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The Starting Line

REport by Pete Sedlak

**Neohio Awards
Banquet
February 8, 2014
Register Today!**

*Ohio Winter Rally
February 1st*



Hi all!

Winter is really here! Hopefully you are all planning on making the 2013 Awards Banquet. The registration form is below.

This promises to be one of the best banquets with the induction of the Neohio Hall of Fame.

Throughout this winter we have been trying hard to get all the schedules put together for next year.

Our next Rally is next month so if you want something out of the ordinary speed driving, try the Ohio Winter Rally. Greg Lester and crew have set up a very picturesque course.

Solo, Rally Cross, Road Racing, they will all be moving right along as we proceed to get the committee meetings going.

Well that's all for now. Your humble servant,

Peter Sedlak

Neohio Region Presents 2013 Annual Awards Banquet

Pine Ridge Country Club • 30601 Ridge Rd • Wickliffe, OH 44092
Grill Room

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Six O'clock in the evening • Cash Bar 6:00 pm • Dinner 7:00pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Email: _____ Best Phone #: _____

Guest #1: _____ Menu Selection (Choose 1) \$35/person

___ Chicken Marsala ___ Sliced Roast Beef ___ Eggplant Parmesan

Guest #2: _____ Menu Selection (Choose 1) \$35/person

___ Chicken Marsala ___ Sliced Roast Beef ___ Eggplant Parmesan

(Please indicate additional guests & menu selection on separate sheet of paper.)

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Mail form and check payable to **Neohio Region** no later than February 1st to:

Peggy Dietz, Neohio Region, 2165 Stony Hill Rd, Hinckley OH 44223-9508
fford18@adelphia.net

Once check is received, your reservation is confirmed.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Hahn 440-478-5984 or sapphanddia@gmail.com.

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Monthly Meetings

Neohio Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Any exceptions will be published in *The Blower*.

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the private room at Captains Club, 34820 Vine St., Eastlake, OH. Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Membership meeting dates and times are published in *The Blower*.

The Blower

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Great Lakes Division website: <http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/>

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Pracker, Tara Oram, Duane Harrington, Peggy Dietz, Dorothy Harrington, Jeff Blumenthal
Jim Leagan, Bob Doernberg, Roland Hahn, Greg Vandersluis, Dan Koplow

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Pete Sedlak, Denny Freeman, Pat Prill, Mike Puskar, Stephanie Hahn

Jim Pracker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MOTION to accept the Minutes as corrected: *R. Hahn/J. Leagan – Approved.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Peggy said we need to get the QuickBooks upgrade, as the version we have is no longer being supported. Last one we did was in 2010. **MOTION** to allocate \$200 for the QuickBooks upgrade. *Du. Harrington/R. Hahn – Approved.*
- A couple outstanding things from the Quad, but at this point are non-issues. The invoices will be dealt with when they do surface.
- Duane mentioned that we need to renew our charter with State of Ohio. **MOTION** to renew the Neohio charter. *Du. Harrington/R. Hahn - Approved.*

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Nothing to report as Pete is excused.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: Nothing to report as Pete is excused.

MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 519 members. 28 new and 12 expired. 26 are from the Street Survival event and are First Gear memberships.

- Jeff B. and Bob will review membership and get Jeff up to speed.

RALLY: No report.

SOLO: No report.

RALLYCROSS: No report.

STREET SURVIVAL SERIES:

- Bill Crowe gave a complete recap of the event and some feedback that was received from the activities. It was overall a very successful and well run and attended event for our first effort.
- 2014 SCCA will still provide donations to help fund the events. Memberships will be a family membership instead of a First Gear membership. Will hopefully get the entire family involved and supportive and cross over to other venues within the club.
- 2014 will have different handouts and presentation materials for the classroom portion.
- 2014 is planned to have over 100 events. More are becoming in conjunction with PCA and Corvette clubs as well.
- In car instructors will need to be certified. Short video and tutorial to be quizzed. Basic stuff.
- Bill would like to get a letter of recommendation from the Superintendent of Revere Schools so that we can use to promote to other districts. Bob D. had not heard anything back yet. Would try to get feedback and letter in process.
- Looking at possibility of Avon Lake and Copley as some other opportunities for next year.
- Had been told of some not so pleasant comments being shared among a local region. We all need to work together to make this work for the area. We should be backing other regions and vice versa to help grow this event and others like it. Keep professional.

