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THE REPORT

MoHud has recently had some fascinating outings on our calendar. On a recent October Sunday, we took member Dave Burnham up on an invitation to come tour his Citroen repair & restoration facilities. It brought back childhood memories for me when I lived in Germany in the mid-70's with my family. We'd often notice Citroens of various styles on the streets of Bavaria, most notably 2CVs as they putted around, with their hip, typically younger female, drivers. It was a fun afternoon outing arranged by Activities Director Tracey Burckhard, and a good-sized group came out to participate. Many thanks to Dave for his hospitality.

Next up, we held our November member meeting at the Tech Valley Center of Gravity, a maker's space that was developed by a group, including member Bob Bownes. Bob invited us down to check it out, so we took advantage of that opportunity. About 20 members attended and it was very well received. I think a lot of folks saw the opportunities for developing race car parts, and that really got imaginations going.

We have important region business coming up soon in the form of the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet. Officer elections need to be formalized soon. If you've ever had the desire to run for a position, I can give you more information on how to put your hat in the ring. We just opened [registration for the banquet on MotorsportReg](#). Cost will remain at last year's prices: \$30pp.

THE REPORT (CONT.)

We're back to the **Gateway Diner, Albany**, for our **monthly membership meetings**. It would be great to see you and to get your input on various topics discussed about where our region is heading and what lies ahead. Please join us!

Toys for Unity House: Once again we plan on collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys to contribute to Bob Karl's donation to Unity House for Christmas. If you'd like to participate, please bring a toy to the December meeting, or contact me (MoHud.RE@gmail.com) to see if we can arrange to pick up your donation. It may be possible to drop off your donation directly to Bob at

Finally, nominations will be due soon for anyone who wishes to run for a **MoHud officer position**. Until we get the nominating committee put together, please contact me if you're interested in running for a position.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 20 – Roundabout Rally (TSD), day-of / in-person registration (Details later in this KO)

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

Jan. 14 – Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet, SAM, Saratoga Springs, NY.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – JIM GARRY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Total membership as of October 28th is 313. This is about where we were last month and represents a significant drop in membership over the past 17 months. The lowest membership numbers occurred during the height of the pandemic and while we haven't fallen that low, we are not far off. Please talk up the club to your friends, relatives, and acquaintances.

New members since September 1st

Jeffrey Morency, Queensbury

Brendan O'Brien, Latham

Mark Calkins, Stuyvesant Falls

Scott Bissi, Cazenovia

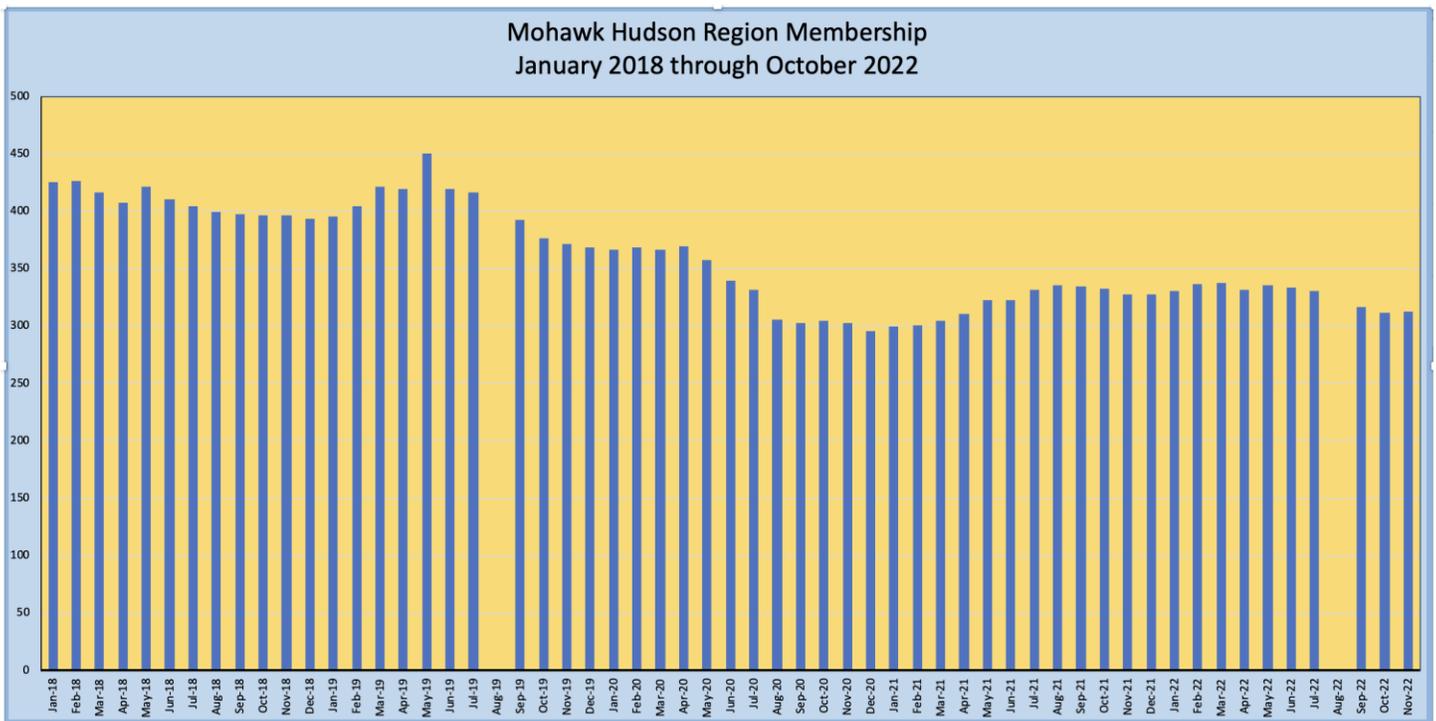
Only Jeffrey selected an interest and he listed Club Racing, Solo, and Time Trials.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (CONT.) – JIM GARRY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Significant Anniversaries in November

