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The Starting Line

REport by Pete Sedlak

Upcoming Events

**Annual Tech and Physical Day
April 13**

**Solo Meeting
April 16**



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Spring Greetings!

It seems that spring has finally arrived and the race season will be here shortly.

We are in full swing with plans for all our new and established programs.

We will have an organizational meeting for all that are interested in the reinvigorated Solo Program. The meeting will be Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 at Mavis Winkles in Independence. We will have our own room, so ask if you don't see us. This meeting is for all who are interested in either racing or helping in running the events. For more info, please contact Bill Snow at 216.659.1179 or e-mail at billsnow@mac.com.

We are also pleased to announce that we will host a Street Survival course later this year, I encourage anyone who is interested in helping out to get in touch with me so we can get the event planned. This program is designed to help the newer driver learn how to handle their car and avoid accidents.

On April 13th, Neohio and Steel Cities Region will present the Annual Nelson Ledges Safety Day, along with Tech and physicals.

I have one more announcement before closing, we have a new website! Please go to it, look it over and send me any suggestions that you might have about making it better in order to serve your needs.

I need some feedback from the membership about how we get information out to you, so please respond either by phone 216.289.0840 or by e-mail speedchaser43@yahoo.com and let us know how you feel we are doing.

We are thinking about discontinuing the *Blower* with the last edition being in July 2013. We will still send out a newsletter to those of you that get a copy in your mailbox. So please let us know what you think.

As always, your humble servant,

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Annual Tech and SCCA Driver Physical Day

Annual Tech and Driver Physical Day is April 13 at Nelson Ledges.

Physicals are by appointment from 9 to noon in the Registration building. Contact Debbie LaFond at 440-946-2207 evenings after 8 PM to schedule

an appointment. Annual Techs are conducted near Registration (weather permitting) or in the Tech Building from 9 to noon. No appointment required. Questions? Contact Maurice LaFond at 440-946-2207 after 8 PM.



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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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Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | March 5, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Sedlak, Tara Oram, Jim Pracker, Pat Prill, Mike Puskar, Duane Harrington, Peggy Dietz, Jim Leagan, Dorothy Harrington, Denny Freeman, Dan Koplou
EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jeff Blumenthal, Bob Doernberg, Greg Vandersluis
GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Pete Sedlak called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION to accept the Minutes as corrected: *Roland Hahn/Jim Pracker – Approved.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Working out some discrepancy on banquet money. Joanne will get with Peggy on the allocation/distribution vs. budget.
- **MOTION** to accept treasurer's report as presented. *Roland Hahn/ Jim Pracker – Approved.*

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

- Stephanie has six people participating on the board. In the process of doing a full year review to determine classes for the restricted National that we are putting on. For sure, no open wheel.
- Discussion of determining schedule and qualifying, how best to offer most time and best options for both national and regional drivers.
- Roland hands in resignation to Pete Sedlak.
- Stephanie talks of the Barriers to Entry. This is an SCCA version of the ChumpCar or LeMons races. It would be geared to IT/SM/SRF groups. Would need some experience (car club, previous race, etc.) – but may become option as a licensing opportunity. This could be a group we add to the weekend, if it would fit into a schedule, but still provides the best opportunity for the regional and national drivers first.
- SCCA National office worked with Roland on this – and would like Neohio to be a prototype and pilot the program. Stephanie thinks we should consider adding this to our event. She feels that a solid car count could come from this group alone.

MEMBERSHIP: No current report.

RALLY: No report.

SOLO: Bill went out to visit the trailer and take a quick look to see what is there. Tara is getting copies of solo inventory to him, hopefully by next meeting. He had conference call with Regional Solo Development folds on how to build this program. They have offered to help where they can.

- Has a tentative schedule of four dates: June 9, August 11, September 15 and October 13. All to be held at Lakeland. Additional dates and possible joint ventures with Misery Bay may come to be as we move forward.

RALLYCROSS :

- Currently still speaking with Nelson Ledges. Erik Avendutti and Pete S. have agreed to become SIT's for RallyCross and will visit and participate in a couple of events for this training to be in process.

