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The Starting Line

REport by Pete Sedlak

Street Survival

Our first "Tire Rack Street Survival" Course is Sunday, October 27, 2013 at Revere High School.

Our organizational meeting is Wednesday, August 21st at the Captain's Club located at 34820 Vine Street in Eastlake. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

If you or someone you know is interested in possibly helping save a teens life, please contact me.

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Greetings from the Big Head!

August is upon us and the racing is still in full swing!

I have to apologize for the delay in getting out the *Blower* this month, the stars just didn't get in alignment like I wanted.

We are proud to announce that Neohio will indeed be putting on a Street Survival course! The date is looking like Sunday, October 27th at Revere High School.

We are looking for help as we can't do this on our own. We will need driving instructors, course workers, people to get advertisers, classroom help

and a lot of general help. So if you are interested in helping please contact me at speedchaser43@yahoo.com. We will have an organizational meeting within the next week or so.

We also will hold our first ever RallyX event on October 12th. More information to follow later.

On a sad note, our Time Trial has been cancelled.

Your humble servant,

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Remembering Chuck Dietrich

Charles H. Dietrich was a former Neohio member who passed away in July, 2013. He is remembered as a highly competitive racer who had the honor of holding SCCA Competition License #1. Since I didn't remember Chuck very well, I asked Dennis Sideri, FA driver to send me some more personal thoughts. Below are his memories.

Pat Prill, Trustee

I first met Chuck during my early days when I joined SCCA back in 1979 while hanging around with Paul and Kit Henry from Bellevue OH. Kit and Paul raced their Chevron FB cars in the F5000 Championship that I had the opportunity and pleasure to watch while at Nelson Ledges. Chuck had raced with their Father (Chuck Henry) back in the

1960's in a Elva or some other production based car.

When I first met Chuck (Charlie) he was racing his beautiful Yellow Lola FA car in the Mahoning National against some of the best FA drivers of its time; guys like Tommy Accult (not sure the spelling on that), Jim Truman, Dan Fowler, Patrick Garmen and a whole bunch of other guys I can't remember now but they were brilliant to watch and of course (to me)the King of FA, Mr. Dan Carmichael! Chuck and Dan were best buds off and on the track, and being a young (inexperienced) driver they both showed me respect and what true racing etiquette was on the race track. I still believe much of what I observed from their driving styles has helped me

Dietrich (continued on page 6)



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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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Information for Area 4 Members - July 2013 Update

Hello Again,

Sorry, but I forgot to mention a few more important items this month – one of which was brought to my attention by Cincy Region's David Santel. It raises a good point; I am but one ear to the ground. If you have any Great Lakes Division worthy news, please send it to me and I will be sure to promote it.

Also, we are looking for a Webmaster for the GLD website. Dayle Frame did a fine job for many years, but it is time to pass the wand. This job should get easier as the national office rolls out its website template. If you are interested, please let me know.

Thanks,

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**The Time Trial event
has been canceled for
Saturday, August 17th
at Nelson Ledges.**

**Please remember to update
your e-mail address with
SCCA National office.**

**This will ensure that all
communications regarding
Neohio events
are forwarded correctly.**

Information for Area 4 Members July, 2013

Part Deux

Dear Area 4 Members,

Yes – two Newsletters in the same month! Here are a few more important and time sensitive items of interest.

Tire Rack National Solo Tour comes to Wilmington, OH Mark your calendars for August 3rd and 4th. The Tire Rack SCCA Championship Tour makes a final swing through Wilmington Ohio for the seventh stop on the Road to Lincoln. Wilmington builds on the tradition of great concrete sites in Evansville, Peru and Toledo, with an even bigger pad and fresh concrete. Scheduled just a week after the Toledo Pro, Wilmington will give Soloists a chance to double up on concrete and tune their cars just a month before Nationals. More info here: <http://scca.cdn.racersites.com/prod/assets/Wilmington%20Champ%20Tour%20Event%20Information.pdf>

Cincy Region deserves high marks for their hard work obtaining this site.

Majors at GingerMan

Congratulations to South Bend Region and Detroit Region for putting on an excellent event at GingerMan last weekend. With 185

Membership Secretary Needed

Please consider running for Membership Secretary in November.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please contact someone on the Board or drop us an e-mail.

Entries, I've never seen the paddock so full. The racing was exciting, the weather warm and sunny, and the Saturday night Polish dinner was epic. We Stewards had to deal with very few actions; just one indicator of how well the event came off. Returning a percentage of the proceeds to the workers was a class act and appreciated by all. Well done!

2014 National Convention

If you missed the notice, the National Convention moves to Charlotte, NC next year. We are joining forces with National Trade Productions to establish the North American Motorsports Expo as part of our National Convention, March 7 – 9, 2014. Now, you racers have a good reason to attend the National Convention and take in this show geared toward everything racing. More info here: <http://www.scca.com/news/index.cfm?cid=51448>

Memorial for "JP"

Plans are in progress for the memorial service in JP's honor at the Cincy Region's IT 'Spectacular event at Mid-Ohio August 10th. There will be a tree planting, the unveiling of a memorial plaque and a tribute by the drivers with a unique JP signature message adorning the cars. GLD, Inc. has set up a fund for those who wish to contribute to this event.