HALL OF FAME:

- All inaugural inductees have been contacted regarding their status and have been invited to the banquet.
- Initial class of inductees to the Neohio Hall of Fame is as follows: Reed Andrews, Frederick Baker, Al Beasley, Sr., Cleo "Ma" Beasley, Bill Benham, Chuck Dietrich, and Con Peplowski.
- The committee is pleased with this first class and is looking forward to the 2014 class.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Decoders that were ordered are waiting to be shipped.
- Banquet committee requested budget for awards. **MOTION:** To budget \$600 for trophies for the banquet. *Vandersluis/Koplow – Approved.* Committee was going to talk to Debbie LaFond about helping with trophies again.
- Election committee re-capped and presented the election report for the board. Board for 2014 is as follows: Asst. RE: Jim Green; Rec. Secretary: Tara Oram; Treasurer: Peggy Dietz; Membership Chair: Jeff Blumenthal; Trustees: Dan Koplow, Scott Lunder, Stephanie Hahn. **MOTION:** To accept election committee chairperson's report. *Du. Harrington/R. Hahn – Approved.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dorothy read off the Neohio Regional Championship winners. We have a tie in T4.
- We MUST do all nomination of annual awards at the next meeting. Tabled till January meeting.
- **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:43pm – *R. Hahn/Doernberg - Approved.*

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram
December, 2013 – **Approved | Final**

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 30	December 31	January 1 New Year's Day	January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5
January 6	January 7 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	January 8	January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12
January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19
January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24 Sno* Drift Rally, Atlanta MI	January 25 Sno* Drift Rally, Atlanta MI	January 26
January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1 Ohio Winter Rally	February 2
February 3	February 4 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8 Neohio Banquet	February 9
February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15 Winter Challenge Rally, Vermont, www.ner.org	February 16

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Information for Area 4 Members – December, 2013

Dear Area 4 Members,

The BOD December meeting is always a busy one as we close 2013 business and get ready for 2014. My time started on Wednesday for a day and a half of Planning Committee meetings. These meetings focused on increasing member value, support for entry level programs, improvement of member services, discussion of various business opportunities and a review of different governance models that would aid the growth of the club. The general BOD meeting began Friday. Here are some highlights you may want to know:

President's Review and Search

Interim President **Lisa Noble** presented an excellent overview of Staff's work the past three months. I was impressed by how fortunate SCCA is to have so many smart, dedicated people that work for this club, both paid and unpaid. For the record, we are also fortunate that Lisa was willing to serve as Interim President. While we conduct our search for SCCA's next President, she is doing a superb job in all respects. Speaking of the search, we are receiving resumes of possible candidates through January 15, 2014 at presidentsearch@scca.com. I have joined the *Search Committee* that will vet potential candidates.

Financial Stuff

One of the tasks of any business at year-end is to review the Financials and make a new budget for the next year. This was accomplished with great detail and few surprises. In keeping with a non-profit corporation, we didn't make a profit. But we were right on the predicted budget numbers. Our Investment Account continues to grow through savvy investing and your club is on very solid financial ground. VP Finance **Rick Ehret** and Treasurer **Mike Lewis** deserve some accolades for their stellar performance. We were also helped by some strong income from SCCA Pro Racing.

Sponsorship and Marketing

The BOD was briefed on our Sponsorship and Marketing efforts. This revenue is down as we struggle, like everyone else in the racing industry, to find good sponsors. We do have many sponsors that stay with us through thick and thin, but we are always looking for new ones that will have programs that directly benefit our members. Several new deals will be announced soon.

Membership

We will add approximately 2450 net members in 2013, bringing our total to 42,929. About 11,000 new members will join the club, but we continue to lose members in the first and second years that don't re-up. We recognize that member retention needs to occur at the Regional level. When the Region connects with its new members, they renew. And if they stay more than 5 years, odds say the members will remain for a very long time. The BOD and Staff are working to provide Regions with more tools to reach their members and extend member value.

Runoffs Review and Qualification Criteria

We recapped the 2013 Runoffs and discussed plans for 2014, including some logistics for Laguna Seca. I have attached a chart showing the qualification criteria to qualify for the Runoffs. Since there is a Regional path starting in 2014, it is a bit more confusing, but it should also provide better access for those who wish to race more locally through the season.

As part of this discussion, we also considered the relevance of the tow fund. I am interested in your feedback. Is this fund still relevant? Would you prefer to see the tow fund abolished and entrant costs lowered? Let me know.

(Harris continued on page 6.)