TIME TRIALS:

- Denny has been talking to many people. Thinks a weekend at end of August might be perfect for weather and no conflicts. Reed Kryder has agreed to be chief instructor. Believes for 45 cars we need eight instructors. Split groups into 15 each. Still in talks and planning, but moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Banquet committee confirms we had 72 people attend. Big thank you to our donors for door prizes and giveaway's.
- The 50th Anniversary video will be made available on CD for \$10 through Bob MacDonald.
- The new website is in process and is currently about 1/3 of the way built. Go Daddy is working with SCCA and has been contacted by Pete regarding options for our site.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pete looked into Mail Chimp, which allows for 2000 emails to be sent and unlimited pages as a way to get The Blower out. We all have agreed to continue to print those few copies for those requesting hard copies.
- Budgets have been submitted and as follows: Sound- \$70 for equipment certification; Registration- a) Neohio Points: \$10 paper; b) \$290 for supplies and toner; Tech- \$265 for supplies (which will be financially replenished as the items are sold); RallyCross- \$300; Solo- \$300; Safety- \$300 for Safety Day. NOTE: the budgets have been tabled until the next meeting.
- **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. – *Oram / Pracker - Approved by remaining members.*

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram
March, 2013 – Approved|Final

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH / APRIL 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 1	April 2 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13 8 A Tech/ Driver Physicals & Safety Day, NL	April 14
April 15	April 16 Solo Mtg / 6:30 P Mavis Winkles, Independence	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
April 22	April 23	April 23	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
May 6	May 7 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12 
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19

Solo

By Chairman Bill Snow

On April 16th, the Solo Program is hosting its organizational and planning meeting. This meeting is open to all and will be held at Mavis Winkles in Independence.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 PM for socializing. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to outline roles and responsibilities for each event (and perhaps discuss recruiting efforts), continue our planning, and to identify existing and potential gaps in our execution.

We are tentatively planning to inventory and inspect the contents of the Solo trailer on April 27th. If needed (weather), we will perform this on April 28th. Any member of the region is welcome to attend and help. The inspection of the equipment will include powering up and testing the generator, timing lights, laptop, PA system, two-way radios, and trailer lights.

Neohio region Solo program
Tentative Dates:

- June 9*, August 11, September 15, October 13 - Lakeland
- Maybe September 1 or 2 – joint event with NORA or Misery Bay – Lakeland

*thinking that this might be a test and tune event (for the crew and the participants). Not 100% sure yet.

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Time Trial

By Chairman Denny Freeman

We are working to get some dates set up so you and ALL your friends can see who exactly is the fastest on the pavement.

Come out and start seeing who can drive and deliver when it counts. Start a friendly competition and go from there.

Watch for more information as the season approaches.

Denny

U.S. Majors Tour Schedule (by Conference affiliation)

Eastern Conference

- April 19 - 21 - VIRginia International Raceway*
- May 3 - 5 - Summit Point Motorsports Park
- May 17 - 19 - Road Atlanta
- May 31 - June 2 - New Jersey Motorsports Park
- July 5 - 7 - Watkins Glen International*

Northern Conference

- May 25 - 26 - Michigan International Speedway
- May 31 - June 2 - Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course*
- June 14 - 16 - Road America (June Sprints)
- July 13 - 14 - GingerMan Raceway
- August 3 - 4 - Gateway Motorsports Park

Mid-States Conference

- April 6 - 7 - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
- May 24 - 26 - Pikes Peak International
- July 6 - 7 - High Plains Raceway
- August 3 - 4 - Gateway Motorsports Park

Rally Cross

By Chairman Carelton Kirsch

Rally X - "down and dirty" is moving along at a good pace. The tentative course is being looked at and more great news will follow!

Carelton

Membership Address, Phone, E-mail Changes?

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GLD Rally Championship

A full schedule and current GLD Rally Championship point standings will be posted on the SCCA Great Lakes Division website.

- 4/13/2013 **Twilight Tour**, Ann Arbor, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA GLD Rally Championship event. www.detroit-scca.org.
- 10/18-10/20/13 **US Road Rally Challenge (USRRC)**, Washington D.C. Details will be released in the spring.

Western Conference

- April 27 - 28 - Buttonwillow Raceway Park
- May 25 - 26 - Pacific Raceway
- July 6 - 7 - Portland International Raceway

*Denotes BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour event

By Chaplain Gray

BEAUTY

As I sit here desperately waiting for real spring, it is nice to know that racing has finally begun everywhere. F1 started last week and IndyCar this week. The Rolex 24 is long gone and Sebring is last week's news. NASCAR has been running for months it seems and there have even been a few of the new SCCA Majors events, but at Nelson, not quite yet.

