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## The Starting Line

Report by Pete Sedlak

**Annual Tech and  
Driver Physicals  
April 19 • 9:00-Noon  
(See article on page 1.)**

*Happy St.  
Patrick's Day!*



Keep the faith! Spring arrives this month, as well as preparing for the racing season!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Tech and Driver Physical Day to be held at Nelson Ledges on April 19<sup>th</sup>. See article below for additional information.

Spring is also the time for driver's school!

Steel Cities and NeOhio have joined forces to present a one day driver school and one day Double Regional. The dates are April 25-27 2014 at Pittsburgh International Race Complex.

Friday night will be the classroom training, with in car training during the day on Saturday.

We will be having a group for Vintage drivers to full-fill their requirement to race vintage events at the driver

school, and a group on Sunday for them also, to allow for new and seasoned racer to come out.

The Sunday Double Regional will be part of the Kryderacing Series; also any student completing their driver school on Saturday will be Eligible to run the Sunday Double Regional toward getting their Competition License (for an Additional fee).

For more information, please visit website <http://stccscca.com/road-racing/forms-and-supps/>.

For event registration, visit website <http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/steeltcities-neohio-driver-school-dbl-regional-pittsburgh-international-451768>.

Your humble servant,

Pete Sedlak

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### SCCA Annual Tech and Driver Physicals Nelson Ledges • April 19 • 9:00 to Noon

The annual SCCA Tech and Driver Physical Day will be held at Nelson Ledges on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to noon.

For a physical appointment contact Debbie LaFond at [fastlady1026@yahoo.com](mailto:fastlady1026@yahoo.com) or 440-946-2207.

Tech Inspections are on a first come, first serve basis. Weather permitting, they will be done by the registration area at the track. If you have a new car or one that needs an additional logbook, please contact us in advance as well.



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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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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Pracker, Jim Green, Tara Oram, Peggy Dietz, Dorothy Harrington, Jeff Blumenthal  
Jim Leagan, Stephanie Hahn, Dan Koplow, Scott Lunder

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Pete Sedlak, Roland Hahn, Greg Vandersluis, AJ Roderick

Jim Pracker called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Would like to get audit committee in place and handled in February if possible.
- Has another check to deposit from the Street Survival course.
- **MOTION** to accept treasurer's report as presented. *Do. Harrington/Koplow – Approved.*

**REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:**

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:** Pete excused for the meeting.

**COMPETITION COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report. Pete should have some information regarding contract info next meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Just needs to find out about 60 year membership "award". Requested a budget of \$50 to replenish supplies that will be used for the banquet recognitions.

**RALLY:** No report. Ohio Winter Rally was this past weekend – so hopefully next month update on how that went.

**SOLO:** No report.

**RALLYCROSS:** No report.

**STREET SURVIVAL SERIES:** No report

**HALL OF FAME:** Trophies in hand and all ready for the banquet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Check request given to Peggy for the decoders from Stephanie.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Audit committee needed for audit. Jeff Blumenthal (chairperson), Dorothy Harrington and Duane Harrington will serve as committee. Date will be February 23, 2014.
- Stephanie is working on last few details for banquet. Center pieces, etc.
- Will need information from Pete regarding the Drivers School at PIRC and our involvement.
- Jim Green asked if Thank You letters were sent for the donations received from Street Survival event. It was stated that Pat Prill probably handled all that, but would check and verify.
- Jim stated he took some pictures and wrote an article about the event for the Shelly Company, which was to be published in their company newsletter. He would share once completed on their end.

