

Jack Hanifan, Candidate for the SCCA Board of Directors representing Area 10

SCCA History -I think I am the best candidate for this position based upon by experience both in and outside of the club. I do believe that we are a club and every member should be represented by their various officers within the club. As a child I grew up in the world of local stock car racing, my uncle built racecars and I would spend the summers going to the track 4 or 5 times a week. When I entered high school, other activities prevailed and I did not make it to the shop or track as much as I did as a kid. Looking back, I regret that decision. While in college I purchased a Mustang and was married. My first real job was at a Bank and one of my co-workers was heavily involved in the local Mustang Club and he introduced me to rallying. My wife and I entered many Mustang Club and Mohawk Hudson rallies and did well. MoHud had a "Gymkhana" school which I attended and I was hooked. I now had a Fiat 124 Spyder which was the right car for the class. I was heavily involved in Solo for over a decade serving as Solo Chairman for about 9 years. In 1974 I went to my first SCCA Regional at Lime Rock Park, I had volunteered to work and when I arrived they had me lining up cars for practice, I did not even know it was called Grid. There were not any experienced Grid workers present and Bill Bradshaw came down from the tower and gave me a quickie lesson, the Chief Steward came down told me I was Grid Chief and we survived the day. Bill came back from the tower and invited me to work the Grand Prix at Watkins Glen. I became Grid Chief for MoHud and worked the U.S. Gran Prix and most races at Watkins Glen until the Grand Prix left. In 1980 I purchased a 1978 SSC Pinto and have been racing ever since. The Pinto was followed by a number of Volkswagens, a Honda CRX, a Dodge Shelby Charger, the Fiat 124 Sport Coupe and I have been driving a Miata for the last 12 years. Over the last 36 seasons I have set several Lap Records and also been the slowest car in my class but I have always had a lot of fun. In the early 90's Bill Bradshaw asked me to enter the Stewards program and I advanced from SIT to National Chief Steward and served as both Area 10 Deputy Executive Steward and NeDiv Executive Steward. I was appointed to the National Court of Appeals and served two years in that position.



Service to my Region- Since I joined MoHud in 43 years ago, I have been Regional Executive 5 terms, Asst. RE 2 terms, Activities Director two years, Solo chairman 9 years , Competition Chairman about 30 years. I have chaired 6 Roundtables or Mini- Conventions. I have served as our Knock-Off Editor and instructed at Street Survival. I initiated and staff our recruiting boot at a local Car Show which attracts 1,000 attendees every month in the summer.

Service to the Division- I served as NeDiv Competition Licensing Chairman for ten years. I am an at large member of the NeDiv Council. I have Served as a representative to the NYSRRC, NARRC and NeDiv Race Series and been NeDiv Executive Steward.

Non SCCA Experience- I had a short banking experience followed by a 31 year career as a High School teacher my last 12 years serving as Athletic Director. My duties as AD included arranging interscholastic contests, compiling budgets, hiring and evaluating coaches, officials and security workers. When my SCCA friends asked me what my job was like I would say “It is being like a Race Chairman every day.”

My goals as a Director- Attend meetings and events of very region in Area 10 and listen to the membership. Continue the clubs policy of making it easier to enter our events, find ways to lower the cost of competing whether it is Solo, Club Racing, Rally Cross or Rally.