One of the new rules in F1 I like allows the teams to smooth over those ugly pointed noses that were on all the cars last year except McLaren. While the Lotus of Kimi Raikkonen that won the first race in Australia

still had the hump, most 2013 F1 machinery has a more attractive slop on the front. They all beg comparison with the F1 Gurney Eagle AAR-104 that Dan Gurney drove to victory at Spa, Belgium in 1967. The nose on all of Gurney's F1 cars and a number of his Indy Cars was an unmistakable Eagle's beak. On the shelf in front of my TV I have a 1/18 die cast of the 104 and each time I walk by I marvel at its graceful lines.

Another proof that 1967 was a great year for beautiful cars is on the shelf in another room. The 1967 Ferrari 330P4 that won the Daytona 24 certainly is in the final reckoning for the most beautiful race car ever.

Its voluptuous curves would make a Fiat 500 go into fits of jealous rage. The Ford GT it raced against also had some attractive lines.

The Bible says "Brothers and Sisters think about things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected. If there is anything that is good and worthy of praise, think about these things." May the beautiful things man has made remind us that God calls us to think on what is beautiful.

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ACTION NEEDED

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Needed:

Pictures of you racing, any on track photos for the new website.

Please only include photos that you or your family and friends have taken.

No professional photos that you have been given, they will have a copyright to the photographer, and we don't want to have any problems.

Thanks,

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RE Neohio Region

Please send the photos to
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2013 GLD NeDiv DRAFT Schedule						
DATES	NATIONALS	REGIONALS	SCHOOLS	OTHER/SCCA	VINTAGE	OTHER/PRO
March 23 & 24			WDC/Summit			
March 30 & 31						
April 6 & 7						
April 13 & 14		WDC/Summit (M)				
April 20 & 21		STC/PIRC Restricted Double Reg'l	STC/PIRC			
April 27 & 28						
May 4 & 5						
May 11 & 12						
May 18 & 19		MVR/Nelson - Reg'l (18) / Dbl Reg'l (19)		MVR/Nelson-18 - PDX & CT		
May 25, 26 & 27	WMR/MIS- Dbl Nat'l or Majors 24-26	GLN/Glen-Dbl (25 & 26 ONLY)				Indycar/Indianapolis
June 1 & 2		OVR/Mid-Ohio-Dbl Nat'l/SuperTour 5/31-6/2				Indycar/Detroit
June 8 & 9						Nascar/Pocono
June 15 & 16		WDC/Summit (M)		OVR/Mid-Oh-RestReg'l IT/Miata Shootout-Tent		Grand-AM-Rolex/Mid-Oh
June 22 & 23		FLR/Nelson Dbl (NY)				
June 29 & 30					SVRA/Mid-Ohio	Rolex/Glen-6hr
July 6 & 7	FLR/Glen Majors 5-7-Test 4	NEO/Nelson Rest Nat'l/Rest Reg'l				Indycar/Pocono
	NEO/Nelson Rest Nat'l/Rest Reg'l					
July 13 & 14	SBR & DET/Gingerman-Major	WDC/Summit (M)			PVGP/PIRC	Indy/Toronto-Nascar/NHMS/A
July 20 & 21		GLN/Glen			PVGP/Schenley Park	Vintage Bikes/Mid-Ohio
July 27 & 28				WMR/Grattan-Dbl Reg'l		ARCA/NJMP
August 3 & 4	STC/PIRC-Rational + Bonus Nat'l Groups	STC/PIRC Rest Reg'l for IT & Reg'l ONLY classes				ALMS/Indycar/MO-Nascar/Pocono
		WDC/Summit (M)				
August 10 & 11		Cincy/Mid-Oh Rest Dbl Reg'l + PDX 9-CT 10				Nascar/Glen
August 17 & 18						Nascar/Mid-Ohio
August 24 & 25						
August 31 & September 1 & 2		WDC/Summit-Dbl (M 8/31-9/2)				Indycar/Baltimore
		OVR/Mid-Ohio-Dbl Reg'l 8/31-9/1+PDX 8/30				
September 7 & 8						
September 14 & 15		FLR/Glen Dbl (NY)				
September 14 - 22	SCCA RUNOFFS	ROAD AMERICA	ELKHART LAKE, WI			
September 21 & 22						Nascar/NHMS
September 28 & 29		MVR/Nelson-D		MVR/Nelson - PDX		Rolex/LimeRock
October 5 & 6		GLN/Glen (5)/Enduro (6)/Test (4)	GLN/Glen School (4)	OVR/Mid-Ohio-Dbl Reg'l		
October 12 & 13						
October 19 & 20		NEO/Nelson-Rest Quad Reg'l				



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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.

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