann Garry 2nd place

Pete Smith and Geoff Stim 3rd place

Congratulations to our winners. Thank you to all the entrants. We hope to see you all at the next rally.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Arne Beebe, Jack Hanifan, and Peter Kroth for their assistance at tech, registration, and checkpoints. I also want to thank Jim Bishop for all of his input, help, and advice while planning and preparing for the rally.

Trish Bucci

Entrants and workers hanging out at Advance Auto in Latham prior to the rally.





Some entrants took the time to check out the instructions, ask questions, and figure out how to calculate.



First car off... Nancy and Todd Boice



Second car off... Jim and Rose Ann Garry



Last car off



Road Rally safety steward (and all around assistant), Jim Bucc



Road Rally Chair, Trish Bucc



Relaxing at '76 Diner in Latham after the rally



Rally Report

By Jim Bucci

On Saturday February 7th, **Team Bucci** (Trish, Kerry, and I) made our way west to Dansville, NY to compete in the Finger Lakes Region CABIN FEVER RALLY 2015. The drive out I-86/Rt 17 was a good break-in run for our new Honda CR-V, and the traction control and ABS were welcome equipment on the snowy back roads of the rally route.

Starting at Scovill's Grill in Dansville, 14 teams took on the approximately 150-mile road rally consisting of both paved and unpaved roads in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of the state.

Gary Thomas/John Kastenhuber took the overall win and the win in the Equipped/A class with 54 points (Eagle Talon). Second overall and first in the Limited/A class was the team of Jeff and Steve Coppola (Subaru) with 57, followed by third overall, Karl Haltiner/Kyle Engebrecht with 84 points (Subaru).

Griff Jones/Chris Haka (Subaru) won the Stock class and James Parascandola/Paul Grossi (Subaru) claimed the win in the Novice class. Team Bucci (Honda) was very happy with a second place finish in the Novice class.



FLR member Mike Toombs with Kerry and Trish



Checkpoint!



Subaru was clearly the car of choice for the competitors although Ford, Volvo, Honda were also represented



Team Bucci selfie



No trip to the Finger Lakes region is complete without a stop at the Blue Dolphin Diner on the way home