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The Starting Line

REport by Jim Green

Hall of Fame Nominations

The Hall of Fame committee is accepting nominations for 2015.

We need the name and a biography of the nominated person.

Please send to Dorothy Harrington at doubledlh@hotmail.com or by mail to Dorothy Harrington, 340 Bellaire Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012.

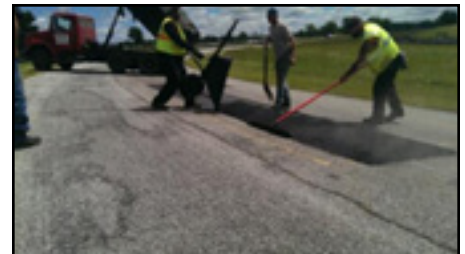
First things first. Nelson Ledges Race Track still exists and is open for business. This is not a rumor, but is a fact.

There are many rumors, but this is what I know. The previous track management of Scott Lane and Kerrie and Bryan Bartzi is no longer in place. I am not judging anyone here and have no intention to do so.

The current track manager is Todd Karam. Todd heads Motoserries, a motorcycle racing group that has been at Nelson Ledges for quite a while. On the weekend of June 7-8, the motorcycle group ran a successful race weekend.

During Memorial Day weekend I was at the track and observed eighteen areas marked for patching. Most of these areas were dug out and patched before the motorcycle weekend. The transitions from old track to patches and back out are very smooth. There is still much work to do to get everything ready for the Finger Lakes event June 21-22. Yes, the Finger Lakes event is still on the schedule. So are the Mahoning Valley events. We will need just as many volunteers as always.

On another note Jeff Blumenthal had an accident at the Mid-Ohio Majors event. From the information I received, Jeff spun and was hit by another car. Both cars went into the concrete wall. Jeff was life-flighted to



Patching on the back straight at Nelson Ledges Race Track.

the OSU hospital. I am very glad to say that his injuries, although severe, were not as bad as was initially thought. He has a broken shoulder and a couple cracked vertebrae. According to the email update that I received tonight(6/11/14), he does not have to wear a back brace and they are expecting him to heal without back surgery. Jeff said his body is "one big bruise with many interesting colors." At least his sense of humor seems to be unscathed! Hope you heal quickly Jeff. BTW, the car is toast.

Solo held another great event at the Medina County Fairgrounds with over 50 entries. Scott Hearne and the solo group put on a great event there. Great job!

Notice that there are no Trustees Meeting Minutes in this issue. With a large number of graduations, illness and racing commitments we were not able to have a quorum for the meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 1 at the Captains Club.



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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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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE / JULY 2014

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------|---|-----------|----------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| June 9 | June 10 | June 11 | June 12 | June 13 | June 14 | June 15 |
| June 16 | June 17 | June 18 | June 19 | June 20 NL - Friday Track Day/ Test & Tune | June 21 Finger Lakes event | June 22 Finger Lakes event |
| June 23 | June 24 | June 25 | June 26 | June 27 | June 28 | June 29 |
| June 30 | July 1 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake | July 2 | July 3 | July 4 | July 5 | July 6 |
| July 7 | July 8 | July 9 | July 10 | July 11 | July 12 | July 13 |
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Nelson Ledges Under New Management

(May 9, 2014) - Nelson Ledges Road Course has transferred management duties to Moto Series as the track's primary contact and handling of the facilities.

No Food or Drink Concession at Nelson Ledges

(June 4, 2014) - Unfortunately at the time, we are not able to provide food vending at the track.

Please be sure to bring plenty of drinks and pack a healthy lunch and snacks for the weekend.

Upcoming Rallies

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.

Neohio Solo Schedule

June 29 Lakeland Community College

July 13 Lake County Speedway

July 27 - Lakeland Community College

August 10 - Lake County Speedway

August 24 - Lakeland Community College

September 28 - Lakeland Community College



By Chaplain Gray

Who You Represent

It's May. May, that magical month of motorsport culminates this year with the running of the Monaco GP, the Indy 500 and the Charlotte 600 all on the same day. It is the ultimate smorgasbord of racing delight. All have their appeal. While I have raced at Charlotte and would love to experience Monaco (as if I could afford it) (I do have the poster!), Indy holds a special place in my heart.