- **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:39pm – *Leagan/Koplow – Approved.*

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

## Obituary

### Our condolences to the family of Robert McFarlin.

*Published in the Plain Dealer 2/5/14:*

McFARLIN ROBERT J. McFARLIN II, age 68, loving husband of Annette (nee Graham); devoted father of Robert J. III (Danielle); Amy and Michael; dear Papa of Robert J. IV

"Mac", Madelyn and Tony; brother of Douglas; loving uncle of many; son of the late Robert and Marjorie; passed away, Monday, February 3, 2014. US Navy Veteran. Funeral Services were at the McGORRAY-HANNA FUNERAL HOME.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH / APRIL 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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
March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
March 31	April 1 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	April 2	April 3 Solo Committee Organization Meeting	April 4	April 5 Twilight Tour, www.detroit- scca.org	April 6
April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13
April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19 Annual Tech & Physical Day, Nelson Ledges	April 20 Easter

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## Solo

By Chairman Bill Snow

The 2014 Solo schedule is coming together very nicely. We'll have more events at more venues than last year. The schedule is expected to be released Mid-March.

The Solo committee will hold it's 2014 Organizational Meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those interested in being an active participant on the Solo Committee should contact Bill Snow at 216-659-1179 to discuss becoming involved.

Solo Places of Information:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NeohioSccaSolo>
- Newsletter sign up: <http://eepurl.com/tZL8r>
- Website: <http://neohio-scca.org/solo/>

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## Upcoming Rallies

**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](http://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](http://www.detroit-scca.org).

**10/4/2014 – Clare Color Tour**, Clare, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. [www.detroit-scca.org](http://www.detroit-scca.org).

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



By Chaplain Gray

### Dad and I and the Car Show

As a nasty winter drags on and on and on and on in Northeast Ohio, the racing season seems forever away. If you don't get to go south for the early goes, checking out the new rides at the car show can help break the monotony. When my friend Ed and his girlfriend Robin suggested a double date at the Cleveland Car Show, my wife Joy and I were up for it. But for the last few years since my parents moved up from Troy, Ohio I have enjoyed an evening at the show with my dad, Ralph Gray.

Obvious solution-go twice. Thursday evening Dad and I were off to the west side and the I-X Center in my new to me 2012 Ford Focus. But it was first things first and car show attendees move on their stomach so a stop at the pizza buffet was in order. (Mom doesn't like Dad to have too much pizza so we have to grab it when we can.) Suitably nourished with assorted pizza slices and cinnamon rolls, it was past the airport to the show. After an endless hike across the windswept acres of parking lot,

### Street Survival

By Chairman Pete Sedlak

Watch FaceBook for additional information on Street Survival. Planning an information meeting later this month.

**10/26/2014 – Lake Erie Covered Bridges Rally**, Ashtabula, OH. Misery Bay Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. [www.mbrscca.com](http://www.mbrscca.com)

**12/6/2014 – Pavement Ends**, Lansing, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. [www.detroit-scca.org](http://www.detroit-scca.org).

we got a pleasant surprise. As we entered the lobby a nice man handed us two free tickets.

Once inside, Ford is first the display you see. After sitting in the Fiesta ST and checking out the Focus ST, I saw it. There, beautiful in arrest me red was the 2015 Mustang, fifty years in the making and all good. Maybe one day.

Wondering on toward my Dad's favorite Chrysler display, I saw the entrance for the Mazda drive and ride. We were plied with some excellent peanut butter cookies before a drive in the 2014 Mazda 3 2.5 Hatchback, a solid competitor for my Focus Hatch. Very impressive small car, but where in the stick shift Mazda? Remember Zoom Zoom.

Moving on, for the first time we rode on the Ram truck and Camp Jeep test tracks. Amazing off road capability absorbed most of the shock but it still rattles your fillings. You get a nice Ram hat and Jeep bag for riding and you should see our expressions in the picture taken as we bounced our way through. On we went to the back of the building to Millionaires Row to check out the Aston Martin and the first McLaren Convertible I have seen.

Of course no trip to the car show is complete without ice cream and some fudge to take home. We followed it with a stroll through the classic car display. There we picked up a brochure for the summer Mopar show. It will be another time to spend time enjoying cars with my Dad. Honor your father and mother.

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## 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](mailto:jlh65elc@acegroup.cc) for more info.\*\*

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

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