50 Years

Richard Walsh - *Richard is an SCCA Life Member and currently lives in Vero Beach, Florida. His racing career included a fun stint in a Lotus Europa in the 70s. He has dual membership status with us and Central Florida Region.*



TREASURER REPORT – PAUL MALECKI

- CB checking account balance as of 1 November 2022: \$29,387.69

...this is after \$3,669.94 in outstanding checks from TRSS and Solo Event #3 expenses.

- October bank statement reconciled.

- Solo Event #3 \$\$ as follows:

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MoHud Solo Event #3 \$\$

10/8/22 through 11/1/22

Date	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount
10/11/22	Motorsportreg	2022 Solo Event 3 Regis-	Solo:Registration	1,130.04
10/13/22	SCCA	2022 Solo Event 3	Solo:SCCA Dues	-70.00
10/17/22	Motorsportreg	2022 Solo Event 3 Regis-	Solo:Registration	1,401.48
10/17/22	Poughkeepsie Sports Car ...	Portappotty Solo Event 1	Solo:PaddockExpense	-183.60
10/17/22	Poughkeepsie Sports Car ...	Tech City Rental Solo Event 1	Solo:Site Expense	-1,000.00
10/26/22	SCCA	Invoice 2124955 for 54	Solo:SCCA Insurance	-405.00
10/26/22	SCCA	Invoice 212955 for 54	Solo:SCCA Sanction- admin ...	-351.00
11/1/22	Russ Burckhard	2022 Solo Event 3- Hannaford- wa...	Solo:PaddockExpense	-4.96
11/1/22	Russ Burckhard	2022 Solo Event 3- Stewarts	Solo:PaddockExpense	-2.91
Total 10/8/22 - 11/1/22				514.05
Total Inflows				2,531.52
Total Outflows				-2,017.47
Net Total				514.05

Does not include apportioned Van expenses in the \$200 - \$300 range...

- TRSS Expenses to date as follows:

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October TRSS \$\$ to Date

10/1/22 through 11/1/22

Date	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount
10/7/22	Deposit	Oct'22 TRSS	TRSS	500.00
10/26/22	Saratoga Auto Museum	Expenses fo TRSS 16October22	TRSS	-1,116.26
10/26/22	Milton Fire Department	Cntrbtrn for Skidpad Support TRSS 16Oct22	TRSS	-300.00
10/28/22	Jim Garry	Gas for Van	TRSS	-27.08
10/28/22	Jim Garry	Printing and promotion	TRSS	-42.11
10/28/22	Jim Garry	Paddock expenses	TRSS	-3.77
Total 10/1/22 - 11/1/22				-989.22
Total Inflows				500.00
Total Outflows				-1,489.22
Net Total				-989.22

Does not include apportioned Van expenses...

/s/ Paul M.

SOLO REPORT - *RUSS BURCKHARD*

The 2022 Solo season ended last month. 54 entrants came out for the finale. Tracey Burckhard had the top Pax followed by Nigel Boyce, Luke Partridge, Max LuxRamos, and I in the top 5.

