



The Blower

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The Starting Line

Report by Pete Sedlak

*Welcome New &
Returning Members!*



David Cumming of
Cleveland Heights

Ray Tanner of
Cuyahoga Falls

Happy February!



Happy February to all!

As we progress thru the year and make our way to warmer weather, we all must reflect on the time we have had to recharge our batteries for the upcoming season.

We have been busy this last month with the 2013 Neohio Banquet. I wish to congratulate all the award winners from this years banquet:

- Rookie of the Year - Danny Simmons
- Driver of the Year - Dr. Dan Koplow
- Reed Andrews Award - Erik Avendutti
- Eldon "Dutch" Moore Award - Brenda and Robert Nick
- Tommie and Bill Benham Award - Bill Snow
- Trustees Award - Todd Cholmondeley
- Betty and Roxie Kincaid Award - Jerry Waltenberger

• Thomas Prescott Award - Al Gaudino

• R.E. Award - Bill Snow

Congratulations to those who were inducted into the inaugural class of the Neohio Hall of Fame:

- F. Reed Andrews
- Fred Baker
- Al Beasley Sr.
- Cleo Beasley
- Bill Benham
- Chuck Dietrich
- Connie Peplowski

We also had our 49th Annual Neohio Winter Rally. Greg and company held a very challenging and fun rally this year. The results are posted in this edition of the *Blower*.

Hope to see warmer weather soon.

Your humble servant,

Pete Sedlak

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Ohio Winter Rally Historical Documents, Stories and Memorabilia Wanted

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the first Ohio Winter Rally, we are starting to gather a bit of the event's history.

If you have any documents and/or memorabilia, especially from the early years, we'd love to see it. We want to be able to recognize those who have made the event "memorable". If you have a good story

about something that happened to you or a friend on a past Ohio Winter Rally please share it. The statute of limitations has undoubtedly run out. If you can pinpoint the location, year, and identity of those who broke one of the rally's 3 simple rules, that would be great.

There are several pieces of road just waiting to be re-christened.



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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*.

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

www.neohio-scca.org

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Sedlak, Jim Pracker, Tara Oram, Peggy Dietz, Dorothy Harrington, Jeff Blumenthal
Jim Leagan, Roland Hahn, Stephanie Hahn, Greg Vandersluis, Dan Koplow, Scott Lunder

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jim Green

Jim Pracker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations for Chairman of the Board were presented.

MOTION to accept nomination of Jim Pracker for Chairman of the Board for 2014: *J. Leagan/P. Sedlak – Approved.*

MOTION to accept the Minutes as corrected: *Vandersluis/Koplow – Approved.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Was presented to the Chairman. No motion was made for approval for this month's report.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: It was stated that AJ Roderick has accepted the nomination and open position for Trustee. **MOTION** to accept nomination for AJ Roderick for the 2014 year – *P. Sedlak/S. Hahn – Approved.*

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP: Longevity awards will be figured out and names provided for banquet.

RALLY: No report.

SOLO: No report.

RALLYCROSS: No report.

STREET SURVIVAL SERIES: No report

HALL OF FAME: All have been contacted regarding the banquet and their induction.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Decoders that were ordered are being processed as soon as check request submitted to Peggy.
- Banquet committee has invited surrounding RE's as continued cooperation of our area and supporting of each other's events.
- Stephanie has possibly lined up a speaker, but will not know until closer to the event for sure.
- Stephanie asked for some help with final details regarding the banquet. People stepped in and will be assisting in those areas.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussions ensued regarding nominations for our awards to be presented at the banquet. Nominations were accepted. **MOTION:** To accept all nominations for awards for the 2013 year as presented and discussed. *Du. Harrington/Do. Harrington – Approved.*
- Will need to work on chiefs of specialty, budgets and such related items at next meeting.
- It was reminded to Pete, that Jim Pracker in his role of COB, is the one to cancel/reschedule meetings. Moving forward communication is key between the board members to make sure this club does not fail due to communications issues.
- **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:18pm – *D. Koplow/Vandersluis - Approved.*

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram
January, 2014 - FINAL | Approved

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Valentine's Day	February 15 Winter Challenge Rally, Vermont, www.ner.org	February 16
February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23 Sno-Go Rally, Erie, PA. Misery Bay Region, SCCA. www. mbrscca.com .
February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2
March 3	March 4 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9
March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16
March 17 St. Patrick's Day	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22 Steel Haul & Laurel Run Twin National Rallies, www. stcscca.com	March 23 Steel Haul & Laurel Run Twin National Rallies, www. stcscca.com

Solo

By Chairman Bill Snow

Information in future issues.

