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Steve Introne (12), Milos Milivojevic (18), and Max Lux Ramos (9) Dive onto the oval at NHMS

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# What's Happening

- June 3, 2026**      **6:30pm. Cars and Cones summer social gathering #1. Guptil's Ice Cream 1085 Loudon Rd, Cohoes.**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Guptillsicecream/>
- June 12-13, 2026**      **Paddock Crawl Regional at Lime Rock Park. Event #1, Mohud Road Racing Championship** <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/ner-paddock-crawl-2-lime-rock-park-scca-new-england-club-racing-174138>
- July 3-4, 2026**      **Last Chance Majors, Thompson Speedway, Thompson CT. Event #2, Mohud Road Racing Championship.**  
<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/ner-northeast-last-chance-majors-3-thompson-speedway-motorsports-park-276706>
- July 12, 2026**      **MoHud Solo Event #1. Registration now open:** <https://msreg.com/MoHud-Solo-2026-Event1>
- July 26, 2026**      **MoHud Solo Event #2. Registration now open:** <https://msreg.com/MoHud-Solo-2026-Event2>
- August 2, 2026**      **Finger Lakes Solo National Tour:** <https://www.scca.com/events/2009041-2026-tire-rack-scca-finger-lakes-national-tour-seneca-army-depot>
- August 9, 2026**      **MoHud Solo Event #3. Registration now open:** <https://msreg.com/MoHud-Solo-2026-Event3>
- August 30, 2026**      **MoHud Solo Event #4. Registration now open:** <https://msreg.com/MoHud-Solo-2026-Event4>
- Sept 7, 2026**      **Solo National Championship, Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE,**  
<https://www.scca.com/events/2009396-2026-tire-rack-scca-solo-national-championships-lincoln-airpark>
- Sept 29-Oct 5, 2026**      **The Runoffs National Championship – Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI**  
<https://www.scca.com/runoffs>
- October 22-25, 2026**      **Time Attack National Championship, Eagles Canyon Raceway, Decatur TX.** <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-national-time-trials-eagles-canyon-raceway-trial-637587>

Check out the full regional calendar at:

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=4I0pcskqj0sbmtq8scke5et658%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=4I0pcskqj0sbmtq8scke5et658%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York)

# Tales from the Track

## Race Report: NER Season Opener at NHMS, by Teresa Lux

The 2026 Road Racing season opener was held at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on May 16th and 17th. Nine MoHud members participated. Cloudy skies on Friday cleared for two sunny, dry track days; a perfect weather start to the season.

Austen Levesque headed to the track with his 2017 Toyota GT86 early for the test and tune event on Friday, May 15th after making changes over the off season. Due to an inconsistent drizzle of rain on Friday the track was not wet enough for rain tires while not completely dry for slicks impacting the ability to get a solid tuning session.

The sound of impact guns began early Saturday as drivers finished pre-season and race prep. Due to some changes in spec regulations; scales were busy with weigh-ins. Morning qualifying was increased from 15 minutes to 18 minutes.

Jared Lendrum returned to the track in his 2017 Subaru STI racing in T3 securing second after the qualifying round. In Race One, Jared had a great restart taking the lead up the hill, finishing the race in second place. Austen continued to test out his car placing fourth for qualifying and in Race One. Austen moved into second place on Sunday in Race Two; Jared pulled off track mid-race for three laps due to excessive shaking of the car. Back in the paddock after completing the race further investigation revealed the car needed more mechanical work than could be provided at the track so Jared was able to get an early start back home. A broken axel cut short Austen's time in the Feature Race, leaving him with a great view of racers in the bowl as he awaited a tow from the grass. He was able to make some repairs to get the car loaded with its own power back into the trailer for the trip home.

1	B-Spec	12	Steve Introne	13	1:20.856	Windham NH	NER	180337	Mini Cooper
2	B-Spec	9	Max LuxRamos	13	1:20.912	Valatie NY	MHR	553284	Mini cooper
3	B-Spec	61	Jeff Andrews	13	1:20.924	Preston CT	NER	488648	Honda Fit
4	B-Spec	11	Zachary Introne	13	1:21.057	Windham NH	NER	373213	Mini Cooper
5	B-Spec	3	J B Swan	12	1:21.206	Braintree MA	NER	312130	Chevrolet Sonic

### B-Spec Top 5 Grid after Qualifying

With the top four B-Spec cars (Group 5) running within 1.5 tenths of a second of each other in qualifying, there was much excitement for Race One.