2014 SCCA Tire Rack ProSolo Series, National Championship Tour, and Match Series Schedules

Our briefing from the Solo Racing Department included a review of these important series. Of significance to us in GLD are the following dates:

- June 28-29: Toledo Express Airport in Toledo, OH Pro
- July 26-27: Wilmington Airpark in Wilmington, OH Pro
- August 2-3: Wilmington Airpark in Wilmington, OH Champ
- April 12-13: Wilmington Airpark in Wilmington, OH Match
- July 5-6: Grissom Airpark near Peru, IN Match

More info can be found here: <http://www.scca.com/solo/news.cfm?cid=51705>

NCM Motorsports Park

Our audit of The National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, KY on October 28 went extremely well. With our own **Jerry Cabe** driving and with a group of us onboard the Suburban as riding mechanics, we set a new ultimate track record. See it here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkiehwxBtOw>. Of course it helps when you are the first ones ever on the track, but who cares. I will be making a follow-up visit on January 25 with SCCA Interim President, **Lisa Noble** and SCCA Chairman of the Board, **John Walsh**. The SCCA is very excited about this new venue. Watch this space for more information.

Club Racing

Make sure you read FasTrack this month as the BOD approved many rules changes aimed at improving competition. We discuss each and every proposed change, without exception, to make sure our member's best interests are being served. If you have not read *Sportscar* this month, please take a look at **Jim Wheeler's** column about class management. The CRB "gets it". IMHO, these guys do a fabulous job with very complex subject matter. You are part of this process, as the CRB depends on your letters to effect change. This is your club; don't be shy. Last item in Club Racing was a discussion about the "rules season". As more Divisions race year-round (not GLD) it clouds the current cutoff dates to maintain our rules season. Also, what constitutes a rule change vs. a competition adjustment? This is an ongoing discussion.

SRF Gen 3

SCCA Enterprises is about to launch one of the most exciting programs in their history. The current motors are reaching their service life with many now difficult to rebuild to exacting standards. A new drivetrain has been in test and deliveries will commence in Q2 of 2014. The new engine is more powerful, making the Gen 3 cars faster than current cars. Over the next 3 years, SRF will morph to SRF3 as cars are converted. I have been appointed BOD Liaison to SCCA Enterprises to help shepherd this important transition. Yes, you will need to spend a few bucks to convert to the new specs. But, we are taking steps to ensure the investment will be worth it.

Rallycross (RallyX)

A new site acquisition brochure has been created for Regions to approach landowners when seeking a RallyX site. It will be up on the website shortly. Also, the RallyX National Championship will move to a new site in Iowa for 2014 (well, it IS closer than Tulsa). The RXB has a vacant position at the moment. Please let me know if you are interested.

SCCA Hall of Fame

This year's inductees to the SCCA Hall of Fame have been announced. They are **Kathy Barnes, Bob Bondurant, Dan Gurney, Dr. Bob Hubbard** and **Jim Downing** and GLD's own, **Peter Hylton**. Way to go Peter! This is the first class where all the recipients are very much alive. It should make for a very entertaining evening in Charlotte.

As always, let me know if there is anything you need.

Yours for a better SCCA,

Steve

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TRACK FIRST

Ohio Winter Rally 2014 - Saturday, February 1st

This year's Ohio Winter Rally is on Saturday, February 1. The rally is the second round of the 2014 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship and counts toward the SCCA National Touring Rally Championship (Regional Rally).

The route will take competitors over approximately 130 miles of rural roads in the Lake Erie "snowbelt" counties of northeast Ohio. The rally difficulty will be dictated by prevailing road and weather conditions. Competitors should come prepared to spend extended periods of time outside in severe winter conditions.

Competitors can expect an absolutely straightforward, gimmick-free time-speed-distance (TSD) road rally. Emphasis will be on precise timing at well-placed controls. A columnar "tulip" route instruction format including official mileages for all action points will be used. Redundant, clarifying instructions will be included anywhere that there is any question of route-following ambiguity.

Rally Start Location: DiBella's Subs
30050 Aurora Rd. (SR 43), Solon, OH 44139
(Latitude: N41°23.810', Longitude: W081°27.953')

Tentative Schedule: (All times US Eastern Standard Time)
Sat., 1/25: 18:00 'Early' Entry Cutoff
Sat., 2/1: 14:30 - 15:30 Registration
14:45 Mini Rally School-experienced competitors welcome
16:01 Car #1 Starts Rally
21:30 (approx) Car #1 Finishes Rally
22:00 Provisional Scores Posted (hopefully)
22:30 Awards Distributed

Classes:
E Equipment unrestricted
L Odometer unrestricted. Calculating device restricted only in that it may not be integrated with odometer and clock.
S Unmodified stock odometer only. Calculating device restricted to non-programmable electronic calculator or any mechanical calculator.
Novice Class S entry in which neither team member has entered more than 5 TSD rallies previously (simultaneously entered in Class S for championship purposes).