Rally Cross

By Chairman Pete Sedlak

Information in future issues.

Street Survival

By Chairman Pete Sedlak

A Street Survival meeting will be scheduled soon.

2/23/2014 – Sno-Go Rally, Erie, PA. Misery Bay Region, SCCA. www.mbrscca.com.

3/22-3/23/2014 – Steel Haul & Laurel Run National Rallies, Delmont, PA. Steel Cities Region, SCCA.

4/5/2014 – Twilight Tour, Ann Arbor MI. Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. www.detroit-scca.org.

6/7-6/8/2014 – CAST in Stone & Letters of Intent National Rallies (tentative), MI. Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. www.detroit-scca.org.

7/19-7/20/2014 – Twin National Rallies, Bloomington, IN. Indianapolis Region, SCCA

9/5/2014 – Press On Regardless (POR), Indian River, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. www.detroit-scca.org.

10/4/2014 – Clare Color Tour, Clare, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. www.detroit-scca.org.

10/18(?)2014 – Johnny Appleseed Rally, Bolivar, OH. Neohio Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. www.neohio-scca.org.

10/26/2014 – Lake Erie Covered Bridges Rally, Ashtabula, OH. Misery Bay Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. www.mbrscca.com

12/6/2014 – Pavement Ends, Lansing, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. www.detroit-scca.org.

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night: 2014 Ohio Winter Rally

By Greg Lester

Eleven rally teams braved rain, fog and slick roads on Saturday evening, February 1st. The rally was the second round of the 2014 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship series. Rallymaster Ken Swarm laid out a 141 mile course that led from Solon to Austintburg, and returned via the Warner Hollow covered bridge, Mesopotamia and Middlefield. The rally finished at the Auburn Inn, a somewhat rustic tavern near LaDue Reservoir.

After an unusually cold January, February dawned with above-freezing temperatures and liquid precipitation. Primary roads were merely wet. Secondary roads were mainly slushy, but patches of wet ice kept drivers alert in the northern part of the course.

We have to thank the Detroit Region rally community for showing their confidence in our rallies - nearly half the field hailed from southeast Michigan! The sub-optimal weather conditions probably cost us 5 or 6 of our usual "walk-in" entries.

It was also nice to have a large contingent of amateur radio operators willing to spend their evening providing a communications net over a 3 county area (a tradition started by former OWR rallymaster Tom Kimball KA8BZB). Some of these "hams" doubled as control workers – an arrangement we intend to exploit more fully in the future.

Complete leg by leg results can be found below.



2014 Ohio Winter Rally

Final, audited results

2/2/2014 2:09

Pos.	Class	Ct	Driver	Navigator	Vehicle	Total	Leg #:												
							Sec A	Sec B	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5.2
Road Name:							Valley	Pond	Durkee	Cork Cold Springs	Harpersfield	Tote	Riverdale	Higley	Montgomery	Wiswell	Sweet West		
Off. Mile:							0.820	5.224	6.836	25.768	4.347	6.607	0.795	4.090	15.195	7.104	2.429		
1	E1	5	Dave Sellers	Janis Ford	1996 Chevrolet Baretta	17	6	11	0	0	1	0	4	1	4	1	1	2	-1
2	L1	2	Ken Wiedbusch	Dennis Wiedbusch	2007 Chevrolet Cobalt	25	11	14	-2	-2	0	3	1	-3	-2	-2	-2	0	6
3	L2	3	Bruce Fisher	Matt Fisher	1998 Jeep Cherokee	30	11	19	-1	-2	-1	2	-4	1	10	-1	-3	0	4
4	S1	4	Adam Spieszny	Piotr Roszczenko	1992 Eagle Talon TSI AWD	32	16	16	0	8	-3	-1	-3	-1	-3	3	1	4	-2
5	E2	1	John Fishbeck	Laura Dawson	2006 Subaru Impreza 2.5i	48	41	7	-1	1	0	1	37	1	1	-2	0	0	3
6	S2	6	John Kytasty	Evan Christensen	2005 Volvo V70R	101	25	76	2	6	9	6	-2	0	1	-6	-12	10	-45
7	S3	9	John Voegeli	Tony Krncevic	2007 Ford Focus Wagon	232	126	106	-6	1	-7	25	40	-47	36	-43	-1	10	-13
8	N1/S4	7	Scott Bennett	Samantha Bell	2011 Subaru WRX	252	90	162	31	-13	-7	-5	-21	-13	85	-23	17	2	-31
9	N2/S5	8	Martin Trawicki	Michael Rohaley	2002 Subaru Forester	368	174	194	-13	-23	100	-9	-19	10	-49	-34	-49	33	-17
9	S5	11	Bill Crowe	Susan Crowe	2006 Saturn Ion	368	210	158	10	-14	11	100	27	-48	20	-40	30	5	44
10	N3/S6	10	Mike Hoffner	Colin Hoffner	2007 Toyota Camry	398	159	239	-1	-24	61	-47	-10	16	51	8	38	-12	30