Max LuxRamos (2011 Mini Cooper) sat in the front row on the outside for the split grid. The Stewards' eyes were on the racers given some issues with the split grid during the New Hampshire race last year. Pleased with the pace lap performance of the lead cars, B-Spec was awarded a second pace car for Race Two and the Feature Race. For several laps in the first race, Max battled from second and closed in on the leader. Demonstrating his speed and patience to make his move at the right time, Max took the lead and held it until the checkered flag finishing as the only B-spec car on the lead lap. Sitting in the pole position for Race Two, Max took the lead early at the green flag and kept it until the checked flag earning his second win of the season removing any doubts that his Championship win in 2025 was anything but earned. There was an hour delay before the Feature Race due to an on-track incident in Group 4 resulting in replacement of barriers and tires at the top of



the hill; race time was cut from 21 minutes plus a lap to 18 minutes plus a lap in order to fit in the remaining race groups before close of the day. Competitors were anxious to get the jump on Max at the start resulting in Max in losing the front position at the green flag. It was only a few laps later when Max was back in front holding that position through a yellow flag and track traffic. The race finished under a second yellow with Max sweeping all three races with first place wins.

Jim Cutler (2012 Mazda 3) raced Saturday in Group 6 with the Miatas. Jim improved his lap time during Race One. Jim joined fellow MoHud IT7 racers Sal Baisley, (1985 Mazda RX-7) and Mike Gabryszewski (rented 1984 Mazda RX-7) in Group 5 on Sunday. As Jim changed sessions, he was placed at the back of the first race group in 10th position. Jim quickly



**Foreground: Jim Cutler, C-Spec Mazda 3**



**Sal Baisley, IT7 RX-7**

moved up in position once enjoying the opportunity to experience real wheel-to-wheel racing. Jim placed 1st for C-Spec in all three races. Sal wore several hats over the weekend helping in Tech, hosting volunteers at the volunteer experience, helping other drivers, and as a driver himself on Sunday. Having earned his Novice Permit last year, this was Mike's second race weekend working towards his full competition license. He raced at Lime Rock last year and has completed Track Night and Autocross events as well in the past.

Also making the trip out to the track this weekend was Doug Garrison with his SCCA Enterprises SRF3 in SRF3, Hilton Tallman (Vallis BRD BRD) in FV, and Ron Bass (1998 Volkswagen Mysterian) in FVR.



## **Become an SCCA Race Data Technician- By Harry Adalian**

### The Most Overlooked Job at the Track

Every Super Tour weekend, a quiet but critical operation is happening behind the scenes — one that most spectators and even many competitors never notice. A small team of Race Data Technicians is collecting, analyzing, and delivering objective performance data that shapes the very rules of the sport. And they're looking for people like you.

### What Is a Race Data Technician?

The SCCA Race Data Technician program gathers objective vehicle performance dynamics from race cars. It's a vital specialty within SCCA Road Racing — it provides those who consider performance and rule adjustments with actual data about how vehicles build speed, going well beyond what lap times alone can tell you.

GPS reporting boxes are attached to select race cars to gather location-specific information including speed points, turn points, and more. That data is then analyzed and formatted using a variety of software and delivered to Club Racing Board (CRB) committees, giving them a solid foundation for Balance of Performance (BoP) decisions — things like whether to add or remove weight or restrictors from certain car models in certain classes.

In short: the data you collect helps keep competition fair and the racing exciting for everyone.

### Where You'll Be Working

Race Data Technicians are deployed exclusively at SCCA Super Tour events — the highest level of amateur road racing in the United States. A Super Tour weekend runs like a professional race event: tight schedules, formal race control, and serious competitors who travel nationally to earn points toward the Runoffs. This isn't a casual club day. The environment is structured, the stakes are real, and the experience you gain is genuine motorsport.

For 2026, the Northeast Conference Super Tour event is June 19–21 at Watkins Glen International — one of the most storied road racing circuits in North America, and practically in our backyard. When you're in the data room at The Glen on Super Tour weekend, you're not a spectator with a clipboard. You're part of the operational fabric of a world-class facility running a world-class event.

### What Will You Actually Do?

As a Data Tech, the work falls into four areas:

- **Data Collection** — Learning to install, configure, and retrieve data from GPS performance logging hardware attached to race cars before and after sessions.
- **Analysis** — Reading speed traces, corner analysis, and sector data to surface meaningful insights using professional motorsport software.
- **Collaboration** — Working alongside Technical Inspection, Grid, and Race Control to coordinate data collection smoothly within the demanding flow of a Super Tour weekend.
- **Strategic Contribution** — Participating in pre-season planning sessions and post-race impound reviews, and bringing your own ideas to the team.

### No Engineering Degree Required

This is one of the most common misconceptions about the role. Interested parties must be at least 18 years old but do not have to be engineering students. From undergrads to doctoral candidates and beyond, what's desired are people with an interest in getting a hands-on, behind-the-scenes look into motorsports.