Top three in their classes were:

- Russ Gorman and Jim Garry finished behind Tracey Burckhard in Street.
- Aiden Fahy and Ray Nelson were runner ups to Max LuxRamos in Touring.
- Mike Gabryszewski and Bill Bennet finished behind Joe Cassidy in Street Prepared.
- Paul Beechner and Mikey Albacete were behind Luke Partridge in CAM.
- Sal Baisley and William Fish chased Trevor Lowe in Prepared/Modified.
- Scott Merrick, and Travis Aanensen tried to catch Gregory Burckhard in Novice.
- And the top three Pros were Nigel Boyce followed by me and Tom Taft.
- Andy Furlong had the FTD, followed by Trevor Lowe, and Luke Partridge.

I hope to see all the season winners at the annual banquet this January. You will have to wait until then for my season recap.

Russ Burckhard, Solo Chair

RALLY REPORT – KEN RELATION, RALLY CHAIR

The 11/20/22 TSD Roundabout Rally registration will go from 9:15am to 9:45am. There will be safety / driver's meeting at 9:45 and the rally will begin at 10:00am sharp. The starting location is the empty parking lot behind "13-North"; 2955 US-9; Malta, NY 12020. There is a Stewart's across the street for those needing gas, restroom, snack, or a beverage before we start.

The Rainier Auto Sports Club has a well explained YouTube tutorial on TSD rallying (see below):

<https://youtu.be/9h7ttXAzUo8>

Teams will be given a rally route book with instructions to turn, drive "X" distance at "Y" speed; then, turn.... and so on, and so on. Precision driving is key. Early is as bad as being late. Points are accumulated for both early and late. Lowest score wins. There will be somewhat hidden checkpoints to confirm team progress throughout the rally. All teams will finish at a restaurant to be announced in the rally route book where we will commence the story telling and enjoy good food with great friends.

Thank you,

Ken & Michelle Relation

Road Rally Chairperson \ Rallymaster

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – RUSS BURCKHARD

The Nomination Committee is looking for nominations for Officers for 2023. Current officers are:

- Regional Executive - Eric Smith
- Assistant RE - Salvatore Baisley
- Treasurer - Paul Malecki
- Secretary - Shelby Blanchette
- Directors at Large - Bruce Kosakoski and Chip Van Slyke

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (CONT.)

Bruce has said he is not going to run for next year and will step down at the end of 2022. I have expressed interest in taking over his position as one of the Directors. If there is any member interested in running for a Board position for MoHud, please, let me know.

Thank You,

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MOHUD'S UNIQUE PLACE IN RACING HISTORY - BY GREG RICKES



With the dedication of pavement at Lime Rock that extends from the exit of the Esses to the Uphill in honor of Paul Newman it's worthy of note to re-tell the role the Mohawk-Hudson Region played in the racing career of arguably SCCA's most famous member.

Also, showing my age, and acknowledging this was half century ago ago, I wonder if I need to provide some more general background? Paul Newman was an acclaimed cinema actor for several decades. Among his best-known works were "The Sting", "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid", "Cool Hand Luke", and "Slap Shot". In a bit of art imitating life, he was also the voice of "Doc Hudson" in the animated favorite "Cars".

Newman, or "PLN" as he was colloquially known, developed a passionate interest in auto racing springing from his role in "Winning". He pursued this avocation by taking up racing, with SCCA, at age 47 in 1972.

Here's where MoHud comes into the picture. Newman's first race after completing drivers' school, was at Thompson Raceway's road course in June of 1972. It was a regional race, and it was organized by none other than Mohawk-Hudson Region!