NOTE: "-" indicates late arrival at a control.

Chairman: Greg Lester AA8XN
 Rallymasters: Ken Swarm N8PPT, Greg Lester AA8XN
 Course Precheck/Safety Steward: Bryan Bartzi KF8G
 Registration: Greg Lester AA8XN
 Control workers: Bryan Bartzi KF8G, M/M Pat Karl N8ONI, Kerrie Lane, Bob Nick KC8TNI, Brenda Nick, Carin Higgins, Alex Quirk N3WRJ, Jeff Arendas, Rob Moran, Ken Swarm, Jon Lester, Linda Lester, Sloopy
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TRACK FIRST

By Chaplain Gray

In Focus

This afternoon the focus will be on Daytona for the start of the Rolex 24, the first race in the new Tudor United Sports Car Series. With the "final" rules and driver ratings just released, it will be very interesting to see how things balance out. Preseason talk was centered bringing the performance of the former Grand Am Daytona Prototypes up to that of the former ALMS P2 cars. While the peculiarity of the high speed banking at Daytona may be a factor, qualifying suggests IMSA may have gone too far. Alex Gurney put his Corvette DP on pole, while the best new Ford EcoBoost DP is in 5th. The unique Delta Wing Coupe will roll off in 8th with the best P2 car only in 11th. At 2:10 PM on January 26, we will have that answer. The battle in GT Le Mans between the Corvettes, Vipers, Porsches, Ferraris and

BMW's should be fierce. Whatever the outcome, it's great to have racing back and know that spring is coming despite the death grip of the polar vortex.

Meanwhile, shivering outside in the ice and snow is my new ride. I found a used 2012 silver Ford Focus 5 speed Hatchback for sale in Cincinnati. It has all the good options like 17" alloy wheels, sport package with leather steering wheel and shift knob, disc brakes, sunroof, sync and heated seats (remember that polar vortex thing?) We bought my wife a similar car a couple of years ago and it has worked out well. I really enjoyed my Mazda Protégé 5 but it is going to a good home with the Grandson of Ray Furlong, a good friend of mine who has printed our ministry chapel fliers since day one. Allen Furlong is coming out of a Saab from the land of a thousand Saabs. Actually I think there is only 9 or

so that his father Ken owns. But Mazdas are encroaching into Ken's life as his 3 children now have Mazdas, 2 of which were purchased from me. Part of the deal in selling Allen the Protégé 5 was a road trip to Cincy to pick up my Focus. After some great service from Joseph Leasing, the shiny silver hatch was mine. Then we caught some tasty BBQ at Jim Dandy's across from the dealer and headed back to the northern most of Ohio's 3 C cities. It was good to get out of Dodge even on a very frigid day.

Now my family is really in Focus, let me ask where your focus is. As we wait longingly for racing to come north, how is your spiritual life doing?

Remember, God is always ready for you to focus on Him. He will never turn you away.

Chaplain Marvin Gray
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I'VE GOT IT - YOU WANT IT

Classified Ads For Members

Classified ads are a privilege to Neohio members. Each ad will run for three issues. If your item sells before the third month, please contact *The Blower* newsletter editor to remove the ad.

CARS

For sale, 1974 Datsun 260Z, automatic, good condition, only 63K original miles. Contact Jim Hilton 231-369-2273 (home), 231-384-1655 (cell), or jlh65elc@acegroup.cc for more info.**

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