If you're analytically curious, comfortable with software, and love racing — you already have the foundation. The rest is learned on the job alongside experienced mentors who have worked this program at regional, divisional, and national championship levels.

### A Community That Takes Care of Its Own

The Data program has become known for its tight-knit culture. Data interns at national events have described their mentors as trusted guides who teach well and prepare newcomers thoroughly for the demands of the role. It's not just a technical assignment — it's a team.

### A Pathway to the National Championship

Starting at the Super Tour level puts you on a direct pathway into the biggest event in SCCA road racing. The Hoosier Super Tour is a gateway to the SCCA National Championship Runoffs, being held September 28 – October 4, 2026 at Road America. The experience and relationships you build at The Glen travel with you.

Like all SCCA worker specialties, Data Technicians are licensed by the SCCA through regional, divisional, national, and senior license grades — so your growth in the role is formally recognized as you advance.

### How to Get Started

New recruits are welcome regardless of prior experience. Introductory sessions like Race Data 101 cover the fundamentals from the ground up. All you need is SCCA membership and a willingness to learn. The June 19–21 event at Watkins Glen is your opportunity — reach out now so we can get you prepared before race weekend.

For more information contact:

Paul Morrison will be leading the data team at The Glen.

His cell number is 724-730-2044 email is [fuelports@gmail.com](mailto:fuelports@gmail.com)

# Treasurer's Report

By Pat Clair

## Mohawk-Hudson SCCA Treasurer's Report – June 2026 Knock Off

On April 30, 2026, the accounts totaled \$29,116.07 –

- Checking/Money Market \$13,938.37
- 6 Month CD #1 (Matures 05/06/2026) \$ 5,090.59
- 6 Month CD #2 (Matures 09/07/2026) \$ 5,026.24
- 6 Month CD #3 (Matures 07/05/2026) \$ 5,059.87
- Savings \$ 1.00

### May Banking Activities (To Date):

- TRSS (04/19/2026) –
  - Income – SCCA Foundation Grant.
  - Expenses – Food, Supplies, Bus Fuel, Saratoga Auto Museum partner share, Patroon BMW CCA partner share.
- CD #1 matured 05/06/2026. Moved interest to Money Market.
- SCCA Membership Dues (April 2026) income.
- Autocross Equipment Purchase –
  - Expenses – Farmtek 10" LED Scoreboard (includes hard-sided case, wireless interface and cable), Power Supply for Scoreboard, Scoreboard stand.

**Andy Furlong very generously DONATED funds to pay for the wireless Scoreboard. Thank you, Andy!**

**Bare Bones Furniture previously DONATED funds for discretionary spending. Their donation will be used to cover approximately 60% of the cost of the power supply. Thank you, Bare Bones Furniture!**

As of May 22, 2026, the accounts totaled \$30,192.28 –

- Checking/Money Market \$15,105.17
- 6 Month CD #1 (Matures 11/05/2026) \$ 5,000.00
- 6 Month CD #2 (Matures 09/07/2026) \$ 5,026.24
- 6 Month CD #3 (Matures 07/05/2026) \$ 5,059.87
- Savings \$ 1.00

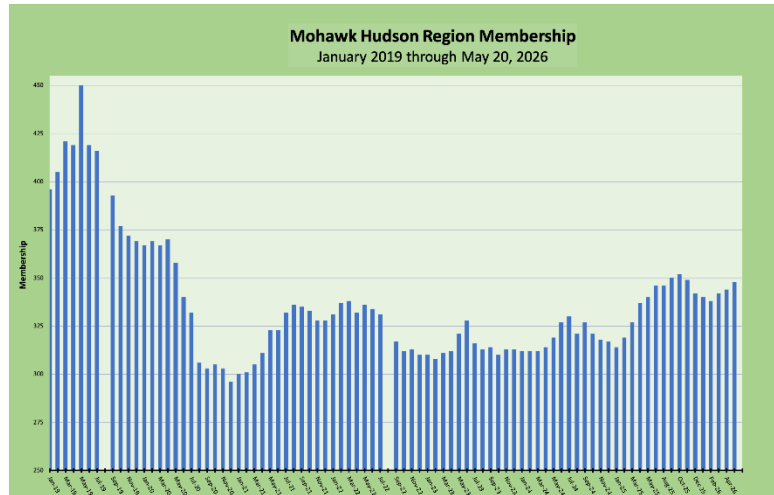
### Upcoming Financial Transactions:

- GTA Rally (04/12/2026) final expense.
- May interest posted at end of month.

# Membership Report

## June Membership Report, by Jim Garry

We have experienced an uptick in membership as per May 20th. We added a net of four members compared to last month and now stand at 348. Getting close to our previous 5-year high mark of 352.