Entry criteria/required equipment: Entry is open to two-person teams. Each competitor must sign a SCCA liability waiver at registration. Note that SCCA now requires signatures of both parents on minor waivers. Contact organizers in advance to obtain minor waiver forms.

Each driver must possess a valid automobile operator's license, and be prepared to produce proof of a valid auto liability insurance policy meeting coverage minimums listed below. Each car must have at least one reflective warning triangle or 30 minutes of road flares..

INFORMATION

Contact Greg Lester at 330-256-6531 or WGregoryLester@gmail.com.

Teams are urged to enter early.

ENTRY FORM: Ohio Winter Rally 2014

Fees: SCCA Members \$35/car before early entry cutoff Non-Members \$40/car before early entry cutoff
\$45/car after cutoff \$50/car after cutoff

Entry fee includes nationally mandated weekend membership (purchaser entitled to discounted annual membership for limited time. See www.scca.org for details.)

Registrar: Mail entries (checks payable to Neohio Region, SCCA) to
Ohio Winter Rally, Greg Lester, Registrar, 90 Devon Lane #201, Akron, OH 44313

Driver: _____ Navigator: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ e-mail: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____ e-mail: _____
SCCA Member? ()Yes () No Minor? (No minor drivers.) SCCA Member? ()Yes () No Minor? ()Yes ()No
Number: _____ Region: _____ Exp. Date _____ Number: _____ Region: _____ Exp. Date _____

VEHICLE (Please be specific.): **CLASS (Circle one): E L S Novice**
Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____ License# _____ State: _____
Distinguishing characteristics: _____ How did you hear about event? _____

The entrant warrants that an auto insurance policy with liability limits of not less than \$20,000/\$40,000/\$10,000 is in force for each vehicle entered.

Driver _____ Date _____ Navigator _____ Date _____

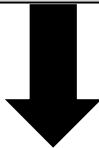


2014 SCCA National Championship Runoffs Qualification Criteria

U.S. Majors Tour Path

Participate in 3 separate Majors weekends AND 3 individual race finishes
MINIMUM

Plus, any of the following:



Finish in Top 10 of your Class in your Conference points standings.

OR

Finish in Top 50% of your class in the Nationwide points standings.

OR

Achieve a point total in your class \geq 2013 mid-point* Nationwide points for your class.



2013 Nationwide Points Target			
AS – 53 pts	FE – 43 pts	GT3 – 59 pts	STL – 16 pts
B-spec – 44 pts	FF – 33 pts	GTL – 46 pts	STU – 31 pts
EP – 45 pts	FM – 65 pts	HP – 38 pts	T1 – 52 pts
F500 – 61 pts	FP – 41 pts	P1 (CSR) – 43 pts	T2 – 65 pts
FA – 44 pts	FV – 48 pts	P2 (DSR) – 38 pts	T3 – 66 pts
FB – 57 pts	GT1 – 36 pts	SM – 10 pts	T4 – 53 pts
FC – 31 pts	GT2 – 25 pts	SRF – 12 pts	

Divisional Path

Participate in 4 Divisional Runoffs Qualifier event weekends.
MINIMUM

AND



Finish in the Top 3 in Class in your Division points standings.
*SM/SRF – Finish in the Top 5
*For NP/SP – *2014 ONLY* Top 50% of the Divisional points standings if space permits.*

*mid-point is determined by the middle finishing position driver's points.

Prototype

Its over. As the racing season winds down from Nelson Ledges to Road Atlanta, one spectacular era is ending. The final curtain will fall on the P1 class in America at Petite LeMans. My first loves in racing were the Ferrari GTOs and Shelby Cobras, but it soon transferred to their big brothers. Ferrari 330Ps 330P2s, 330P3s and 330P4s with their screaming V12s were challenged and eventually beaten by the thundering V8 Ford GT40s, GTMKIIs and GTMKIVs from the good old USA.

Porsche soon put on their big boy pants and built the 908 and the

frighteningly fast 917 featured in the cult hit movie LeMans starring Steve McQueen. Ferrari countered with the 312P and the 512S. Matra, Alfa Romeo and Renault played for a while.