Please send your contribution to:

**JP Memorial
c/o Larry Hall, GLDiv Treasurer
8465 Bridletree Way
Columbus OH 43235**

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

Yours for a better SCCA,

Steve

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1
September 2	September 3 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7 Legendary Marques-NL	September 8
September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12	September 13	September 14 SCCA Runoffs Elkhart Lake, WI	September 15 SCCA Runoffs Elkhart Lake, WI
September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21	September 22
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September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26	September 27	September 28 MVR - NL	September 29 MVR - NL

Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | July 9, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Sedlak, Tara Oram, Jeff Blumenthal, Jim Pracker, Duane Harrington, Peggy Dietz, Dorothy Harrington, Bob Doernberg, Jim Leagan, Greg Vandersluis, Roland Hahn, Stephanie Hahn
EXCUSED MEMBERS: Michael Puskar, Bill Snow, Pat Prill, Dan Koplow, Denny Freeman
GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Pete Sedlak called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Thanks to Pete in helping get our membership monies back into our account.
- Should have accurate numbers next month for the race expenses as some invoices have not come in yet.
- **MOTION** to accept treasurer's report as presented. *Roland Hahn/Duane Harrington – Approved.*

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

- The race came out a little better than budgeted. Really tried to keep expenses down. Next month will have the final expenses. We should keep consistent the outline for the Quad. Get our sanction early and get the word out there – market it, post it, etc.
- Roland talked with many participants who shared they were happy with everything except for 1) move away from a holiday weekend and 2) for regional/national groups extend practice and keep race lengths the same. Getting workers was hard, but moving from holiday may help.
- Need collaborative effort to make a file of specialty positions and their duties so that new people coming in can gain an understanding, plus, if someone needs to fill in for someone, they have an idea what is required for that position.

MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 480 members. 10 new and 8 expired.

- It was noted that Bob had mentioned about stepping down next year and Jeff Blumenthal mentioned he would be interested in taking over/running for it if no one else was interested.

RALLY: No report.

SOLO: First event went well. Had 59 entries of which 33 were non-members. Next event is August 11th. All are excited for it.

- May want to think about possibility of adding "club classes" where we can get some cross pollination of local clubs involved and interested. Maybe even a go-kart class.

RALLYCROSS :

- All the rain has really not helped our location setup. May one do one event this year. Maybe more in the infield area. Discussions about rain and mud are a good thing for rallycross people, and should think about that aspect.

TIME TRIALS:

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **STREET SURVIVAL SERIES:** We could not secure a location. Bill Crowe is still working on it. Need to try to stress to potential sites that it is not a "driving school" – but it is a "survival school". Pavement and a classroom area would be ideal, but even a trailer may work for the classroom. Insurance is covered through SCCA. Trying to plan on maybe in September or October, around the time school starts. Thinking that a Sunday would be better of two weekend days.
- **HALL OF FAME:** Committee met on Saturday at the National. Took a look to see what other regions are doing. Committee outlined rules for nomination, plan of future presentations and the need for a sponsor for the award(s). May only be one a year, more than one, or even none, based on what is submitted. Having another meeting to fine tune some things and will present in The Blower and online once feel all requirements are figured out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Austin Healey club is having an event and Marie wondered if we would be there to represent? It will be put on webpage with general and contact information.
- Duane mentioned there was a problem with the website and some links. Especially the link from motorsportreg.com. Also that the calendar needs to be on front page of website so that people do not need to hunt it down. Make it there and visible – on the front page. Pete will work on it and get links and calendar updated.
- Roland discussed a timing failure at the National. Our equipment is old and with new transponders and software, it cannot keep up with the loads and data anymore. Parts are not readily available anymore either. He talked about some general costs for upgrading the equipment. For the next meeting he will have cost for the decoder and new transponders for the board to review.
- Pete mentioned as he has a hard time hearing with all the discussions happening at once, he would like to step down as Board Chairman and have someone else run the meetings. He will remain as RE, but would like someone else to run the meetings.
- **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:39pm – *Leagan/Pracker - Approved.*

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram
July, 2013 – FINAL|Approved

even today with my driving and attitude with fellow competitors on and off the circuit.

Years later, Chuck had sold his LOLA and purchased a real race car (I told him that as a joke), a Martini FSV (Super Vee) which was previously raced in the Pro Robert Bosch Super Series by a very famous (later) French F1 Driver Didier Thyes. We always kidded him that he was going to be leaving us in SCCA and going across the pond to compete in F1 and be the next big super star. Chuck just smiled and would turn around and work on his car.

I think the best times and memories for me was with all the races he and I would compete with (while both racing FSV's) and both my all American Built FSV chassis by Jim Griffith from POLESTAR MOTORSPORTS against his French foreign car. Of course when you only see someone a few times a year it is hard to keep up with all the changes but we all age (expect him), looking back now but it was like he never aged to me. If anything, he seemed to go even faster (Dan sure did) and so it was like we were all still competing at the same level and with the same amount of intensity to win!