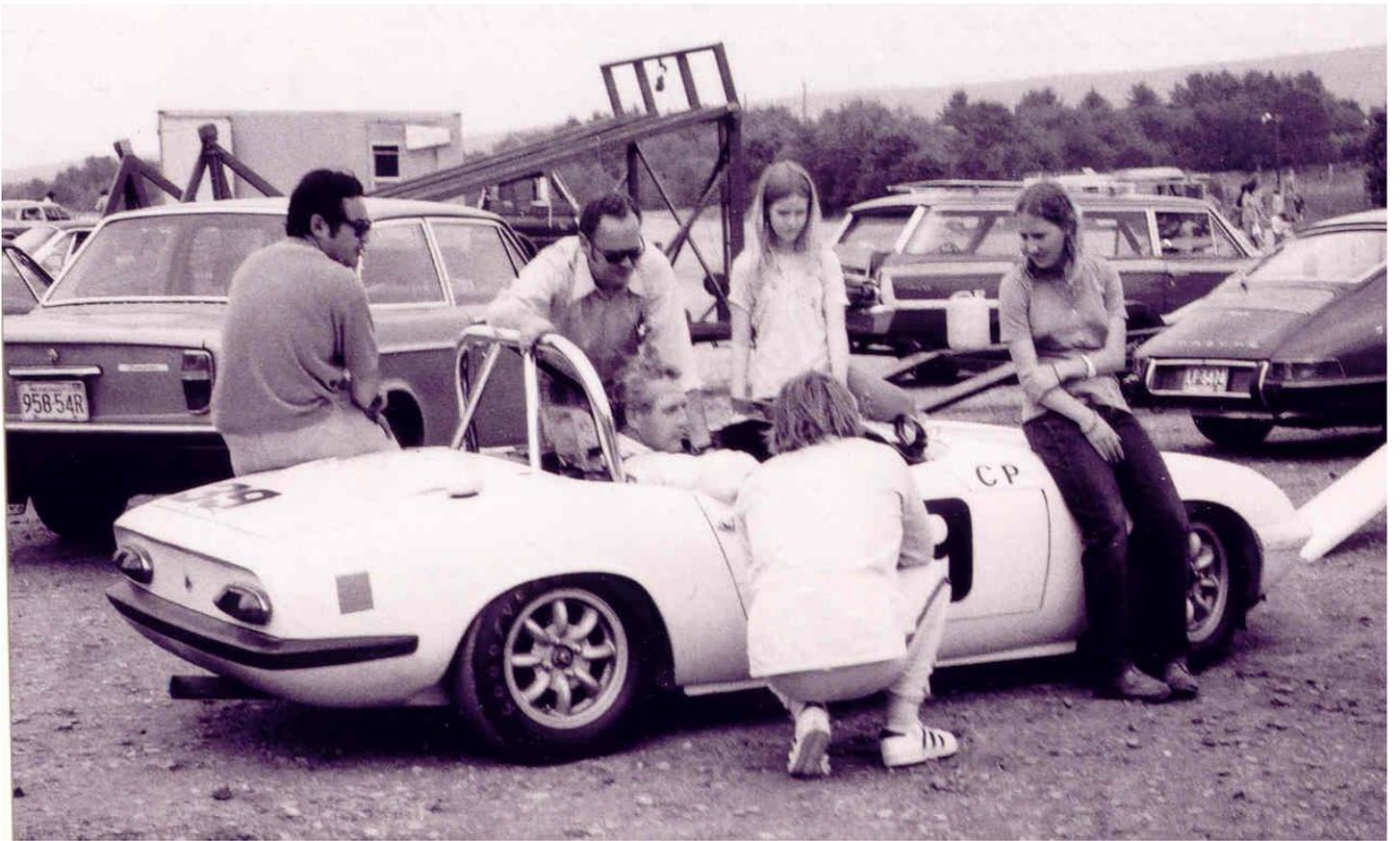


PLN had more than his share of drama getting through the drivers school; for various reasons he had to use several cars to complete the full range of track sessions. When he arrived for his racing debut he was in a borrowed car, a Lotus Elan, owned by Dick Yagami (who would later do aerodynamic work for Dyson Racing on their Porsche 962 GTP car) and shepherded for the occasion by Pete Mullen, one of the key technicians at Datsun's powerhouse of the era, Bob Sharp Racing.



The Thompson race was an obscure event on a busy calendar and the only on-lookers for the occasion were the other racers, which suited PLN just fine. It is probably fair to say he did make a favorable impression on the usually blasé female contingent on hand. Later, even at club races, there would be star-struck crowds to contend with.





Among the current MoHud members on hand, including myself, Clark Nicholls, and Dave Hathaway the recollection is that PLN performed competently. He didn't win, but his performance was good enough to garner a trophy, which Nancy Geer, wife of MoHud's Regional Executive Howard Geer, got to present in-person at Lime Rock a few weeks later.



Paul Newman's passion for racing would extend more than three decades. He continued to drive into his 80s, and along the way he scored numerous SCCA club victories, several National Championships, along with professional racing wins in the Trans Am Series and the IMSA Rolex 24, as well as a runner-up finish in the 1979 24 Hours of Le Mans.

And it all started with Mohawk-Hudson Region, June 16-17, 1972.