My first visit to a race track was Indy for the 1965 Pole Day Time Trials. The enormity of the facility just overwhelms you. In fact, the Rose Bowl, Yankee Stadium, Churchill Downs, the Roman Coliseum and Vatican City all fit inside this hallowed oval. But beyond the 2.5 miles of the brickyard and the endless grandstands, it was finally seeing the stars of Indy and F1 at speed that grabbed me. Jimmy Clark, Jackie

Stewart, AJ Foyt, Parnelli Jones, and my heroes Dan Gurney and Rodger Ward flashed by at the speed of sound or at least in seemed like it. And the sound, the sound of the Offys, the Fords, and the Novis as they screamed down the 5/8 mile front straight into the tunnel of Turn 1 was a drug I have been hooked on ever since. Plus, I love the smell of methanol in the morning.

My memories of Indy actually go back to listening to the 500 on radio on Memorial Day 1962 in my backyard in Troy, Ohio. Rodger Ward won his second 500 and he was my guy. This year as I celebrated my 65 years on this earth my gift from my parents was a 1/18 scale model of the Ward's winning Offy Roadster. I love the flag type shield with the number 3 and the Leader Card 500 Roadster logo. Indy was one of the first places to have sponsors on the competitor's race wagons. Today in all pro racing the



drivers have obligations to represent those who make it possible for them to race and hopefully win.

When I was in London this spring and visiting the museum of the of my favorite Arsenal Football (Soccer) Club, a poster caught my eye. It featured the image of former Arsenal Star David Rocastle with his quote, "Remember who you are, what you are and who you represent." Good words for racers to live by. Great words for believers to live by.

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Neohio Region SCCA, Inc
2014 DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

ELIGIBLE DRIVERS

Any member of Neohio Region, SCCA who holds a Competition License or a Novice Permit is eligible. Drivers must be Neohio Members on the date of the event in which points are earned. In the event of Dual Membership, Neohio must be the region of record at the time the event is run before earned points are recognized.

ELIGIBLE EVENTS

National, Regional, and Novice Drivers must earn points in a Minimum of any four (4) SCCA National and or Regional races. Only the best six (6) finishes will be considered although drivers may enter as many as they desire and submit the results there of. No enduros, pro-races, or races for money will be counted. Only the longest scheduled race of the sanctioned event will be counted. Drivers must write the Region sanctioning the event, and the Day and Date the race was held on the result sheet. Runoffs or other Class Championship races will not be counted.

BONUS POINTS

Any Neohio Driver will be given ten bonus points for starting any Neohio event, with the exception of the driver school and enduro, for a maximum of 20 bonus points.

POINTS

Points are awarded for each event entered as provided in the "GCR", plus one point for each car BEAT finishing in class. The highest point total in each class from January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 will be considered in declaring winners of the series.

Ties in the final points totals shall be resolved on the basis of each driver's record of first place finishers: then if necessary, second place finishers: then if necessary, third place finishes etc., until all positions contributing to the point totals have been considered. In the event the preceding does not resolve the tie, the winner will be the competitor who raced against the largest number of starters for the races in his or her class. In cases where further tie-breaking is necessary, ties will be broken on the basis of which driver earned the total points first. First place trophies only will be awarded to the winner in each of SCCA classes. All Neohio licensed competition drivers are automatic entrants, so there is no need to register for the series. All that is necessary is that drivers report non-Neohio event points earned to the Pointskeeper. Copies of all OFFICIAL result sheets for your race must be included in reporting of points earned (except for Neohio events which will be automatically, recorded).

DEADLINE FOR REPORTING POINTS IS

November 15, 2014.

POINTS POSTMARKED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2014 SERIES !!!!!

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AWARDS

The Region Series Champions will receive awards at the annual Neohio Awards Banquet. Please forward Points to:

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**Former SCCA Chief, Hall of
Famer, John Bishop, Passes Away**

TOPEKA, Kan. (June 9, 2014) –Former SCCA Executive Director and Hall of Fame inductee John Bishop died June 5 in San Rafael, California due to complications from a recent illness. He was 87.

Bishop is widely recognized as one of the most important names in American sports car racing, having served in multiple capacities with key sanctioning bodies that have shaped the sport. His leadership roles included a stint as the Executive Director of SCCA from 1962-1969, a dramatic period that saw fundamental changes in the operation of the Club.

Bishop is survived by his son Mitch, daughter-in-law Julia, four grandchildren, brother Peter Bishop and sister Ruth Rodger. His wife, Peggy, preceded him in death in August 2013, as did his sons Mark and Marshall.