### New Members Since April 30

Ezra McIlvain, Delmar

Kevin McIlvain, Delmar

Jordan Lupo, Levittown

Brian Wood, Germantown

Chinmay Wayal, Plattsburgh

Ezekiel Wright Brooklyn

Zoltan Herczeg Albany

Zoltan Herczeg, Monroe

Kevin is rejoining after having been away for some years. He brings with him his son Ezra.

Ezekiel (Zeke) is well known to autocrossers from an earlier decade and as far as I know he continues to reside in Minnesota.

Welcome to all!

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## **Significant Anniversaries in June**

### Five Years

Jerry Huchro - We're not sure if Jerry is related to Matt but regardless, happy anniversary Jerry!

### Ten Years

Roxanne Gould - Happy Anniversary

### Fifteen Years

Lyndon Peck - Everyone who autocrosses with the region knows Lyndon. Thank you for all your work as a chief.

### Forty Years

Lester Figarsky - Lester has road raced with SCCA in the northeast for many years.

# Minutes of the Meeting(s)

**Submitted by Matt Fraley, Treasurer**

Meeting Minutes from Membership Meeting on 4/1/2026

Meeting was called to order by Regional Exec Sal at 7:01 PM

Motion to accept minutes as written in KO, Vince, seconded by Pat. All for.

Membership Report- See Membership Report published in Knock Off for more details.

Knock off Report - Anyone interested in having an article or pictures in the Knock Off, please have all entries to Chip by the 20th of the month.

Treasurer's Report - See the Treasurer's Report published in the Knock Off for details on the club's financial and CD accounts. After tech party petty cash will be returned.

Solo Report- Dates chosen 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, and 8/30. Aero Science Museum notified us that they are having paving done, and this will not allow us to have an event there. Still looking for other sites closer. A few different sites were mentioned that State Office campus could still be an option, however there is still a lot of construction occurring there. BJs in Rotterdam, not a good site.

We are looking for a new display, least expensive is \$1375.

Cost PP increased \$5. Chief's price increased \$10. Currently we need 43 participants to break even.

TRSS- Sitting at 16 students. Instructors needed.

Rally –Spring Valley Rally. Everything is set. Location is Park and Ride off 88. Currently at 8 teams. Course length is 61 miles.

Track - The official MoHud calendar has been recently updated with all the local track events.

Activities - No further club activities have been planned.

Road Racing – Tech party is the 18th at North Country Subaru. There will be food and drinks. Don't show up before 12 noon. Planning to go to ADK Carting after. Buy 1 race and get a free SIM race.

Championship posted. Five events may need to investigate and find the five most popular events.

Long term problem we are facing is that Road Atlanta is same weekend as TRSS.

Old Business – Rally Cross – David sanctioned the event by them. MoHud display at SAM 5/9 if you want to participate let Chip know. Cars will be restricted and decided by Chip.

New Business – EJ talking about new banners. Ours is the old logo. Checked Walsh’s, and the price was shockingly low, so EJ will check it out. Online is \$140, and Walsh’s is \$90. Looking to have two made, with high quality. Budget is around \$300. Motion for \$300 budget made by Ken, seconded by Matt. All in favor.

Need helmet stickers, EJ might have some at home.

Recognizing \$200 donation from Bare Bones Furniture.

Lime Rock will have IMSA back in 2027. Micheline and TCR made deal with town to have events on Thursdays. Meaning events can be held on Thurs-Sat.

Opener NER track side experience 16th. Talk to Sal for more details.

A motion to end the meeting was brought to a vote by EJ and seconded by Chip. All present members voted and the motion passed “All for.”

The meeting ended at 8:03 PM

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Meeting Minutes from Membership Meeting on 5/6/2026

Meeting was called to order by RE Sal at 7:32 PM

**Membership Report-** See Membership Report published in Knock Off for more details.

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**Treasurer's Report** - See the Treasurer's Report published in the Knock Off for details on the club's financial and CD accounts. We now also have a site audit agreement for the Poughkeepsie site.

**Solo Report-** Sanctions are in.

**TRSS-** We are in need of a new chief instructor. Received the check after 2 weeks. We have agreed to reduce the payments going forward to Patroon to 10%.

**Rally** – Valley Rally was well attended. 13 teams, with 12 showing. Next GTA is 10/25/2026. Location is TBD.

**Track** - The official MoHud calendar has been recently updated with all the local track events.

**Activities** - No further club activities have been planned.

**Road Racing** – Track side experience on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Paddock Crawl on June 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. Date help needed for super tour at the Glen on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business** – SAM show we are good with cars.

**New Business** – Discussion about timing display. Andy Furlong volunteered to purchase the timing display.

A motion to end the meeting was brought to a vote by Vince and seconded by Diane. All present members voted and the motion passed "All for."

The meeting ended at 7:55 PM

# Regional Directory

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