The 956 Rennsportwagen was Porsche's offering at the start Group C Prototype era. A beautiful print in my home hails it as Ein Konzept Fur Die Zukunft, A Concept for the Future. It certainly was as the 956 and its 962 variant dominated sports car racing for years.

BMW took it's shot and produced the LeMans winning V12 LMR. Ferrari made a long awaited return to prototype racing with a winner

in the 333SP. Most recently the technological marvels that are the Audi turbo diesel hybrids have beaten all comers including the Peugeots and Toyotas. Sadly, at Road Atlanta the Muscle Milk Honda HPD and Dyson Lola Mazda are all the P1s that remain.

But do you know what prototype means? It means an original to be copied. Certainly the technology on some of the race cars has been transferred. We also have a prototype in the way we should live, loving and serving others. His name is Jesus.

Chaplain Marvin Gray
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MOVEMBER

Once again this year it will be my pleasure to MC the Kryderacing Regional Championship Banquet. It is the 31st year of the series and as always Reed and Sandi should be greatly commended for their support of Regional Racing in the areas of Northeast Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, and Central New York. I look forward to the usual great night of bench racing and looking toward the 2014 season.

But those who attend will see something different. I will again be sporting a cookie duster, upper lip plumage, face fungus, lip toupee, stache, face furniture or whatever else you want to call it. Now you may think I want you to think this beautiful gray growth is just a repositioning of hair that I am missing from the top of my head. No, there is a grayter purpose, (get it, grayter?) It is my Movember moustache.

What is Movember? Cue the history. Back in 2003, 30 Mo Bros in Melbourne, Australia first grew their moustaches to support men's health causes. Now the movement is global with over 21 countries and nearly 4 million Mo Bros and Mo Sistas a part of the campaign. As men are becoming an important part of breast cancer awareness, Mo Sistas can support the men, just without the Mo. The Movember Movement has donated 276 million dollars to support conversations about men's health and research for improved tests and treatments for prostate and testicular cancer.

For the last few years my son Matthew has participated. He lives in England where Movember is currently a much larger movement. So when I saw his sprouting Fu Man Chu, I decided to join him with my abbreviated version. But I have other reasons to participate. Close to five years ago I was diagnosed with

prostate cancer. By God's grace it was at the very earliest stage, and I was able to get treatment right away. I am blessed to say I am a prostate cancer survivor.

For others it has not gone as well. It is so hard to believe it has been over 10 years since we lost my long time race partner and friend Bill Stables to prostate cancer. A many time Kryderacing Series GT 3 Champion, he would have loved to be at another banquet, shooting the breeze and planning another run at a championship. Men, please get checked and go to my Facebook page and give a donation to my son's effort if you can.

Maybe next year you will also be a Mo Brother. Mo Sistas welcome, too!

Chaplain Marvin Gray
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Neohio Hall of Fame Inaugural Inductees

Based on nominations from Neohio members, the Hall of Fame committee selected the following Neohio members as the inaugural inductees. The induction ceremony will take place at Neohio's annual banquet on February 8, 2014.

Cleo (Ma) Beasley (deceased) - Neohio RE, founder of the Competition Clinic; 1990 winner of SCCA's Woolf Barnato award.

Chuck Dietrich (deceased) - very successful driver in both club and professional racing; national champion.

Connie Peplowski (deceased) - Neohio RE; national administrator Timing & Scoring; Chief of Timing

Neohio Hall of Fame Call for "Friends of the Neohio Hall of Fame"

Neohio Region is seeking "Friends of the Neohio Hall of Fame", both individuals and businesses, to

& Scoring for several professional series.

Bill Benham (deceased) - Neohio RE; founder of Lake Erie Communications.

Al Beasley, Sr. - DSR innovator; national champion; Presidents Cup winner.

F. Reed Andrews - Neohio RE; Driver of the Year; successful racer in several classes.

Fred Baker - active driver; several time national champion; raced both club & professional series.

financially support the Neohio Hall of Fame.

The costs related to the Hall of Fame will be for the awards, dinner tickets (2) to the Neohio banquet, and a permanent plaque which will list all inductees. We hope that Neohio members and business partners will see value in honoring our history by supporting the Hall of Fame. Supporters will be mentioned at the annual banquet and listed on the Hall of Fame program. If a single supporter contributes a large amount, that person's name/company could go on the individual awards.

Anyone interested in being a "Friend of the Neohio Hall of Fame" should contact Dorothy Harrington, doubledlh@hotmail.com.

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CARS

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'08 Pontiac Solstice T2, great condition, < 7500 total miles. Contact Bill at 440-821-6421.**

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