I remember the last event at Mid Ohio, we were sharing a garage together (like always) and he casually walked over and mentioned that this was his last race. At first I do not think it really registered with me (I think I was in the middle of fixing something on our car and trying to repair before the next Quail) but later he reconfirmed it was his last race. I honestly now cannot remember how we or he did that weekend only that I will never forget helping him load his car up on his little flat bed ramp and thinking to myself that this would probably be the last time I would have this opportunity to race with him again.

I was talking with Jane (Chucks wife) the other day and we were reminiscing on the old times and I had to ask her if she could clarify something for me that I had thought about for over 30 years. Sometimes when I was around both Chuck and Dan at the track I would hear Dan give Chuck a nickname "Wolfee" (Chuck and everyone always called Dan

Race Results

Greg Vandersluis went to St. Louis for the Majors at Gateway, winning both days it T4 and clinching both the Conference and Division championship along with finishing first in the country in his class!!!

A small group went to PITT Raceway in BeaveRun.

Tom Sloe won in T2 on Saturday setting a new track record.

Fred Baker returned after 10 years away from the track to finish 4th in T1 on Saturday. He had some mechanical issue on Sunday.

David Strittmatter won in FP.

In HP, Mike Sestilli finished 2nd and Debbie LaFond 3rd (after not racing there in 6 years to retire from racing after 30 years). Jason Stine had some clutch problems after running well on Saturday, he was not able to start the race on Sunday.

"ACE" in reference to his many combat shoot downs of Japanese Zeros during WW2). Ace was obvious but I never understood what "Wolfee" meant and unfortunately never seemed to find the right time to ask. Jane told me that was a nickname Dan's son had given him when he was a little boy.

During the last MAJORS race at Mid Ohio I ran into one of Chucks old racing buddies and he was asking if I had spoken with him? I said no but I would call Jane upon my drive back from the track later the next day. I did call Jane and we talked for awhile and I asked her if she thought Chuck remembered me? She put the phone down and I could hear her ask him the question and he said yes so she put him on the phone and I got the opportunity to talk with him briefly. I was very blessed and looking back now I think this wasn't an accident but somehow by design. It is hard to put into words how much it meant to me and made me feel just hearing his voice again. That is why it was even more of a shock when I received a telephone call back from Kit a few weeks later letting me know that he had passed away.

Specialty Chief News

Solo

By Chairman Bill Snow

Neohio held its second Solo event for 2013 at Lakeland Community College and we had another great turnout. Not only was the turnout good, but the weather was perfect as well. The Solo Committee is working to finalize the results which will be published in the next issue of the *Blower*.

Over the next couple of weeks the Solo Committee will be working to improve on-site registration and check-in so that our event mornings will be even smoother.

Our next Solo event will be Sunday, September 15th at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland. Be sure to check out www.neohio-scca.org/solo for registration information.

Thanks to everyone that helped to make the August 11th a good one.

If you'd like to learn more about the region's Solo program and/org get involved, contact Bill Snow at 216-659-1179.

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Neohio SCCA Solo - Information

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<https://www.facebook.com/NeohioSccaSolo>

Newsletter sign up:
<http://eepurl.com/tZL8r>

Website:
<http://neohio-scca.org/solo/>

My apologies for the wording or any misspellings but this is something that I have presented from my heart about many fond and beautiful memories which I am blessed to have and I truly wish opportunities like this can be experienced by others as it is something I take with me always.

Thanks and God Bless Charlie, I hope to see you someday racing up on the big track!

Denny

By Chaplain Gray

Expanding

If you were at Mid-Ohio for the Pirelli World Challenge races you would certainly feel the recession has ended. Forty cars qualified for the featured GT/GTS races and 34 were on the grid for TC/TCB events. More and more cars made for some exciting racing with traffic and passing here, there, and everywhere.

Finishing fifth in the second TCB race was Shea Holbrook. Shea Racing has expanded this year from a car just for Shea to a 4 car team. The light Blue and white TRUECar machines have shown continually

improving results throughout the year. Of course, Shea continues her work to end Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy that affects her family and many others. Will Shea be the new Roger Penske someday?

Back at Nelson, an exciting event is returning bigger and better. Legendary Marques at the Ledges on September 7, builds on last year's inaugural event. Famous makes such as Mustang, Corvette, Jaguar, Lotus, Ferrari, Porsche, and others can enjoy an on track experience in one of four ability linked groups. Instructors will assist novices

and beginners. New this year is a chance to see these beauties in a car show format. Also, vendors and dealers will be there to display their wares. Top it off with an after party featuring a live band and the expanded Legendary Marques is sure to be a winner.

A famous prayer in the bible asked God to "bless me and enlarge my territory." But a lot of people forget the second part, "keep me from evil that I may not cause pain." We would do well to do the second part first.

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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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MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENT RATES

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